

Anna Gram May 2015

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GiveNOLA Day is almost here! May 5th is The Day!

Mark May 5th on your calendars: the St Anna's missions are participating in GiveNOLA Day 2015! A concentrated 24-hour community giving drive hosted by the Greater New Orleans Foundation (GNOF) in support of local New Orleans non-profits. **GiveNOLA Day was a huge success for St. Anna's missions last year raising nearly \$10,000!**

This May 5th, help us double that amount.



This year our missions (Anna's Arts for Kids and St. Anna's Medical Mission) have merged to form a holistic program called [Anna's Place NOLA](#), a one-stop spot for family and community wellness here in the 7th Ward & Tremé. We offer our arts and enrichment program for local kids year-round, and welcome over 1,000 annual medical clinic visits from people of all ages free of charge. As a community-based organization, we depend on community support to continue this work.

GNOF's GiveNOLA Day event is grounded in the idea that crowdfunding and social networks mean anyone can be a philanthropist today. By donating what you can on May 5th, and then immediately sharing your donation and why you supported Anna's Place with your friends (via email, Facebook, phone), you grow your impact exponentially by encouraging others to do the same.

With a minimum allowed donation amount of just \$10, the \$2.2 million New Orleans non-profits raised on last year's GiveNOLA Day show how much those small donations can stack up!

To help strengthen our support networks in advance of GiveNOLA Day, please join our [Facebook Event](#) "GiveNOLA Day at Anna's Place NOLA" and invite others; ask your friends to mark May 5th on their calendars; and stay active by sharing our posts if you like what you see! In crowdfunding, even a little bit of your time goes a long way.

Then, when May 5th (think Cinco de Mayo) rolls around, please consider donating to Anna's Place! GNOF will be matching every dollar donated with a percentage of their "Lagniappe Fund", so the more donations we receive the bigger our "Lagniappe"— and for each hour that our organization receives a donation, we are eligible for a drawing of an additional monetary prize!

Here's how it works:

- Donations must be made online between 12:01am and 11:59pm **Central Time** Tuesday May 5th at this link: <https://givenola.org/#npo/st-annas-episcopal-church>. We will have a donation station open from 9a-5p at St. Anna's Church (1313 Esplanade Ave) for those who need computer assistance or don't have wifi at home. (Cash and check donations cannot be processed through GiveNOLA.org)
- All donations are tax deductible. For further details, visit the donor info section of givenola.org/rules-faqs
- As a Thank You for your generosity, all who donate to Anna's Place on May 5th will be eligible to win a \$500 Gift Certificate for Southwest Airlines! The drawing will be held at a special event at Friendly Bar the following Saturday (May 9th) at 2 pm. Donors, expect an invitation!

If you have any further questions about us or GiveNOLA Day (or are interested in getting more involved with our team of Anna's Place Champions), please do not hesitate to email diana@stannanola.org or call [504-947-2121](tel:504-947-2121) and ask for Diana or Adrienne.

The New Van Is Here!

The kids of *Anna's Place NOLA* are clearly enjoying their new wheels! Victory motors of Kenner, LA gave us a wonderful deal and we thank them!

Anyone interested in a good used van should speak to Greg & Jackie [1-866-471-0046](tel:1-866-471-0046). They blessed us with a great deal!



THANK YOU to all of Anna's Place NOLA 2015 Funders:

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May Birthdays

1 Olive Campbell	5 Tasha Threat-Scott
8 Joyce Jackson, Danette Brown	10 David Kemker, Jr., Tina Lane
12 Lindsay McLellan	13 Susan Morris
15 Peg Culligan	17 Eva Abbott
19 Abdelrahim Addel	23 Fran Trujillo
25 Rebecca Henley	27 Elizabeth Madden, Sheila Aranda
30 Suzanne Jenner	31 Emily Maw

A Letter Worth Reading from One of Our 2014 Shepherd Interns, Brandon Noble

[Last summer Brandon was one of three college students who came to us as Shepherd Interns. He worked with the children from dawn to dark and poured himself into his work. This is a letter Darryl Durham recently received from him.]



Darryl,
I was inspired to write this letter because I was really stressed out a few minutes ago. I am halfway through my last semester as a junior and so things are picking up. Naturally, I've been doing my best to keep up. But every so often, I find my spirits low, which just happened. I suddenly remembered a folder that I keep on my desk and went to pull it out. At the end of camp last summer, I asked the kids in my class to draw a picture for me. The only requirement was that they had to make me laugh. I kept their drawings in this folder and they did not disappoint! Going through their pictures gave me the second wind I needed. This letter is to thank everyone at St. Anna's for welcoming me in with open arms last summer. I'd also like to thank you for an experience that still inspires me today. I hope all is well and I will try to visit soon (after I graduate). Lastly, I'd like to thank you for serving as an inspiration to me as I follow similar paths as you.
All the best,
Brandon Noble

Save labels—raise money for Anna's Place!

Every time you purchase a BEST CHOICE item from Rouses's Supermarket (their brand), save the UPC label and place it in the marked plastic container in the Parish Hall. That's it! We'll do the rest. *Anna's Place NOLA* will receive \$30 for each 1000 labels submitted. What we do need from you is to PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! The more involved, the more labels, etc. Hooray!

May Is Asthma Awareness Month

Asthma is a condition in which your airways narrow and swell and produce extra mucus. This can make breathing difficult and trigger coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath. For some people, asthma is a minor nuisance. For others, it can be a major problem that interferes with daily activities and may lead to a life-threatening asthma attack. Asthma can't be cured, but its symptoms can be controlled. Because asthma often changes over time, it's important that you work with your doctor to track your signs and symptoms and adjust treatment as needed.

From Fr. Bill

Then some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." After laying His hands on them, He departed from there.

This quote from the Gospel of Matthew is so current with our own responsibility toward our children. Notice in the scripture that no mention of parents being present is hinted at. Yet, it is precisely our Lord who blesses them and quite pointed instructs us that these fertile minds are the place that the Gospel will be most well received.

Recently, during mass, I encouraged the congregation to play a larger and more parental role with our children after Mass during Coffee Hour. I am now laying out a challenge that we have and I long to hear from you as to what a solution might be to a gift and challenge offered us by our Lord.

During the summer our Sunday School Teachers and our Shepherds need a respite from their work. Commonly during the summer middle income and suburban folks take kids to camp, take vacations, travel a bit, and litany of activity goes on. So, commonly no Sunday School. Yet, in the Treme many of our Sunday School kids do not have access to such joys. Also, interestingly, they are coming to St. Anna's, more often than not, by choice not by parental requirement. I would prefer not to disband this group (about 10 kids or so) during the summer. I would pray that we can have a place for them at our church on the Lord's Day. But what to do?

I am asking you, as I have asked the Diocese, to help me think of a way to show hospitality (one of our Lord's chief virtues) to these children during the summer months. I am asking how we can faithfully accommodate them, nurture them, and still provide for good orderly worship. Let's as a church family brain storm. Please let me know your thoughts, imaginings, and ideas. Contact me, Fr. Bill+ by e-mail or phone.

Asthma Workshop: What You Must Know About Your Asthma

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Saturday May 16, 2015, 9:30 am - 12 noon
at St. Anna's Episcopal Church
For Adults and Children (ages 6-14) who have asthma. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Must Register by May 15 at [504-828-5864](tel:504-828-5864) (Am. Lung Assoc.)

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New Flooring after 60 Years!

A more than wonderful crew from St. Alban's of Columbus OH numbering 15 good souls reached out to St. Anna's and asked, "how can we help?" Remarkably, this same church had laid down the flooring at All Souls Church so we took them up on flooring and other sundry tasks. Mr. Dallas Kramer, a professional installer, headed up the flooring crew and Ms. Barbara Jupin organized the mission trip. The floor tiles were provided by Huey Brown Flooring at a deep discount (Karen and Hal's business) and so now we have no more asbestos floor and a floor waiting to be cleaned, sealed, waxed, and polished. Our friends from St. Albans also helped to sand doors at Dodwell and spent time leaning about our mission called Anna's Place. This is truly called "Kingdom Work."

Extravaganza Thank You!

We would like to thank all the volunteers that came and pitched in to help, too many to name for fear of omitting someone, but from the check in desk to the checkout, to the walkers and stalkers that sold raffle tickets, to the always well-oiled machine that kept the food coming and of course to all those working behind the scenes and with the committee. A huge heartfelt thanks to you all.

Karen Judge

