



Magnolia Matters

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Mardi Gras Moments at Magnolia

Magnolia residents welcomed the Krewe of Tucks to campus for the annual Magnolia - Tucks Mardi Gras Party on January 25.

Tucks royalty and krewe members toured Magnolia's campus before passing out beads to clients who enjoyed delicious king cake, donated by Lloyd and Marcelle Frischhertz, and a second line.

We are grateful to the Krewe of Tucks for their leadership and partnership in ensuring Mardi Gras is accessible and fun for everyone.



Additionally, Magnolia will welcome the Budweiser Clydesdales to campus on February 9 for their much anticipated annual visit.

Supporters can catch Magnolia clients riding in two parades this year: Tucks on Saturday February 18, and the Krewe of Centurions in Metairie on Monday, February 20.

We are grateful to these krewes and all who help bring Mardi Gras spirit to Magnolia. Hail Tucks, Centurions, and Magnolia!

A Note from Executive Director, Jennifer Conrad

We have had a very busy winter! We were blessed to be able to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas together as family because of the generosity of so many who donated food, time and gifts to make the Holiday Season special for our residents and staff. Our wonderful volunteers, including JPSO and the New Orleans Kiwanis, hosted a magnificent party on Christmas Eve for our residents.

As we move into the Carnival season, we are gearing up to ride in Centurions and Tucks. Look for us on the parade routes, and we will be sure to throw something your way!

If you have passed by our main campus lately, you may have seen the fence surrounding the historic Charles J. Bloom Whitehall building. Work has finally begun to restore damage caused by Hurricane Ida, and we are eager to resume marketing the location as a premiere event venue. Stay tuned for updates on our progress.



Jesse visits with the Jesuit soccer team.



Kinta and Carl pose in the Nims.



The Tolmas ladies enjoy an outing in the park.

Thor and Joan catch up in the Nims.



Magnolia Community Services is pleased to welcome Emma Abud to our campus as an intern. She will be with Magnolia until May, when she graduates with a Master's Degree in Social Work. Emma comes to Magnolia through our partnership with the Tulane University School of Social Work. She'll be working closely with Dr. Jay Sevin and Ms. Wendy Bernard while spending time with our clients. We're looking forward to Emma working with us and leading the way with us this semester!



Magnolia residents were the recipients of festive cheer throughout the holiday season. On behalf of our clients and staff, we thank the generous individuals and organizations who donated to Magnolia for the holidays.

- Magnolia Moonlight Gala Christmas Angels*
- Sheriff Joe Lopinto and Family*
- Bellwether Technology*
- Home Instead Senior Care*
- New Orleans Kiwanis*
- Lagniappe with Love*
- Mr. Joe Lentini*
- Greek Orthodox Church*
- The Spell Family*
- Jefferson Parish Police Academy*
- Mel Perez*
- Jana Courtney*
- Mrs. Noel Bertucci*
- Racquel Castaneda*
- Kehoe France School*
- Coca-Cola*
- Williams Blvd. Baptist Church*

*Metairie Woman's Club | Jefferson Art Guild
Lady Bugs*

*"Santa's Helpers" Mark Firmin & Doug Sanders
"Mrs. Claus" Jeanette Battle
Cat Simmons of New Orleans Kiwanis
City of Harahan Police Department
Christmas Parade*

*Save the Dates to
support Magnolia!*

**March is Developmental Disabilities
Awareness Month!**



**Give NOLA Day is
Tuesday May 2!**



Magnolia supporters and drivers along River Road will now see that repair work has finally begun on Whitehall. Hurricane Ida severely damaged our historic home, so we are eagerly anticipating it returning to functional vocational and event space!

Now Hiring!

Magnolia Community Services has welcomed Mr. David Gaiennie to our team as recruiter. We are urgently hiring across departments to provide a high level of care for our clients. Positions include:

- Direct Care Staff (DSP | CMA | CNA)
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Residential Case Manager
- Site Manager

To apply, please email careers@mcs-nola.org or visit: www.mcs-nola.org/careers

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