

Magnolia Matters

News from Magnolia Community Services | Spring 2023



Magnolia Recognizes Tulane Social Work Intern

Tulane University School of Social Work student Emma Abud recently completed her semester of internship with Magnolia Community Services. She is the first student intern to complete clinical work at Magnolia through our partnership with Tulane University.

Emma commented, "My time at Magnolia has truly been an eye-opening and joyous experience. From working with my clients and just being immersed in the Magnolia community, I have learned so much about compassion, friendship, and patience.

I also want to thank Dr. Jay Sevin for being an incredible clinical mentor to me throughout this experience. I have learned so much from him."

Dr. Sevin added, "Emma formed relationships with our clients in no time at all. She quickly started contributing to their mental health and wellness needs, helped with skills training and therapies, and ran some really fun and popular groups. Magnolia's first experience as a training site for Tulane Social Work interns was a great success for our clients and for our intern. "

On behalf of our clients, Magnolia sincerely thanks Emma Abud and wishes her well in her future endeavors!



*A Note from
Executive Director,
Jennifer Conrad*

Spring is here, and our clients and staff have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather! It is wonderful to see everyone fully participating in the community again. We have gone on many day trips, increased our volunteerism, and have even taken up new hobbies, such as Latin dancing and yoga!

As our daily activities are expanding, we are aggressively searching for talented people to join our staff who will help advance these efforts and provide exciting and enriching experiences for our clients.

It is our goal to offer a wide array of options to all who participate, and to continuously evaluate and add to those options.

If you or someone you know would like to work with our amazing clients, or if you have a skill or talent that you would like to teach or share, please let us know! This is just one more example of how you can help us lead the way!



GIVE NOLA DAY

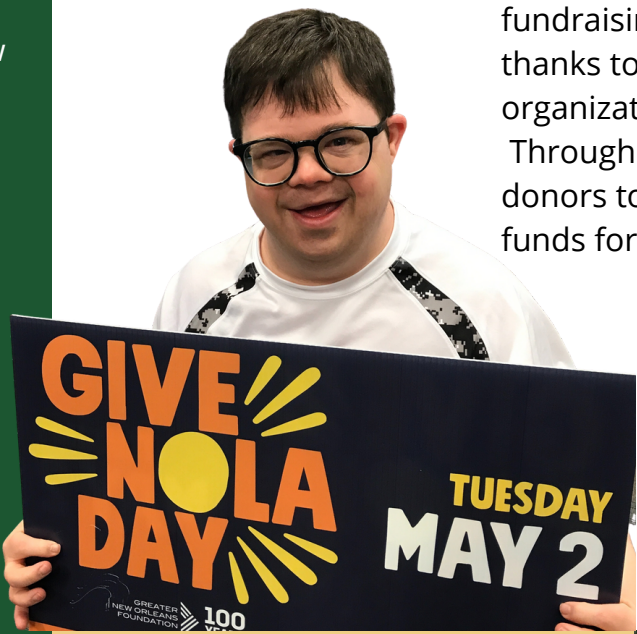
GREATER NEW ORLEANS FOUNDATION

Magnolia Community Services participated in the tenth annual Give NOLA Day, presented by the Greater New Orleans Foundation. It was "a perfect 10" as our most successful Give NOLA Day yet!

Surpassing our initial \$20,000 goal early in the day, we stretched our goal to \$35,000 in honor of Dr. Charles Bloom beginning the Magnolia School in 1935. With online and offline donations, Magnolia raised a staggering \$48,900 for our clients and our services, with donations from 13 states and Washington, DC!

Thank you to all who created and shared a fundraising page for Magnolia, and a special thanks to the generous individuals and organizations who provided matching gifts. Through their efforts, we welcomed new donors to our community and raised critical funds for our services.

This year's proceeds will benefit client wellness through exercise equipment for our clients and medical equipment for our nurses. Thank you again for supporting Magnolia on Give NOLA Day!



We are pleased to announce that Rebecca Bertucci is our new Vocational Day Program Manager. She started with Magnolia in 2015 as an intern and PCA in our SIL program. Rebecca has a degree in Family and Consumer Science, specializing in Human Development, from Southeastern Louisiana University. She most recently served as a case manager. Rebecca stated, "I truly fell in love with our clients and Magnolia's mission. I'm looking forward to this next chapter as we begin to revamp and reopen the Day Program!"



Save the Dates to support Magnolia!

Sunday May 21 - Colonial Lanes in Harahan
Growing Magnolias Fundraiser Benefitting Magnolia Recreation
More Information on [Facebook](#)

Tuesday May 23, Lunch and Dinner - Louisiana Pizza Kitchen Uptown
Write "Magnolia" or "MCS" on your receipt, and LPK will donate 25% of your purchase to Magnolia!

Wednesday June 21, 10 am to 8 pm - Raising Cane's in Elmwood
Eat at Cane's during that time, and they'll donate 15% of their sales from those who Magnolia Community Services!

(Top Right) Julie, Rebecca, Shannon and Claudia pose for a picture at Lafreniere Park.



(Bottom Right) Rhonda enjoys a visit to Mrs. Heather's Strawberry Patch.

(Bottom Left) Justin relaxes in Audubon Park.



Now Hiring!

Magnolia Community Services is urgently hiring across departments to provide a high level of care for our clients. Positions available:

- Direct Support Professional
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Custodian (Part Time)
- Administrative Assistant
- Accounting Manager

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