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“Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport 2019 Paint Day”

Shreveport, LA— The “Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport” program is gearing up for Saturday, June 1, 2019.

One day, each year, more than 1,000 volunteers paint the homes of low-to-moderate income elderly and/or disabled citizens. Homeowners who qualified for the program will receive a fresh coat of paint on their homes. In addition to painting, homeowners receive smoke alarms and other cosmetic services. A total of 64 houses will be painted. Since the program’s inception in 1992, more than 1,600 homes have been painted. The enthusiasm continues to grow and with a wealth of volunteers from local schools, banks, churches, Barksdale Air Force Base, and other businesses.

Drs. C. O. and Elaine Simpkins, will serve as honorary chairpersons this year. In addition to his professional achievements, Dr. C.O Simpkins has long been known as an outstanding civic leader, and champion in the National Civil Rights movement. His wife Elaine is a Philanthropist, retired chemist, and a Board Member of Willis Knighton Health System.

Paul Pratt, CEO of Pratt & Associates, is the Chairperson and Dock Voorhies, retired VA Social Worker, is the Co-Chairperson. For questions, contact the Department of Community Development’s Bureau of Housing & Development at (318) 673-7503; or Marcia Nelson, program coordinator at (318) 673-5900.

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