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## News Release

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### **"Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport 2014"**

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!! The Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport 2014 Kick-Off Event will be held Thursday, October 3, 2013, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Red River District, 400 Clyde Fant Parkway.

Come and meet the new Chairman, Chris Haskew, and Co-Chairman, Dock Voorhies. Haskew is Capital One Bank's North Louisiana Market President and Voorhies is retired from Overton Brooks VA Medical Center. Both will share new ideas for next year's event. There will be refreshments and giveaways.

On one day each year, more than 1,000 volunteers paint the homes of low to moderate-income elderly and/or disabled citizens of Shreveport. Applications are now being accepted for the event scheduled Saturday, May 3, 2014. Homeowners have until November 30, 2013, to sign up to have their house painted at no charge. Approved applicants must also be 62 years or older, and/or disabled. Houses must be located within the Shreveport city limits in order to qualify. Our goal for the 2014 program is to paint 75 houses. Homeowners receive smoke detectors, and other special services.

If you or your organization would like to volunteer to paint a house or become a sponsor please call the Department of Community Development's Bureau of Housing & Business Development at (318) 673-7503, or Marcia Nelson, Program Coordinator at (318) 673-7528.

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