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Volunteers Gear Up for ``Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport''

More than 1,000 volunteers are gearing up for the City of Shreveport's 22nd annual ``Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport Plus'' slated for Saturday, May 3.

Coordinated by the city's Department of Community Development, the program is a daylong campaign to paint the homes of elderly and/or disabled citizens with low-to-moderate incomes. Qualified homeowners will receive a fresh coat of paint to their homes as well as smoke alarms and other cosmetic services.

The 70 homes scheduled for service Saturday are scattered throughout the city. Volunteer teams will be comprised of city departments, churches, non-profit organizations and other groups such as Barksdale Air Force Base and Capital One Bank.

This edition of Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport Plus includes an initiative called ``Home is Where the Heart Is,'' where local sports figures lend their efforts to the program. The recently-crowned ABA Champion Shreveport-Bossier Mavericks will paint a home in the Martin Luther King area (3037 Yorktown Drive). There also will be appearances by former Major League Baseball player Todd Walker, former WNBA player Shantell Hardison and former NFL player Larry Anderson.

For more information, please contact Marcia Nelson, program coordinator, at (318) 673-7528.

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