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## News Release

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### **"The 23rd Annual Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport Program"**

Shreveport, LA— The "Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport" program, is gearing up for its 23rd successful year Saturday, May 16, 2015.

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 to their homes. In addition to painting, homeowners receive smoke alarms and other cosmetic services. A total of 53 houses will be painted Saturday.

Since the program's inception in 1992, more than 1,400 homes have been painted. The enthusiasm continues to grow and we have a wealth of volunteers from local schools, businesses, and several organizations. Barksdale Air Force Base has accounted for more than half of our volunteer paint teams for the past 10 years.

If you have any questions please contact the Department of Community Development's Bureau of Housing & Development at (318) 673-7503; or Marcia Nelson, program coordinator at (318) 673-7528.

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