Health Center Needs Online Votes

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Monday (May 31) is the deadline to cast an online vote that could help the Tulane Community Health Center reel in \$50,000 from the People to People Ambassador Program.



In addition to casting a vote online for the Tulane Community Health Center, supporters can download artwork of a New Orleans badge and wallpaper for a computer desktop.

The Tulane center is a finalist in the online contest for funding.

"I want to thank people for their votes so far, but it's not over yet!" says Leah Berger, director of community health programs, planning and development for the Office of Community Affairs and Health Policy in the School of Medicine. "We are neck and neck and on the final push to the end. Winning the funds would help close the gap on the cost of the new health center, a center which will be an asset to the patients, staff and entire community."

Tulane is planning the <u>new clinic</u> at the former Ruth's Chris Restaurant on Broad Street in New Orleans. Berger says if Tulane wins the \$50,000 prize, it will go toward construction costs of the new location, which will expand quality medical services to more patients.

The new clinic will be 3 and a half times larger than the current health clinic at Covenant House in downtown New Orleans.

Anyone who wants to participate in the voting can visit the <u>People to People</u> website and vote as many times as they wish. In addition, visitors to the site can download a NOLA badge. For each download, People to People will donate \$1 to a local charity.

People to People is a provider of global educational travel. "We've Not Forgotten New Orleans" is the theme of the donation program.

The <u>Tulane Community Health Center</u> provides quality primary care and mental health services at a number of sites around the city. The group works to improve the health of New Orleanians by providing high-quality, cost-effective, neighborhood-based care to all, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.