Tulane University Hits the Streets to Help New Orleans

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Tulane University alumni, faculty, staff and more than 1,000 students will be out in force throughout the city on Saturday, Aug. 30 to volunteer as part of "Outreach Tulane," a day-long volunteer effort in various neighborhoods of New Orleans.

The Tulane Center for Public Service, the Community Action Council of Tulane University Students (CACTUS) and the Office of Student Programs have coordinated projects with over 20 community groups, including City Park, Save Our Cemeteries, The Arc of Greater New Orleans, Beacon of Hope Resource Center, Langston Hughes Academy Charter School, Arthur Ashe Elementary School, Green Light New Orleans, The Green Project, Restaurant Opportunities Center of New Orleans, ArtEgg and more. Volunteers will meet in the ballroom of the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life at 8 a.m. and will be bused to their service agencies around the city where they will work until 4 p.m.

Held annually, Outreach Tulane is the largest single day of community service for Tulane students, faculty and staff. This year"s activities will include painting public schools, repairing a playground in the Lower Ninth Ward as well as the Pelican Greenhouse of City Park, landscaping the Lafayette Cemetery I, surveying restaurant workers to improve working conditions, picking up trash and debris at schools and parks, and sorting and repackaging Mardi Gras beads, food and other donations at community centers.

For more information, visit http://outreach.tulane.edu/