

Vote Will Help Community Health

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"We need your vote!" says Leah Berger of the Tulane Community Health Center, which is a finalist in an online contest for \$50,000 from the People to People Ambassador Program.



This "NOLA badge" artwork is a free download in support of New Orleans' recovery. It's part of a People to People campaign to award \$50,000 to one of five New Orleans organizations.

The center is one of five finalists in the running for the grant. Online voting is under way now through May 31, and the winner will be announced in early July, says Berger, director of community health programs, planning and development for the Office of Community Affairs and Health Policy, based in the Tulane School of Medicine.

If Tulane wins, the center "will use the \$50,000 toward construction costs of our new

location to expand quality medical services to more patients in a new, healthy environment," Berger said. The [proposed new clinic](#) at the former Ruth's Chris Restaurant on Broad Street will be 3.5 times larger than current facilities at Covenant House in downtown New Orleans.

Anyone who wants to participate can visit the [People to People](#) 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 that wants to assist in the ongoing recovery efforts in New Orleans.

The [Tulane Community Health Center](#) 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.

"Our efforts developed in the days following Hurricane Katrina, and we continue today to improve the health of our community," Berger said. "People to People recognizes these ongoing needs and acknowledges that our work here is not yet finished."