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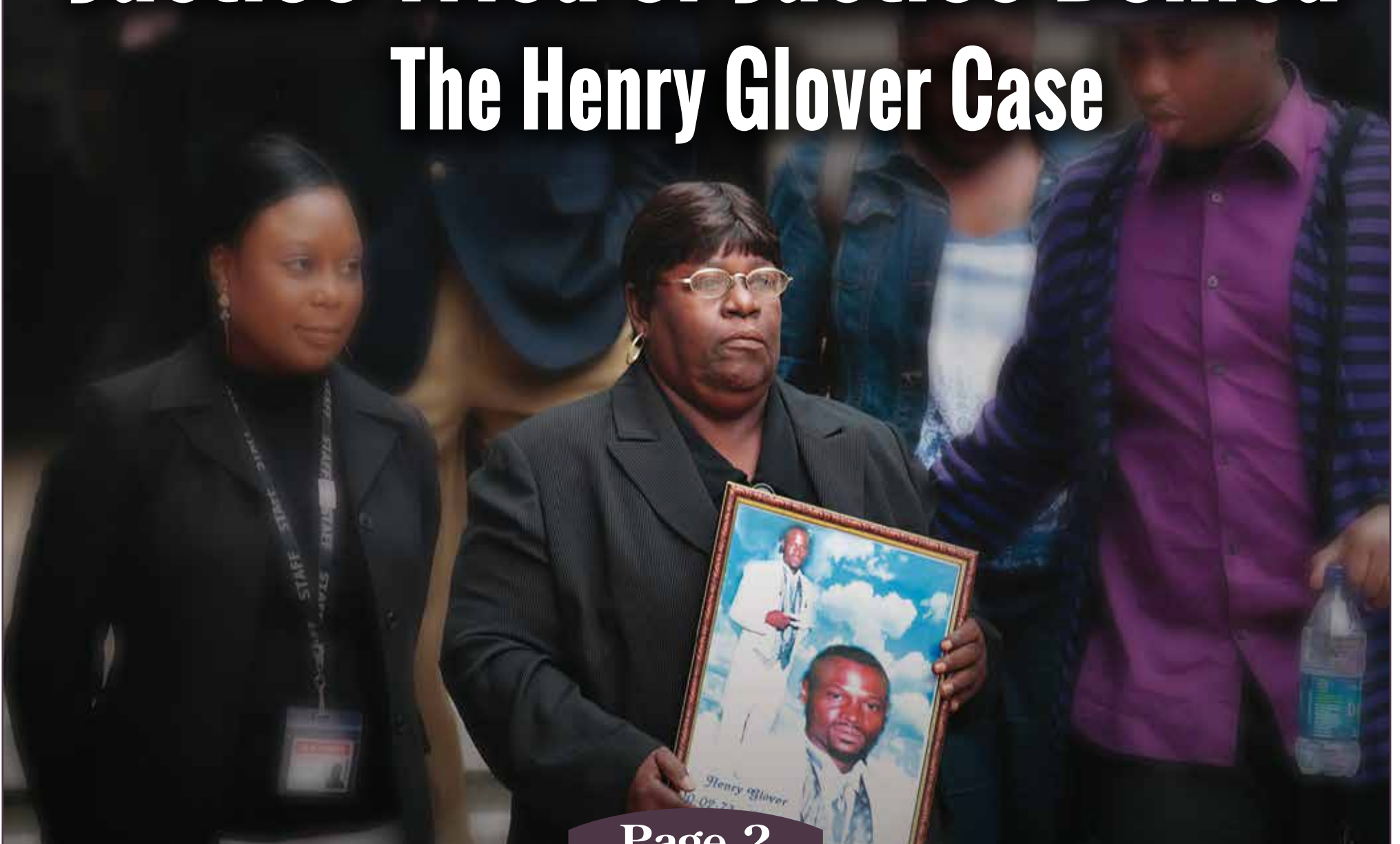
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Data News Weekly Exclusive Interview with Rebecca Glover



Edna Glover, second left, mother of Henry Glover, leaves Federal Court holding his photo, after the sentencing of two former New Orleans police officers in his shooting death and burning of his body in New Orleans, Thursday, March 31, 2011. One of the officers, David Warren, was acquitted by a federal jury last week. (file photo)

By Edwin Buggage

Henry Glover and Questions of Justice

It's been eight years since the chaos that engulfed the City in the days following Hurricane Katrina. A time that where in desperate times and no help from the federal, state or local government people

did whatever they had to do to survive. They were many ordinary people who did extraordinary things that saved many lives. It was also during this time that the lines were blurred between lawlessness and survival. It was this dichotomy that played out when New Orleans Police Officer David Warren fired a deadly shot that killed Henry Glover. Later in what amounted to be a cover-up involving several NOPD

officers Glover's body would be set afire with his charred remains left in a scorched Chevy Malibu parked on the edge of the Mississippi River.

In the aftermath of this horrendous chain of events there have been two criminal trials, with verdicts that are polar opposites with questions of justice still being an elusive abstraction. As people on both sides of the issue that intensified in

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the recent trial where a federal jury acquitted former police officer, David Warren, of unlawfully shooting Glover whom he claimed he thought was armed, but evidence to the contrary showed he was not. "We were

er Edward King, who attempted to get help for his brother after the shooting, but he and those who attempted to help were accosted and assaulted by police. Today he still suffers with bouts of sadness and depression when

And as we are in the midst of the holiday season, the Glover family is a large and loving family and says this has impacted them where their lives will never be the same. Speaking of the impact on Henry Glover's five children she

ed. Rebecca Glover is optimistic but cautious about the investigation, but pleas to plow ahead in the fight to bring Henry Glover's shooter to justice. "We've met with the coroner on several occasions and he spoke of a log jam after Katrina and

but I think that one would think that if people who are suffering in the sweltering heat with flooded streets without food, water or any indication of help in sight trying to survive does not deserve to be shot."



Rebecca Glover, the aunt and family spokesperson of Henry Glover reacts with sorrow after a federal jury acquitted a former police officer, David Warren, of unlawfully shooting Glover with an assault rifle during the days after Hurricane Katrina ripped through the City.



In the long fight to have NOPD Officer David Warren tried for homicide, Edna Glover (left) and Rebecca Glover (right) meet with Orleans Parrish Coroner Frank Minyard (center) as he makes the announcement that the case was being reopened and investigated, which led to the charges for which Warren was first convicted, and subsequently was acquitted from during a retrial last week.

very upset about the verdict, we were torn apart," says Rebecca Glover, the aunt of Henry Glover who has been the spokesperson for the family since the shooting and subsequent trials.

Memories of Katrina Brings Back Memories of Darkest Days for a City and a Family

Going back to the harrowing days of Katrina where many people were trying to locate family members, it was a sad day according to Rebecca Glover later when the family was to find out that Henry was dead. Harkening back to when the family found out about his death and its aftermath Rebecca Glover told Data News Weekly, "I was in Texas and we were looking to find out where he was, when I got the news I came down." Continuing she speaks of the shock she felt upon finding out the cause of his death and the condition of his body, "When I was at the funeral I had no idea my nephew's head was missing. I went back to Texas and later it came out that Henry skull was not there, I was in shock like what do you mean, the family was devastated. I was there just in body because my mind was gone. I couldn't believe what they did to him."

Rebecca Glover is a woman who embodies New Orleans; she is undeniably a New Orleanian, a very spiritual woman who embodies the nurturing heart for she is a woman whose voice is filled with love and compassion. She speaks of how her whole family has been impacted by the death of Henry. During one part of our conversation she speaks of Henry's brother

thinking of his brother and the events of the horrid day he lost his brother; something that continues to affect him eight years later. "He is up and down, he can't believe that these people can get away with this, I spoke with him yesterday and he said Auntie how could they let this man go when it was proven he killed my brother. And I hugged him and said everything is going to be alright because God sits high and he looks low and he's not going to get away with this," says Rebecca Glover.

Henry Glover: A Man who Lived for his Family and to Help Others

When many think of this case they see still images of Henry Glover, but who was he, what kind of man was he? And what should people know about him as his name has become part of the lore and story that his name will always be connected with Hurricane Katrina, "Henry was a very loving person, he liked doing things for people and he did not deserve what happened to him. We are trying to continue to help his mother deal with this because it was just so devastating that she would lose her youngest child. It would be a different story if someone is sick or you were expecting this but for him to die the way he did and then officer David Warren to say if he had it to do all over again he would do it the same way is like pouring salt into a wound," says Glover shocked at the lack of remorse by officer Warren as she talks about the man whose life he took.

says, "He loved his children, this was a great time for our family because we have a large family. All of his children are still devastated at the loss of their father because he was very close to his children. It's interesting to see David Warren talking about his children, but what about Henry's children who still have to live with how their father was gunned down and body burned up by the police. Christmas time is not the same, as far as trying to get into the holiday spirit after suffering such a loss and seeing his kids without their father."

A Community Unites Against Injustice

While the family has been resilient throughout this process, the have enlisted the help of others from civil rights organizations, religious leaders, community activists and everyday citizens. "I would like to say thanks to Danatus King, President of the local chapter of the NAACP. Because after the second verdict, I was thinking who can I call to help in this matter and I thought of him. I asked for his help in trying to bring David Warren up on the charge of murder. He immediately said yes and also so many others have come out to support our fight for justice for Henry and I want to commend them and say I love and thank them and please continue to pray for us and stand with us," says Ms. Glover.

Because of this united effort under pressure New Orleans Coroner Dr. Frank Minyard, will investigate to see if a change in the cause of death of Henry Glover is warranted.

then there was the problem with the federal investigation and local authorities did not have access to the same information, so they could not proceed, but in our meeting he said that as of today I am going to open up a new investigation and for that we are cautiously optimistic."

A Case of Life and Death: Desperate Situation Calls for Desperate Measure

In the days that followed Hurricane Katrina, many law abiding citizens in desperate attempts to stay alive and help their loved ones went to extreme measures. And the question for some still today in retrospect is, if you were faced with this situation what would you do? Would you obey the law and perhaps die or watch your loved ones suffer, or would you do what you had to do to survive. Many during this time commandeered boats, found food, water, medicine and other things to save lives, so if someone whose basic needs such as dry clothes, socks, diapers and toilet paper weren't met in this time some of the same measures needed to be taken.

Admittedly, the police's job to maintain order was important, but to shoot or deny people who are simply trying to stay alive in a time of chaos and uncertainty was wrong. A point reiterated by Ms. Glover who said the officer who shot Glover was more than 60 feet away and displayed feelings of antipathy towards those trying to survive and there are those who says he said that anyone who "loots" are nothing but animals who deserve to be shot,

A Question of Justice

As the saying goes in hindsight everything is 20/20, but this case it is a matter of perspective. What if different decisions were made, would we be in this place today? Would a young man who according to his aunt, was just doing what he had always done, helping someone in their time of need, lose his life in the process? "Henry was only trying to help someone on that day; a young lady who asked him to help move some suitcases that were too heavy, but had she told him she'd had been told by officer Warren to leave the area he'd never would have gone over there. Henry worked two jobs to take care of his kids. So, he went over there trying to help someone and people trying to survive and doing what he always did, help people in need and it got him killed."

This case continues to unfold with many questions unanswered. And as this case significantly points out, that questions of a justice vs. just-us system continues to exist. That a man could be shot, body burned and a cover-up from several layers of those we entrust to protect and serve us. And granted many who don the uniform are right and just, putting their lives on the line every day; for that we commend them, but for those who commit crimes and get away with them they should be condemned. On that day in 2005 a City changed forever, and it is the hope that many of the scars of injustice will begin to heal and a City can truly rebuild.

Patti LaBelle to Headline 2014 Zulu Coronation Ball

Zulu Official 2014 Parade to Honor Nelson Mandela

The Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club, Inc. is proud to announce Grammy Award Winner Patti LaBelle will be the featured entertainer for the 2014 Annual Zulu Coronation Ball to be held February 28, 2014 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Blvd. New Orleans, La. 70130.

Tables are on sale now for the Coronation Ball and may be purchased at the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club, Inc. 732 North Broad Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119. For additional information, call 504 827-1661 or visit their website Krewe of Zulu.com.

In honor of the late Nelson Mandela, the official 2014 Zulu Parade Theme will be "Zulu Salutes Nelson Mandela".



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Black Nativity



By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic

"When a mother bestows a name on her child, it reveals her hopes."

Black Nativity, a celebrated "gospel song-play" by acclaimed poet/novelist/playwright Langston Hughes, was first staged in the 1950s with Alvin Ailey and Carmen De Lavallade. Director/writer Kasi Lemmons (Eve's Bayou) adapts that piece into a modern, urban musical/drama where characters seek to mend old wounds and cleanse their souls. The spirit of Hughes' work endures. The music from this hybrid film will, too.

A Baltimore single, working mom (Jennifer Hudson) and the teen son she named Langston (Jacob Latimore) have hit the wall. Money is tight and an eviction notice has put a crimp in their holiday season. Knowing she can no longer guarantee a roof over his head, she puts him on a bus headed north to Harlem to stay with his grandparents, from whom she's been estranged for years.

Upon his arrival, Langston is to meet the very stern and rigid Rev. Cornell Cobbs (Forest Whitaker) and his congenial wife, Aretha (Angela Bassett). What should have been an easy rendezvous goes awry, and New York shows the boy its cruel side. He's arrested and jailed. Welcome to New York, city of hard knocks – Christmas be damned.

Turning a musical play into a viable movie is a difficult task. Kasi Lemmons' screenplay gallantly tries to mold a classic dramatic storyline involving a loving mother/son relationship, strained parent/adult child conflict and an abandoned son searching for his elusive father around show tunes. In between the drama, the cast earnestly breaks out in song. The effect is jarring. It never quite blends effortlessly, like say Les Misérables. You almost wish the film had picked ei-

ther drama or music.

While you question the overall format, what pulls you through the process is lively, energetic music that expresses thoughts and emotions the characters think or feel. The musical score by pop/soul singer/musician Raphael Saadiq (Precious) and co-composer Laura Karpman lifts spirits. Latimore, Whitaker and Bassett have decent voices, but it is Hudson and a cameo by Mary J. Blige that take the music and the movie to a higher level. The blend of pop, soul and gospel is absolutely enchanting and will make the film's soundtrack a holiday classic.

Bassett's take on Aretha feels a bit too theatrical for such a small movie. Whitaker is more in tune with his stern interpretation of the reverend. Hudson is sweet. Latimore shows great strength and determination in a pivotal role. Vondie Curtis Hall plays a very wise pawnshop owner. Tyrese, as a smarmy jailbird, makes you wish he appeared in more movies. He's got what it takes.

Interspersed in the plotline are two homeless characters who wander the streets of Harlem. She is pregnant; he is a nurturing soon-to-be father. This element puts the "Nativity" in the movie, but it seems like an unnecessary device.

At the movie's heart is story of forgiveness that transcends the holidays. That's evident as the characters try to come to terms with old wounds and learn life lessons. Says Langston to his stressed mom: "You'd rather leave me here than forgive them (her parents)." After the final credit's roll, you may not remember specific trials and tribulations, but remembering the catchy inspirational tunes such as 'Rise Up' sung by Mary J. Blige, will put a smile on your face that lasts past the New Year.

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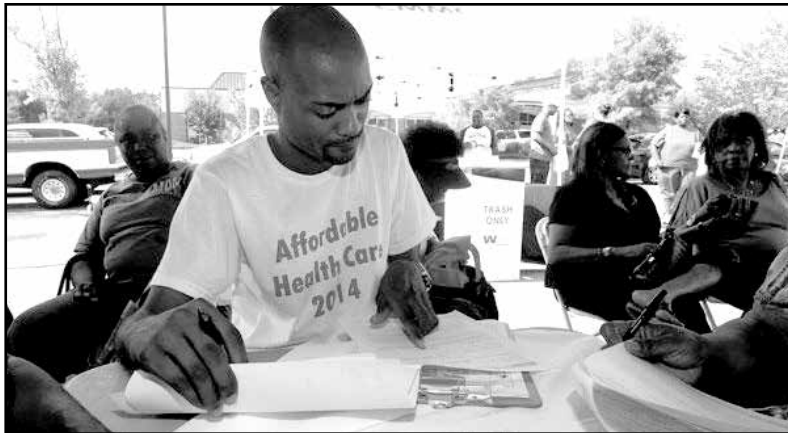
The Medicaid Plan with 'Care at the Heart of Its Work'

—New Advertising Campaign Emphasizes Company's Community Presence, Legacy of Compassionately Caring for Those Most in Need

—Bayou Health Open Enrollment Underway

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana (formerly known as LaCare), a Medicaid managed care health plan serving Louisiana and part of the AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies, encourages Louisianans to choose the Medicaid plan with "care at the heart of its work" during the annual open enrollment period for Bayou Health, the state's Medicaid managed care program. Eligible beneficiaries have a 60-day period, based on their geographic service area (GSA), in which they can become AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana members.

One of five Medicaid managed care plans that serve Bayou



Health, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana adopted its new name and branding on November 1, 2013. For Bayou Health's open enrollment period, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is rolling out a new advertising campaign, emphasizing its continued focus on local communities and their individual needs. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's community outreach strategy is driven by a team of 14 representatives, all based in the communities they live in and

covering all parts of the state. Working with members, providers, grassroots organizations and others, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana delivers compassionate, high-quality health care services attuned to the unique characteristics of each neighborhood, town and city it serves.

The new advertising campaign is currently being featured in radio, print media, transit and billboard advertisements across the state.

"One of AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's key differentiators is its very strong community presence," said Rebecca Engelman, executive director of AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana. "We place great importance on participating in local events, supporting local organizations and building relationships with community leaders and groups in the areas we serve. And this presence will remain as strong as ever under our new name."

One local organization that AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana works with is the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC). AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana participates in many of BREC's community and holiday events that target parents and children in East Baton Rouge Parish. Many of AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's community health educators in the Baton Rouge area also volunteer for BREC.

"AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana shares our commitment to build healthier, more vibrant communities," said Carolyn McKnight, superintendent of BREC. "By combining our respective skills and resources, we can address even more of the challenges that Louisianans face."

Bayou Health's open enrollment period for 2014 is currently underway, and will be conducted by geographic service area (GSA) as follows:

- Greater New Orleans and Northshore areas (GSA A) — now through January 30, 2014.
- South Central Louisiana and Acadiana (GSA B) — January 21 through March 28, 2014.
- All other areas of the state (GSA C) — March 24 through May 29, 2014.

Individuals wishing to choose a plan should contact a Bayou Health enrollment broker at 855-229-6848 or visit www.bayouhealth.com.

ASK THE DOCTOR

Do you really need a flu shot?



Yolonda Spooner, MD
Medical Director
AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana

Every year millions of Americans become sick from the flu. Don't be next!

Think you don't need a flu shot? Have your doubts? If you would like to protect yourself from the flu virus this flu season but are not sure if the vaccine is safe, consider the following facts against old myths.

Myth: *The flu vaccine can give you the flu.*

Fact: The viruses in the flu shot are not active, so you cannot get the flu from a flu shot. Flu vaccines work by tricking the cells in your body that fight infection to multiply. This protects you from infection.

Myth: *Antibiotics can fight the flu.*

Fact: Antibiotics cure *bacterial* infections, not viral infections such as colds or flu. Antibiotics will have no effect if you have the flu.

Myth: *There is no treatment for the flu.*

Fact: Antibiotics may not work, but *antivirals* do. Your doctor can prescribe one of two antiviral drugs: Tamiflu or Relenza. These medicines can help cut down the time you are sick by one or two days and make you less contagious. Getting a flu shot can help you avoid getting the virus in the first place.

Seasonal influenza, more commonly known as "the flu" is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs that spreads very easily. Flu-infected coughers and sneezers sitting across from you or just standing nearby can cause weeks of grief if you don't take steps to shield yourself. Runny noses and headaches, muscle aches and sore throats, bed rest and chicken soup — who has time for that?

Every year more than 200,000 people are taken to the hospital for flu-related problems. Kids under the age of 5 are the most at risk. They can even die from it. Pregnant women, seniors and all health care workers are also at high risk. Even though the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests a flu shot for everyone over 6 months old, most people still do not get one.

The flu is usually contracted when people breathe in tiny droplets from coughs or sneezes of someone who has it. According to the CDC, the flu virus can travel 6 feet! So, you are not safe from your co-worker even if she does cover her mouth — and then touches the door handle and elevator button. The virus can live on surfaces for

2 – 8 hours. Washing your hands and staying away from sick people is not enough to protect yourself.

Getting the flu shot isn't just about keeping *you* safe. It's about control and prevention. Vaccinated people stop the virus from spreading. If getting the shot helps to save just one other person from getting and spreading it, it has done its job. Besides, wouldn't you rather be eating a pot of gumbo this winter than struggling to sip a bowl of broth? Contact your provider to find out how you can get vaccinated today.

Those who should NOT get the vaccination include babies younger than 6 months old, people allergic to eggs, those who are currently ill and those who have had a severe reaction in the past.

Yolonda Hill Spooner, M.D., has been the medical director of AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana since January 2012. She has 12 years of combined practice and administrative experience and is board-certified in family medicine.


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Greater New Orleans Foundation Awards \$800,000 in IMPACT Grants

40 nonprofit organizations win highly competitive IMPACT grants

The Greater New Orleans Foundation announced today the 40 nonprofit organizations that received 2013 IMPACT grants in the following categories: arts and culture; education; health and human services; and, youth development. Now in its fifth year, the IMPACT program is the Foundation's largest discretionary grant-making program that awards grants to organizations that serve mostly low-income communities. This year the Foundation awarded a total of \$800,000 to 40 nonprofit organizations.

"The nonprofit organizations receiving IMPACT grants are contributing to the vibrancy of our community," said Albert Ruesga, president and CEO of the Greater New Orleans Foundation. "In partnership with our donors, we're honored to recognize organizations that are working tirelessly to make this a thriving community for all. Every day these organizations are addressing community needs—they are sheltering our homeless, mentor-

ing our children, and feeding our hungry."

Over 160 applications were received and the rigorous review process included a site visit by Foundation staff, a careful study of the organization's financial information, and a review by the Foundation's grants committee. In addition to financial support, IMPACT grantees are also provided throughout the year with networking opportunities, communications assistance, and trainings and workshops on nonprofit best practices.

Since its inception in 2009, the IMPACT Program has granted over \$4 million to over 120 nonprofit organizations in the Greater New Orleans region.

For more information on grantmaking opportunities for nonprofit organizations through the Greater New Orleans Foundation, please subscribe to the Foundation's email newsletter at www.gnof.org.

Below are the 40 organizations receiving 2013 IMPACT funding.

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Creative Alliance of New Orleans - \$10,000
Efforts of Grace - \$25,000
LA Cultural Economy Foundation - \$20,000
Louisiana Partner for the Arts - \$10,000
Music and Culture Coalition of New Orleans - \$15,000
NOVAC - \$20,000
Southern Rep - \$10,000
St. Claude Main Street - \$20,000

EDUCATION

Black Alliance for Educational Options - \$20,000
East Bank Collaborative of Charter Schools - \$10,000
Kids Rethink New Orleans Schools - \$25,000
STAND for Children Leadership Center - \$20,000
Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association - \$25,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

American Diabetes Association - \$20,000
504 Health Net - \$20,000
Children's Health Fund - \$20,000
Children's Learning and Family Foundation - \$35,000
Collaborative Solutions - \$20,000
Covenant House - \$15,000
Daughters of Charity - \$28,000
Edible Schoolyard - \$25,000
Family Service of Greater New Orleans - \$20,000
Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana - \$20,000
Kingsley House - \$20,000
Mary Queen of Vietnam CDC - \$10,000
New Orleans Family Justice Alliance - \$20,000
New Orleans Police and

Justice Foundation - \$7,500
New Orleans Recreation Development Foundation - \$30,000
New Orleans Schweitzer Fellows Program - \$30,000
Public Affairs Research Council - \$20,000
Regina Coeli CDC - \$20,000
Share Our Strength - \$40,000
The Community Center of St. Bernard - \$15,000
Touro Infirmary Foundation - \$25,000
UNITY of Greater New Orleans - \$20,000
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STEM NOLA Presents STEM Saturdays With Dr. Calvin Mackie

Engaging communities to study and pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

STEM NOLA will kickoff its "STEM Saturdays with Dr. Calvin Mackie" on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at Joe Brown Park in New Orleans East from 9 am to 12 pm. STEM NOLA is an organization founded by New Orleans native and former Tulane University tenured engineering professor, Dr. Calvin Mackie, to expose, inspire and engage communities about the opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). STEM NOLA will design and deliver activities, programs and events that bring inspiration, motivation and training to all STEM stakeholders (especially students) across the city.

"The NOLA STEMulus Plan is an attempt at creating a movement which will expose, motivate, inspire, recruit, retain and



Dr. Calvin Mackie

graduate more New Orleanians at every level in STEM related academic subjects and professional careers," said Dr. Calvin Mackie. "We have organized a group of highly trained and seasoned individuals with broad backgrounds and experience at all levels to expose and inspire students, inform parents, and train educators in the necessary areas of profes-

sional and human development in STEM. Such training will focus on providing the necessary skills to increase exposure, participation, retention, and graduation in STEM from K-12 through Ph.D."

STEM Saturdays is only one of the components of STEM NOLA that will provide citywide family and community based hands-on project-based STEM events monthly where students and parents can attend and participate together. STEM NOLA will partner with the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (NORDC) to host events at NORDC facilities across the city like at the following sites: Joe Brown Park, Tremé Center, Lyons Center and Behrman Park every second Saturday of each month.

The STEM NOLA Kick-Off is sponsored by AXA Advisors, Cox Cable, District E Councilman James Gray, Channel Zero Group and NORDC.

Dr. Robert J. Spears, DDS

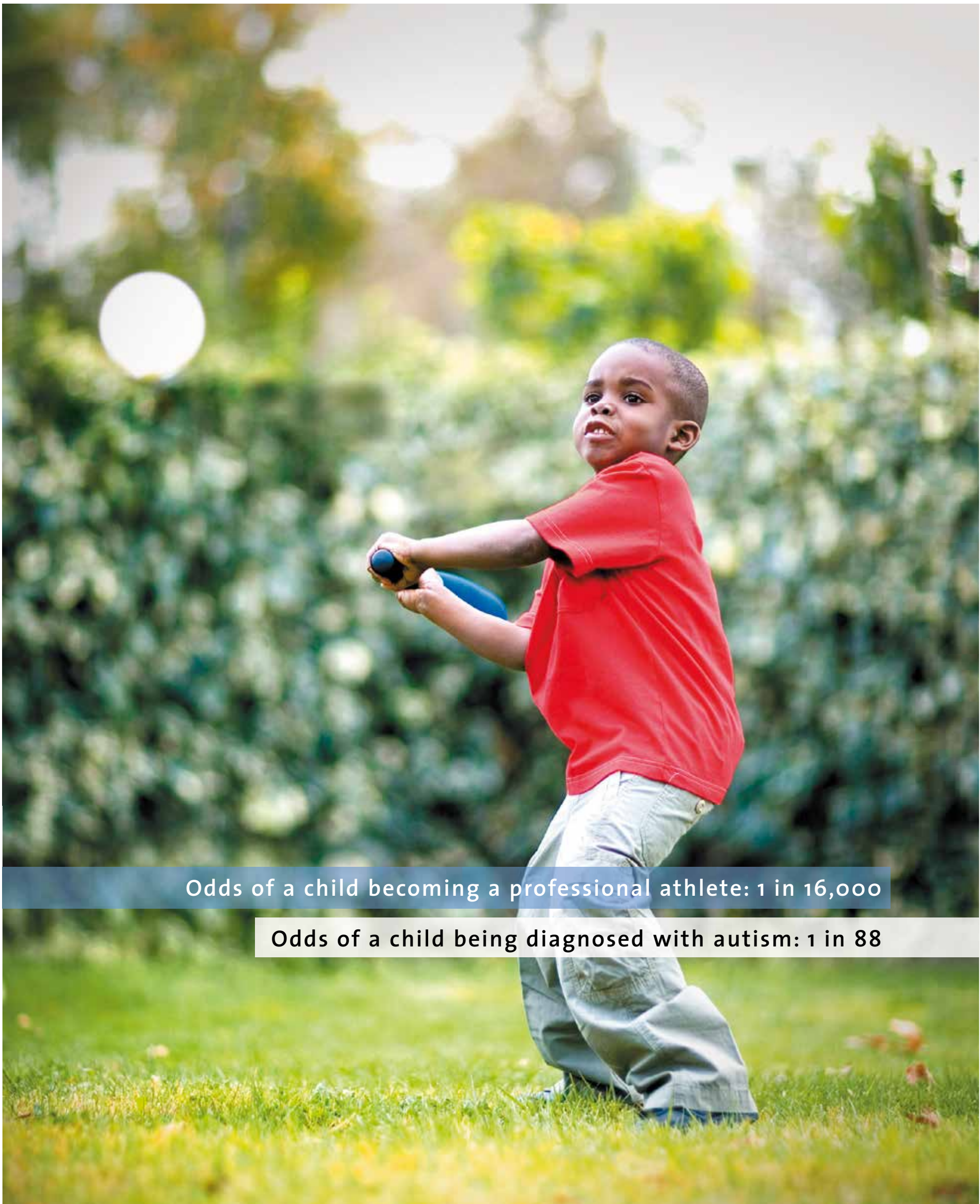


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