

Children's Village

The Children's Village at the Louisiana, My Heart, My Home Rebuild-A-Thon is designed to expose youth under 14 to a day of service and fun. A special service project has been organized in coordination with Operation REACH. Transportation will be provided as a group to the site and back to Armstrong Park. Youth volunteers should wear clothing they don't mind getting dirty since they will be planting/gardening and working with art supplies (both indoors and outdoors).

Provisions have been made to monitor and supervise the Children's Village with City Year volunteers. The City Year volunteers are experienced in working with school-aged children in Orleans parish and will be available to assist with their needs (www.cityyear.org/louisiana). **Parents may accompany children to the youth volunteer site, Operation REACH (215 Carondelet); however, children under 14 are not allowed to be present at adult service sites.**

Upon returning to Armstrong Park, lunch will be served and children are welcome to participate in an afternoon of age-appropriate activities centered on teaching youth about being prepared for disaster.

Children's Itinerary

7:30 am—Registration at Congo Square

8:40 am—Youth will be escorted to designated bus and travel to service site, Operation REACH

9:15 am—Arrive at service site, Operation REACH, 215 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, LA

Youth will participate in the following projects:

- Exterior gardening (planting flowers/seedlings)

- Decorating and paint playground fence

- Painting welcome banner

- Decorating planters

- Planting small interior gardens (in planters) for individual students

- Creating artwork for classroom

- Assembling classroom furniture

11:45 am—Board bus to travel back to Congo Square

12:15 pm—Return to Congo Square. Lunch served.

1:00 pm—face painting, balloon artist, storyteller, Bookmobile education table and relay race

Education table: Prepared Petey coloring books, stickers, pens, pencils

Relay race—Packing with Petey: what do you need in case of a hurricane/storm?