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**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Le Vert Tour Presented by Joule Energy**  
*Local Young Professionals Organization Hosts 'Green' Home Tour to  
Promote Sustainability in New Orleans*

**New Orleans, LA, September 4, 2012**— [The Young Leadership Council](#) (YLC) of New Orleans is set to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Le Vert Tour presented by Joule Energy on Saturday, September 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Le Vert Tour](#) presented by [Joule Energy](#) will showcase homes and homeowners throughout New Orleans who are taking steps to make their homes more sustainable and energy conscious.

The self-guided tour will showcase seven homes throughout the Greater New Orleans area, including Uptown, Central City and the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward. [Global Green's](#) Holy Cross home will be a part of tour along with a property from Brad Pitt's [Make It Right Foundation](#), a [NOLA Wise](#) house and two [URBANbuild](#) properties.

Tour participants will learn about what individuals are doing in order to make their homes in New Orleans more sustainable and eco-friendly as well as what resources and materials are available to them.

"We are thrilled to see Le Vert Tour in its second year," said YLC President Alyssa Wenck. "It's great to see a young project like this grow into an annual city-wide event that the public can look forward to and one that promotes a greener way of life."

The LeVert Tour is free to the public, but all participants must register in person before embarking on the self-guided tour. Registration for the 2012 Le Vert Tour will begin at 10 a.m. at the Young Leadership Council building at 1840 Euterpe Street.

**About Le Vert Tour**

The Le Vert Tour (*vert is French for green*) highlights “green” elements used in homebuilding and renovations around New Orleans in an annual home tour. The tour is a [Young Leadership Council](#) project and the inaugural tour was in March 2011.

This annual tour showcases residences and homeowners throughout the city of New Orleans who are taking steps to make their homes more sustainable and energy-conscious. Tour participants can learn about what is being done in New Orleans to promote sustainable homes, and what resources and materials are available to homeowners. The tour allows homeowners the opportunity to speak about rewards and benefits of utilizing eco-friendly, sustainable technologies in home building and maintenance. For more information, visit: <http://ylcnola.org/display/le-vert-tour/>.

*The [Young Leadership Council \(YLC\)](#) is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization created to develop leadership through community projects. Through volunteer-created community projects, the YLC recruits and retains young professionals to New Orleans and has a positive impact on the quality of life in the region. The oldest, independent young professionals’ organization (YPO) in the country, the YLC has raised more than \$25 million to support community projects in and around the New Orleans area since 1986.*

*The YLC has more than 1,300 member-volunteers, and is led by a 25-member board of directors and four staff members. Each community initiative is led by one or more volunteer project leaders.*

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