



Volunteer Spotlight:

Alyssa Wenck

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Like so many other young professionals, Alyssa Wenck, President of the Young Leadership Council (YLC), is proud to call Lakeview home. A resident since 2003, she first made an investment in the neighborhood with the purchase of her first home and then further established her commitment when she decided to rebuild in 2007. "It was the best decision I could have made. I knew I wanted to be a part of the revitalization of our community and this was the best way I knew how."



A graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University and the University of New Orleans, she is a Certified Public Accountant who began her career at Bourgeois Bennett, LLC as a tax and business consultant in 2003. It was there she was encouraged to get involved in the community and give back.

In 2004, Alyssa joined the YLC as a volunteer. She later applied for and was selected to participate in the Leadership Development Series, a 10-week intensive course designed to teach leadership skills to those members interested in taking on leadership roles in the organization and eventually, in the community at-large. Obviously, her time in the class paid off.

Prior to being named President, she served as Treasurer, VP of Development, and the Annual Role Model Gala Chairperson. In 2008, she was awarded the 2008 Leadership Mentor Award.

"The Leadership Development Series prepared me to take on a more active role in the YLC and in the community," said Alyssa Wenck. "I have been afforded the opportunity to work with so many amazing people who continue to inspire me to leave my mark."

In 2010, Alyssa was offered the opportunity to take her non-profit involvement full time with a job at Second Harvest Food Bank. She joined the team as the Controller and can now add "fighting hunger in Southeast Louisiana" to her list of passions.

Alyssa does not stop there. She is a member of the University of New Orleans International Alumni Association Board of Directors and has been one of the people instrumental in starting Lakeview Social--a willful effort, to create an avenue for Greater New Orleans residents to network, socialize, and engage in the Lakeview community.

We are all blessed to have Alyssa as our neighbor. She, like so many other young professionals, have and are dedicating themselves to the growth of Lakeview and the City of New Orleans.

The Young Leadership Council is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization created to develop leadership through community projects. Since its founding in 1986, the YLC has raised more than \$25 million for the community.

For more information on the YLC, visit www.youngleadershipcouncil.org. For more information on Second Harvest, visit www.no-hunger.org