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**“Where Ya’ Rack?” to install bike racks at Orleans Parish public schools**

*Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development grant will bring bike racks and bicycle education programming to more than 70 schools in New Orleans*

**NEW ORLEANS (July 18, 2013)** – “Where Ya’ Rack?,” a project of Young Leadership Council (YLC), will begin installing bicycle racks at Orleans Parish public schools this Fall, funded by a \$150,000 grant from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development’s (DOTD)’s Safe Routes to School Program. The project’s distinctive bicycle racks will be installed at public K-8 schools in the city of New Orleans over the next three years. In addition to bicycle racks, Where Ya’ Rack? will partner with Bike Easy, the local bicycle education and advocacy organization, to provide bicycle education and encouragement programming to students.

“We’re excited for this opportunity to encourage New Orleans youth to be active and maintain a healthy lifestyle while teaching them the rules of the road so they can stay safe on their commutes to school and throughout the community,” said C. Garlan White, Where Ya’ Rack? co-project leader.

Founded in 2008, Where Ya’ Rack? provides convenient, secure bicycle parking throughout the Greater New Orleans area. The mission of the project is to encourage bicycling as an environmentally friendly and healthy option for commuting, short trips, and errands.

The project’s volunteer leadership team seeks sponsorships for racks from local businesses, property owners, and other groups. YLC works with the sponsors and with city officials to determine each rack’s location. YLC members then volunteer the time and labor required to install the racks.

To date, Where Ya’ Rack? has installed more than 200 racks in Orleans and Jefferson parishes.

For a complete list of Where Ya’ Rack? bike rack locations or to obtain more information on how to sponsor a rack, please visit [www.wherayarack.org](http://www.wherayarack.org).

For more information on YLC, please visit [www.ylnola.org](http://www.ylnola.org).

Follow Where Ya’ Rack? at [@WhereYaRack](https://twitter.com/WhereYaRack) and YLC at [@ylnola](https://twitter.com/ylnola) on Twitter.

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*The Young Leadership Council 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, creating a positive impact on the quality of life in the region. The oldest independent YPO (young professionals' organization) in the country, the YLC has raised more than \$25 million to support community projects in and around the New Orleans area since 1986.*