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**RECreate to Begin Third Season With New Leadership**

*Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Dance and Cultural Awareness Will be Offered to Students in the Harmony Oaks Neighborhood*

New Orleans, LA (February 28, 2012) – RECreate, a project of the Young Leadership Council, will kick off its third successful season on March 17, 2012 at the Harmony Oaks Community Center and A.L. Davis Park.

RECreate connects community volunteers with at-risk kids through recreational activities that include Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, dance, and cultural awareness classes. The third season of RECreate will run from March 17 – May 19. Activities will take place every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. In 2011, RECreate conducted two successful seasons, with over 80 kids and 30 community volunteers participating.

RECreate is led and managed by volunteer YLC member Project Leaders. In 2011, Kelley Bagayoko and Wesley Palmisano worked to bring back RECreate after it lapsed in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. In 2012, Jack Wiles, Markus Crockett, Latrice Sampson, and Paul Zimmer will lead the project.

For more information on RECreate and the YLC, please visit [www.youngleadershipcouncil.org](http://www.youngleadershipcouncil.org).

*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.*

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