

Hip-Hop for Hope NOLA 2006

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Thursday, November 16th, 2006, a coalition of students, in partnership with Tulane University and the Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School for Science and Technology, will host a unique event called "Hip-Hop for Hope."

The goal of this event is to raise money to support educational programming at MLK Jr. (reopening in the 9th Ward in 2007) and to raise awareness about two key community issues, Education and HIV/AIDS. The students organizing Hip-Hop for Hope are working with a number of other student organizations (Tulane College Democrats, African-American Congress of Tulane, TUCP, et. al), the department of Service Learning, and the Office of Student Programming at Tulane, as well as local businesses in the Uptown New Orleans area, including Tipitina's. MLK reopened September 19, 2006 and serves 368 children from throughout Greater New Orleans.

With your help, Hip-Hop for Hope can both contribute to the revitalization effort underway in New Orleans by bringing people from throughout the city together for an afternoon of fun and festivity and an evening of music appreciation.

Beginning at 3:30 PM, November 16th, Hip-Hop for Hope will host a block-party on Magazine St.; a concert at Tipitina's will follow, beginning at 7:00PM. The "Block-Party," open to people of all ages, will be held in Laurence Square. Student groups, businesses, and non-profits will unite in celebration of New Orleans culture as well as to raise awareness about education and healthcare issues relevant to the New Orleans community.

We will call particular attention to HIV/AIDS because of the disproportionate, increasing rates of infection among minority youth. We will have tables' setup for different organizations that have joined us in support, as well as concessions, entertainment, and a raffle. Later that night, a benefit concert will be held a short distance away at the legendary music venue, Tipitina's, on the corner of Tchopitoulous and Napoleon. The concert will feature performances by local hip-hop artists, appearances by various community leaders, and other entertainment throughout the night. The night will feature some of New Orleans' best local hip-hop, Funk and R&B acts, including Baby Boy da Prince, the Soul Rebel Brass Band, Outlaw Nation, Luther Gray and Bamboula 2000, J-Dubble, Nomadic Souls, The Truth Brass Band, The Zoo, SpellBindarz, The Villa, Jimi Clever, various artists from Media Darling Records, Truth Universal, and many more. All are invited to come participate in what will surely be an extraordinary experience and a positive beacon of hope for the greater New Orleans community.

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See: <http://hiphopforhope.org> for more information.

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