

Foundation looks to have a lasting impact Times-Picayune

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The Northshore Community Foundation celebrated five years as a positive local force with a reception at **Stirling Properties** on Oct. 11.

Board Chairman **Jimmy Maurin** welcomed guests and recognized elected officials.

"We aspire to be a foundation that has such a dramatic impact that people won't think of the north shore without thinking of the foundation."

Foundation President/CEO Susan Bonnett spoke of the diversity of the foundation's projects, which include the Legacy School Gardens fund created by Jinx Vidrine; MathCOUNTS fund for St. Tammany Parish Schools; Green Growth for the green jobs program to help build a green economy; Lake Forever for restoration and conservation; Covington West 30s grant for revival; Beer Money partnering with Abita Brewing Company with grants to people affected by the oil spill and to improve coastal wildlife; Hammond of the Future for a compressive plan to build a great city; Scholarly Pursuits with selective scholarships, and St. Tammany Suicide Crisis task force for prevention and a campaign to foster awareness and to alert people of resources.

The foundation unites human and financial resources to enhance the quality of life in the north shore.

Along with Maurin, board members are Tim Carpenter, secretary; Carl Schneider, treasurer; Richard Knight, past chairman; Debra Neill Baker, Stephanie Berault, Maura Donahue, Sharron Newton, Willie Paretti, Todd Richard, Chuck Sabadie, Ellis Sampson Sr., William Trist and Randy Waesche.

Additional staff members are Carla Mouton, office manager; Laurie Panzeca, director of programs, and Frank Saxton, director of community development.

For more information on the Northshore Community Foundation, go online to www.northshorefoundation.org.

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