



### **OUR MISSION**

To serve as the Hollygrove neighborhood's premier institution for transforming youth through educational support, mentorship and spiritual development.

### **OUR VISION**

To equip the youth of Hollygrove today with the tools to serve Hollygrove tomorrow.

### **WHERE WE CAME FROM**

In 1967, Rev. William Brown started TCC to bring the reconciliation of Jesus Christ to the racial divide in New Orleans. Since then we have worked with countless students and their families to transform lives by meeting physical and spiritual needs. His son, Kevin Brown, arrived in 1998 and we narrowed our focus to help children become leaders through summer day camps, after-school programs, youth groups and sleepaway camps. Jarvain Bingmon took over in 2013 and expanded our focus to support children from kindergarten through college and beyond with a very intentional goal of developing indigenous leadership. In March 2019, Carly Hill stepped into the role of Executive Director, bringing new ideas to continue to equip and empower the youth and families of Hollygrove.

We have worked to transform the community by rebuilding and painting homes, cleaning vacant lots, putting on "Family Fun Days", and helping to plant Level Ground Community Church. TCC has served to incubate and build capacity in other organizations that equip the under-resourced, including: Hollygrove Farm and Market, the Hollygrove Seniors Group, Pressing on Basketball Ministry, Carrollton-Hollygrove CDC and Healthy Start, for mothers and their children under 2 in Hollygrove.

### **WHY WE DO THIS**

It is life-changing when people are challenged to move beyond feeling warm and fuzzy about helping others and begin to explore how to spend a lifetime changing the system which causes poverty.

It is life-changing to begin to recognize that racism, sexism, and all the other "isms" are more than attitudes and that those "isms" have provoked real actions which have left many of God's children marginalized and disadvantaged.

It is life-changing when we begin to understand that we have the power to make an impact with specific actions, votes, career and financial choices.

Our goal for mission team members is to learn about our neighbors and the challenges faced each day, including the systemic poverty and racism that permeates New Orleans and Hollygrove, our neighborhood. You will meet some of our favorite residents and hear their stories. You will learn how God is and has been at work in Hollygrove. You will hear stories of how Jesus has shaped lives for decades. You will share the love of Christ with the neighborhood children and experience that love anew through those same children. You will also get to serve alongside the neighbors we love. You will be equipped to serve in your neighborhood with a new perspective.

## WHAT DO YOU DO HERE?

A week at TCC includes training, teaching, discussion, experiences and work. We are placed in the city to “Seek the shalom of the city,” (Jeremiah 29:7), and to create God’s kingdom in New Orleans, just as it is in heaven. Your group will engage in an educational experience, highlighting history, challenges and principles of urban ministry and be challenged to see our neighbors and yours through the eyes of Jesus’ teachings. In this packet, you will find a sample schedule for the week. Because we aim to be responsive to the families that we serve alongside, our ministry changes as needs arise, so plan to be flexible.

Your day will be divided into a morning educational experience and an afternoon time of serving the neighborhood. Each morning, we will meet at 8:30 AM to begin our teaching in the large family room at the Mission House or the main room of the church. The lesson will be a glimpse of challenges that the incredible residents in our community face, including racism, educational inequity and poverty. Throughout the week, you’ll also hear stories of lives transformed by Jesus. After the teaching time, there will be a response activity. Each group will also be making a visit to StudioBe, a local art installation. Admission is included in the weekly cost.

In the summer, groups will also be used to assist in our summer day camp filled with 60 children, age 6-13. It includes educational aspects, VBS, swimming, field trips and lots of fun. Spring, fall and winter groups will be used in our TASK program, or Trinity After School Kids, for 50 students.

## WHEN YOU GET TO NEW ORLEANS

The Mission House address is 8419 Palm St, New Orleans, LA 70118. Please call the Volunteer Coordinator, Morgan Clark, at 813-508-2217 when you are an hour away from TCC. She will meet you there to let you in and give you an orientation, about 30 minutes. Arrival is Sunday 3:00-6:00 PM. At that time we will collect your **liability waivers**. Individuals under 18 must be signed by a parent. Individuals over 18 can sign a liability waiver of their own. We also will be sure the **final payment** is made, which should have been mailed 2 weeks prior to arrival.

## FREE TIME

Each evening there will be free time for your group. Most groups use the time to have devotional time, group meetings, sightsee or have dinner out. We are happy to help you plan any or all of these events. A few ideas: a streetcar ride (\$2.50 per person, round trip), walk along the Mississippi River down by the French Quarter, beignets at Café du Monde, a walk and putt-putt at City Park. Don’t forget to get a snowball from Plum Street Snowballs, at 1300 Burdette St, Hansen’s Sno-Bliz, at 4801 Tchoupitoulas St, or Sal’s Sno-Ball Stand at 1823 Metairie Ave, Metairie. Just like beignets, snoballs are a New Orleans tradition that shouldn’t be missed.

For your future college students, Xavier University, a Historically Black University, is walking distance from TCC, and Dillard University, another HBCU, not walking distance. Tulane University and Loyola University are also popular universities, both near beautiful Audubon Park and the Audubon Zoo. Rock n Bowl is our local bowling alley with live music, arcade games and food, a great place to let out some energy. Frenchmen Street has several restaurants, an evening art market and likely an encounter with a neighborhood band playing on the corner!

## THE SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Monday			
9:15 AM	Level Ground Church	Intro to TCC/Hollygrove	Bring lunch, sunscreen, water bottle
11:45 AM	TCC	Team Lunch	
12:25 PM	TCC	Recess play during 1st lunch	Free play time with kids
12:45 PM	TCC	Recess play during 2nd lunch	Free play time
1:15 PM	TCC	Outdoor Games	40 minutes, 20 kids, organized games
2:00 PM	TCC	Outdoor Games	40 minutes, 20 kids, organized games
2:45 PM	TCC	Outdoor Games	40 minutes, 20 kids, organized games
3:35 PM	Mission House	Go Shower!	And make something tasty
Tuesday			
8:30 AM	TCC	Morning Arrival	Bring water bottle, sunscreen
9:15 AM	Level Ground Church	Urban Essentials	Walk to Level Ground
11:00 AM	Senior Center	Time with Seniors	Bring snacks
12:30 PM	Mission House	Team Lunch	
1:15 PM	TCC	Work Day	Bring sunscreen and water bottle
3:00 PM	TCC	Outside time with kids	Play time after they return and during after care.
4:00 PM	Mission House	Go Shower!	
Wednesday			
8:45 AM	TCC	Morning Arrival	Bring water bottle, sunscreen
9:45 AM	TCC	Morning Rotations	3 rotations, 30 min each
11:45 AM	Mission House	Team Lunch	Change clothes, must have clothes to get wet in
12:25 PM	TCC	Recess play during first lunch	Free play time with kids
12:45 PM	TCC	Recess play during second lunch	Free play time
1:15 PM	TCC	Water Games set up	Organize and run 2 water stations plus slide
2:15 PM	TCC	Water Games	3 rotations, 20 minutes each
3:45 PM	TCC	Clean up	
4:30 PM	Mission House	Go Shower!	
Thursday			
8:45 AM	Level Ground Church	Urban Essentials	Bring sunscreen and water bottle, lunch
9:45 AM	TCC	Partner Reading with kids	Partner Reading
11:45 AM	TCC	Last Reading Group/Lunch	Lunch if not partnered with kids
12:25 PM	TCC	Recess play during 1st lunch	Free play time/lunch for those who haven't eaten
12:45 PM	TCC	Recess play during 2nd lunch	Free play time
1:15 PM	TCC	Community Work	
4:30 PM	Mission House	Shower Time!	
Friday			
9:00 AM	Level Ground Church	Urban Essentials Closing	Bring sunscreen and water bottle
11:00 AM	Mission House	Clean up	
12:00 PM		Head home! See you next year!	

## FACILITY INFORMATION:

You should bring:

- Bed sheets to fit twin beds, and/or sleeping bags, pillows
- Bath towel, hand towel, soap, and shampoo
- Work gloves
- Sturdy shoes
- Mosquito repellent
- Sunscreen
- **A reusable water bottle with your name on it.**
- Clothing that you don't mind ruining
- Shower shoes
- A bag to carry shower items into shower room, one you can hang will be most helpful
- Members of your team may want extra money for souvenirs, snacks and snowballs (a New Orleans must!).

We have:

- Air conditioning and heat!
- Kitchen facilities at the Mission House: stove, oven, microwave oven, refrigerator and freezer
- Coffee maker.
- Charcoal grill
- Dining area where you can gather to eat or meet as a group.
- No televisions, but we do have monitors for DVDs to be watched.
- Wireless internet in the TCC building, but not at the Mission House.
- Coin operated washer and dryer at Trinity Christian Community, but not the Mission House. Bring your own detergent for the wash machines.

Sleeping facilities

- We currently have 20 available beds.

Please Note:

- TCC offers full program and housing for \$225.00 per person, with additional night for \$20/pp.
- If you are just working with us, we ask a \$20.00 per person per day donation.
- You will be expected to clean up after yourselves before you leave.
- There are grocery stores: Costco, Sam's Club and Wal Mart within several miles of the center.
- There is plenty of fast food in the area: Subway, Rally's, McDonald's, KFC, Popeye's, Cane's. There are many restaurants in the surrounding communities. Local favorites are: Mandinas., The Milk Bar, O'Henry's, Parkway Bakery, Liuzza's and Katie's Restaurant, just to name a few.
- Check the forecast before you come but prepare for hot weather.

## VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily chosen to use the facilities and participate in the activities of Trinity Christian Community, (hereinafter called "program").

I understand the risks involved in the program. I recognize that the programs and its activities involves risk of injury and I agree to accept any and all risks associated with it, including but not limited to property damage or loss, minor bodily injury, severe bodily injury, and death.

Furthermore, I recognize that participation in the program involves activities and risks incidental thereto, including but not limited to, travel to and from worksites and training, limited availability of medical assistance and the possible accidents caused by other participants. I am voluntarily participating in the program with the knowledge of the risks involved and hereby agree to accept any and all inherent risks of property damage, bodily injury, or death.

In consideration of my participation in the program and to the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Trinity Christian Community, its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers and assigns from and against all claims arising out of or resulting from my participation in the program. "Claim" as used in this agreement means any financial loss, claim, suit, action, damage, or expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees, attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting there from. In addition, I hereby voluntarily hold harmless Trinity Christian Community, its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers and assigns from any and all claims, both present and future, that may be made by me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns.

I hereby expressly agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Trinity Christian Community, its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers and assigns for any claim arising out of or incident to my participation in the program as a volunteer, unless claim is caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of Trinity Christian Community.

I also understand that Trinity Christian Community does not provide any medical or dental insurance or life insurance to cover bodily injury, illness or death, nor insurance for personal property damage or loss, nor insurance for liability arising out of my negligent acts or omissions; and I acknowledge that I am completely responsible for my own insurance to cover these expenses.

I further understand that this acknowledgment of risk and hold harmless is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, I agree that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I agree that this acknowledgment of risk and hold harmless is effective for as long as I participate in the program. I agree as a voluntary member the Program to abide by all program policies, rules, and regulations.

**IF THE PARTICIPANT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18, AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND DELIVERED TO TRINITY COMMUNITY CENTER**

Group or Church \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BATON ROUGE**

**Permission and Medical Release Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

*If possible*, I would like to room with \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size (*please circle one*) *XL L M S*

I give permission for the above person to attend NOLA Mission Trip @ Trinity  
Christian Community sponsored by FPC Baton Rouge on June 2-6, 2019

**AND**

I also give permission for medical treatment to be administered as needed if I cannot be reached in an emergency.

If applicable, I am listing medical problems, medications, and/or allergies:

Allergies, Medical conditions, medications \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Ins. Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone No. (day, cell, night #) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of participant \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CALL Paula Walker (337) 370-1760  
FOR MORE INFORMATION or QUESTIONS.**

Please fill out and return form before departure.