



January 27, 2021

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Dear Dr. Laborde:

It has been extremely beneficial to the New Orleans community specifically in several underserved communities to have Ochsner Health as a partner in 2020. Our collaboration in implementing the “Ochsner Global Health is Local Health-Covid Conversations Series” has been a very effective means of connecting and empowering our vulnerable communities. I am again asking for your support this calendar fiscal year to partner with Dillard University Community Relations in addressing the underlining health challenges and provide health educational resources to minority communities.

Your recent donation of Covid-19 educational information and PPE was distributed to over 500 residents currently living in public housing at the Fischer Housing Development in Algiers. Additionally, we were able to extend our community outreach to Central City through a partnership with Harmony Oaks Housing Development and Bethany United Methodist Church.

Because of the successful impact we have provided to residents in underserved communities in New Orleans, I would like to extend our partnership for Ochsner Health to participate as a co-sponsor of the 14th Annual Housing, Health and Community Resources Fair which will take place throughout the entire year of 2021. This annual event will be held virtually in 2021 however, some services may be conducted in person.

Events such as HUD’s National Father’s Day, Dillard University Annual Housing, Health and Community Fair, Gentilly HEAL NOLA, MLK Birthday “Day of Service”, Churches in Unity Health Fairs, National Night Out Against Crime and many more activities has been successful and will continue due to your presence and the educational information provided.

I look forward to our partnership as we move forward in providing senior citizens, youth and families with health educational information and services. Again, thank you for your support and services Ochsner Health has provided for the City of New Orleans.

Nick Harris

Nick Harris, Director
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