

# House District #2

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### 2008 1st Extraordinary Legislative Session

The 2008 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana State Legislature is to convene at the State Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during twenty-one (21) calendar days, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the 10th day of February, 2008, and ending no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the 1st day of March, 2008. The power to legislate at such session shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the following specifically enumerated objects:

- ITEM NO. 1 - Financial Disclosure
- ITEM NO. 2 - Conflicts of Interest
- ITEM NO. 3 - Transparency for Lobbyists
- ITEM NO. 4 - Improving Ethics Education and Enforcement
- ITEM NO. 5 - Transparency and Public Access to Information
- ITEM NO. 6 - Further Combating Fraud and Abuse
- ITEM NO. 7 - Improve Campaign Finance Laws

#### S.E.E.D.S. FOR SUCCESS

Security

Education

Economic Development

Diversity

Savings

For Governor Jindal's official proclamation visit: <http://www.gov.state.la.us/index.cfm?md=newsroom&tmp=detail&articleID=56>

The newspapers also report that Governor Jindal plans to call a second special session to address the budget surplus before the regular session begins in late March. Governor Jindal has pledged the first \$50 million for the Cyber Command.

#### **Reminder**

The 2008 Regular Legislative Session is set to convene at noon on Monday, March 31, 2008, with final adjournment no later than 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2008.

### In and Around House District 2

**Galilee Baptist Church, 1500 Pierre Avenue; Shreveport, LA 71103**

#### Calendar of Events

2/6 7PM Mid-Week Service highlighting Wiley College

2/9 AM Church clean-up

2/13 7PM Mid-Week service highlighting BTW High School

2/15 6PM Children's Movie

Night and Discussion

2/17 AM Children & Youth Ministry Presentations

2/20 7PM Mid-Week Service highlighting Grambling University

2/24 Afro-centric attire 3-5PM iSUMMIT — Guest Speaker Dr. Anthony Nelson

2/27 7PM Mid-Week Service highlighting Southern University

Members are encouraged to wear Afro-centric attire every Sunday in February but make a special effort to wear it on the 4th Sunday.

*Nubian Express, 3814 Linwood Avenue will give a 10% discount on all purchases of African attire. To get discount mention Galilee.*

## News For Constituents

### Community Development

#### **Wachovia Foundation -- Community Needs Grants**

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** The Wachovia Foundation is a private foundation that is funded annually by Wachovia Corporation. The foundation provides grants to eligible 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations in four primary areas:

education

community development

health and human services

arts and culture.

**Who May Apply:** To be considered for grant funding, organizations must:

have a nonprofit tax-exempt classification under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

be located or provide service in Wachovia's markets (see Web site for more information)

have broad community support and address specific community needs

demonstrate fiscal and administrative stability

align with one or more of the foundation's focus areas (see above).

**For more information, go to:**  
[http://www.wachovia.com/inside/page/0,,139\\_414\\_430,00.html](http://www.wachovia.com/inside/page/0,,139_414_430,00.html)

### Education, the Arts, and the Environment

#### **The McKenzie Foundation**

**Application Deadline:** The foundation reviews letters on a continuous basis, and they may be submitted at any time during the year.

**Description:** The purpose of the McKenzie Foundation is to encourage and support nonprofit programs, primarily in the areas of education, health, human services, and cultural and environmental concerns. Faced with the task of translating these broad-reaching goals into a more focused set of grant guidelines, the board has selected four initiatives that will shape its grant-making for the next few years:

early childhood development

education

the environment

arts and culture.

**Who May Apply:** The foundation makes grants only to tax-exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) classification from the Internal Revenue Service. It does not support for-profit organizations or candidates for political office.

**For more information, go to:**

<http://www.mckenziefoundation.us/guidelines.php>

### HIV/AIDS

#### **Cable Positive -- Tony Cox Community Fund**

**Application Deadline:** March 14, 2008

**Description:** Cable Positive's Tony Cox Community Fund is a national grant program that exists to encourage community-based AIDS service organizations (ASOs) and cable systems to partner in joint outreach efforts, or to produce and distribute new, locally focused HIV/AIDS-related programs and public service announcements (PSAs).

**Funding Amount:** Cable Positive allocates \$100,000 to support two grant cycles each year. Grants are available up to \$7,000.

**Who May Apply:** 501(c)(3) organizations. Special consideration will be given to ASOs and cable systems and producers partnering with ASOs.

**For more information, go to:**  
<http://www.cablepositive.org/programs-tonycox.html>

### Human Services

#### **The Lawrence Foundation**

**Application Deadline:** See program Web site

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**Description:** The Lawrence Foundation is a private family foundation focused on making grants to support environmental, educational, health, human services, and other causes.

**Who May Apply:** Nonprofit organizations that qualify for public charity status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or public schools and libraries, are eligible for contributions or grants.

**For more information, go to:**  
<http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/index.php>

### Cancer Education

**U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI) – Cancer Education Grants Program (R25)**

**Application Deadline:**  
 See submission/receipt dates at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>

**Description:** These grants will support the following types of programs:

innovative educational programs intended to motivate biomedical and other health science students to pursue cancer-related careers

short courses to update cancer-research scientists in new scientific methods, technologies, and findings

training of cancer-care clinicians and community health-care providers in evidence-based cancer prevention and control approaches

development of effective innovative education approaches (dissemination) to translate knowledge gained from science (discovery) into public-health and community applications (delivery).

**Funding Amount:** The total project period for an application submitted in response to this funding opportunity may not exceed five years. Direct costs are limited to \$300,000 per year.

### **Who May Apply:**

Public or state-controlled institutions of higher education

Private institutions of higher education

Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education)

Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education)

Small businesses

For-profit organizations (other than small businesses)

State governments

Indian/Native American tribally des-

ignated organizations

Community-based or faith-based organizations

**For more information, go to:**  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-540.html>

### Donating to Charity

“Charity Navigator, America’s premier independent charity evaluator, works to advance a more efficient and responsive philanthropic marketplace by evaluating the financial health of over 5,300 of America’s largest charities.

<http://www.charitynavigator.org/>

Charity Navigator works to guide intelligent giving. Their goal is to help people give to charity with confidence. At the same time, they aim to help charities by shining lights on truly effective organizations. In doing so, they believe they can help ensure that charitable giving keeps pace with the growing need for charitable programs.

Their approach to rating charities is driven by those two objectives: helping givers and celebrating the work of charities.”

## News For Constituents



### U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

#### NEWS from CPSC

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Office of Information and Public Affairs Washington, DC 20207

"The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$800 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at [www.cpsc.gov/talk.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html). To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to [www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp). Consumers can obtain press releases and recall information at CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)."

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