



YMCA OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS

FOUNDED IN 1852



**A COLLABORATION WITH
FRIENDS OF THE
NEW ORLEANS RECREATION DEPARTMENT**



YMCA Leaders Club



Youth ages 13-17 are recruited for their leadership potential and complete a program where they:

1. Learn how to live a more healthy lifestyle
2. Provide leadership to recreation programs such as day camp, sports leagues, and aquatics incorporating healthy lifestyle activities
3. Set and achieve their own personal health and fitness goals



Friends of NORD

- Private non-profit founded in 1999 to rehabilitate and maintain city playgrounds
- A recent bond issue approved by voters will provide \$35 million to improve the playgrounds
- Therefore, Friends of NORD is shifting their focus to funding programs not facility improvements
- YMCA Leaders Clubs will be their primary program focus





The Partnership



- Youth enrolled in YMCA Leaders Club will be pre and post evaluated using the Purple Kit Developmental Assets Survey
- After a three-month training and graduation from the Blue Ridge Assembly's Leaders School, Youth will be placed in newly rehabilitated city playgrounds as aides and coaches
- Three-year goal of 150 trained youth placed at 10 playgrounds