



## TREE FOR LIFE PLANTING CEREMONY

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*For Immediate Release*

Members of the City Council were recipients of trees during the 7th Annual Trees for Life 2012 program sponsored by the New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center. The program's purpose is to prevent child abuse and neglect and each tree given to the recipients represents a memorial to a child that has died to due abuse or neglect. The trees are dedicated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April each year. Recipients take custody of the trees and agree to plant them in honor of a deceased child.

The Kenner representatives have decided where they will plant their memorial trees. Parish Councilmember Ben Zahn is planting his tree at Lafreniere Park. Former Councilman John DeHaven and District Four Councilmember, Maria DeFrancesch will plant at the new Coconut Beach volleyball facility.

This past year, in Louisiana, we lost 45 innocent children to child abuse and neglect. Violence against children is very acute in the United States and the Children's Advocacy Center is guiding the community for the protection of all children. The dedication of Trees for Life is symbolic of this quest to protect our children.

Please join our councilmember's as they plant their respective trees for these sad victims of abuse and neglect. The planting ceremony at Coconut Beach will be held on June 5, 2012 at am.