

December 4, 2015

Greetings!

HELP SPREAD THE WARMTH OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON TO CHILDREN IN TREME

"Children hold our future in their hands so we much prepare them for every aspect of becoming a responsible adult. We believe that education is the key to freedom and progress; without it our future is lost."

Sue Press, Ole and Nu Style Fellas Social Aid and Pleasure Club
Treme, New Orleans, LA

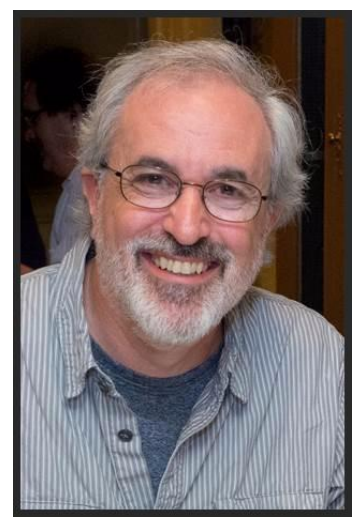
The Old Farmer's Almanac predicts snow in New Orleans in January! We are writing to ask you to donate a coat or coats to New Orleans children so that they can be warm as they learn and play this winter!

(LINK to dedicated Amazon page [here](#) and more details below.)



THE BACK STORY: When a group of HR73 classmates were in NOLA in October to attend events for ClassACT Bridge Projects, [The Roots of Music](#) and [JusticeAID](#), classmate/LSU sociologist, Rick Weil, introduced us to Treme resident and grassroots activist, Sue Press, so she could share with us the work she orchestrates within her community giving children the opportunities, goods and services they need and deserve.

Rick says: "Sue started the Ole and Nu Style Fellas Social Aid and Pleasure Club to mentor kids and keep them on a good and safe path. She is a dynamo in the Treme community, **running an annual coat drive**, a school supply drive, an annual formal ball attended by up to 1,000 guests including city leaders, voter registration drives (about 500 registered last time), and their annual second line parade. The work Sue and Roots do has convinced me that grass roots mentoring is one of the best means for keeping at-risk kids safe, able to finish school, and ready to take advantage of life's opportunities. It also helps develop community leaders, build capacity, and bring community members together."



We were eager to find ways to work with Sue and foster her mentoring efforts, so we asked her to share what she told us with you.

See Sue talk about what she is doing: [HERE](#)

See some of Sue's "kids" talk about her as a mentor: [HERE](#)

Donating to the coat drive Sue already has going seemed a great way for us to start!

DONATING A COAT MADE EASY!

Sue is distributing the coats on December 19, so they need to arrive at her house no later than Friday, December 18, so order a coat now!

Check the Amazon list of coats needed: [HERE](#)

Choose a coat(s), and decide for yourself not only what style you like but also the size - little kids or big! There are plenty to choose from, so scroll down and have fun. When you have chosen the coat, add it to your cart (don't click "one click"). Do not select an address at this point. Next, **proceed to check out where you will see your list of addresses. Click to have your gift shipped to Sue Press's gift registry address, which will be given as a choice.**

(Her street number is not given for privacy, but we tested it, and it works.) It will be sent to Sue who will work with the members of her community to organize them for distribution on Saturday, DECEMBER 19.

Let ClassAct HR73 know! We'll send out a warm thank you on Facebook!

Thank you **SO MUCH!**

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