

# Department of Community Development

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## News Release

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### **"Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport 2016"**

One day each year, more than 1,000 volunteers paint the homes of low to moderate-income elderly and/or disabled citizens of Shreveport. Applications are now being accepted for the event scheduled Saturday, May 14, 2016. Homeowners have until December 31, 2015, to sign up to have their house painted at no charge. Approved applicants must be a low to moderate income homeowner, 62 years or older, and/or disabled. Houses must be located within the city limits of Shreveport in order to qualify. Our goal for the 2015 program is to paint at least 75 houses. Homeowners receive smoke detectors, dead bolt locks, and other special services.

If you or your organization would like to volunteer to paint a house or become a sponsor please call the Department of Community Development's Bureau of Housing & Business Development at (318) 673-7503, or Marcia Nelson, Program Coordinator at (318)673-7528 to apply.

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