



EXXONMOBIL EMPLOYEES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Security Dads Begin New School Year

They call them “Security Dads,” but in some ways that’s a misnomer. None of the two dozen or so men who offer volunteer help and support at nearby Glen Oaks High School actually perform security details, and some of them are no longer even parents at the school.

But the nickname Security Dads is fitting for this committed bunch of men, several of whom are ExxonMobil employees. That’s because they serve as father figures for teens who don’t have male role models at home. What’s more, they help foster a sense of security and well-being among young people navigating the treacherous waters of adolescence.

“It makes a tremendous difference,” says Glen Oaks Principal Wilbert August, of the program.

The Security Dads program began in the mid-1990s after a stabbing occurred at the school. Outraged fathers recognized the need for greater parental involvement. They also wanted to be closer to their kids and the pressures they were facing, so they formed a volunteer group.

Over the years, the role of the Security Dads has evolved. These days, they do everything from mentoring and chaperoning field trips or ball games to volunteering for odd jobs around the school. On one recent weekend, they even helped cook food for a class reunion.

“Some of their children have long since graduated from Glen Oaks High School, but they still come and devote time to these kids on this campus,” August says.

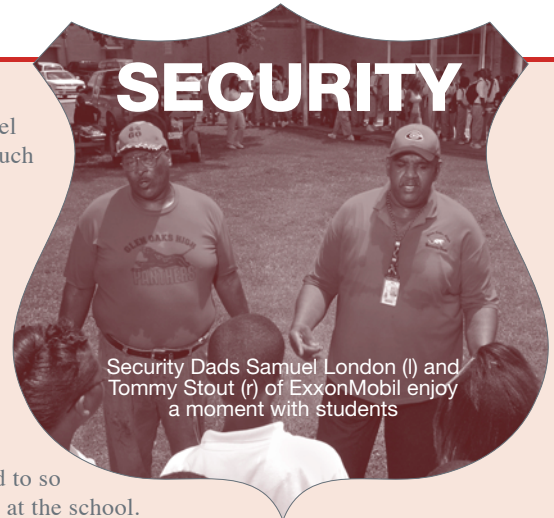
ExxonMobil employee Samuel London is one such dad. His second and youngest child graduated from Glen Oaks last year, but he continues helping out as a Security Dad because he’s become attached to so many other kids at the school.

“I still have a lot of children there who aren’t my biological children,” says London, an assistant operator in the chemical plant. “I made a commitment to them that I wasn’t going to leave.”

London says many of the kids need a father figure. Others just need someone to talk to – and someone who will listen. “They talk about a lot of the stuff they really don’t get at home, like parental support,” he says. “That’s what we’re there for.”

London and other Security Dads say they will continue to be there for as long as students at Glen Oaks need them.

SECURITY



Security Dads Samuel London (l) and Tommy Stout (r) of ExxonMobil enjoy a moment with students

NEIGHBORHOODS USA COMING TO BATON ROUGE IN 2007

Local Neighborhood Group Takes Lead Role

The Neighborhoods USA, or NUSA, annual convention is coming to Baton Rouge in 2007, and officials at North Baton Rouge Neighborhoods United, or NBRNU, are busy getting ready.

“Oh, we’re very excited,” says Bea Gransberry, NBRNU Chairperson, who says she’s doing a little bit of everything to get ready for the

gathering. This year’s convention will take place in late May at the downtown River Center.

“We’re putting together an agenda, putting together the speakers, getting the food planned, whatever it takes because everybody is *so* excited about coming to Baton Rouge,” she says.

The NUSA convention is expected to draw between 1,100 and 1,500 delegates, a near record. They’ll come from all over the country and share their ideas and stories about how to make

neighborhoods more effective in improving their quality of life.

“We go in and show neighborhoods how to set up civic associations, how to work with city administrations in passing ordinances to help their neighborhoods, things like that,” explains Charles Kelly, a district councilman and a board member of both NUSA and NBRNU. “We show them how they can get grants to improve their neighborhoods and improve their homes.”

EXXONMOBIL SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM A SUCCESS

Students Gain Valuable Work Experience

This summer, 21 local students had the opportunity to receive hands-on experience, learn the value of community service and earn a salary at non-profit agencies through internships sponsored by the ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program.

Each year, ExxonMobil provides grants totaling \$34,650 to 11 non-profit agencies in the Baton Rouge area so they can hire students between the ages of 16-23 to assist with summer programs.

The Summer Jobs Program promotes the importance of working within the nonprofit sector to the next generation of leaders.

Gaye McFarland, director at the Big Buddy Program, is a previous recipient of an ExxonMobil summer jobs program grant as a student and enjoys watching students grow through their job experiences.

Ja'Lynn Johnson, a program grant recipient at the Big Buddy Program, said, "Last year, I was a volunteer, and this year made my fourth year with Big Buddy and my first year as an activity leader. This was my first real job!"

Ronnie Edwards, director of Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation (UREC), uses the ExxonMobil grants to help support a youth development program called North Baton Rouge 70805 Plus!, which provides jobs and training for student participants.

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"This summer, I had the chance to manage an office and to interact with people. I loved the experience, and I hope I get the chance to do it again," said Jayda Elbert, 70805 Plus! program participant.

Janet Pace, director at Volunteer! Baton Rouge, explains the impact the grant funding has on her summer program, VolunTEENS.

"This summer, our VolunTEENS program reached more than 185 youth, who participated in 30 projects for 2,550 service hours and served 27,500 individuals in the community. We could not have this program without the team leaders who we hire with funding from the ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program."

"Working with VolunTEENS has given me great insight on how I might utilize my degree to meet the community's needs. The learning experience and networking have overwhelmed me with eagerness about my future goals," said Lakeshia Hasten, a graduate student in social work.

"The ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program offers a unique opportunity for today's high school and college students to experience

firsthand the challenges that exist in the non-profit sector and to identify how their knowledge and skill sets can enhance that environment," said Bryan Milton, ExxonMobil Chemical Plant site manager.

ExxonMobil Baton Rouge began offering the Summer Jobs Program in 1990 and has increased the grants offered from 11 to 21. Each grant is \$1,650.

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VolunTEEN Breanna Paul tutors children at the Delmont Service Center during an academic summer camp.



VolunTEEN Ebony Jones sorts food at the Client Choice Food Pantry at United Methodist HOPE Ministries.

Community Summer Jobs Program

BATON ROUGE AREA NON-PROFITS RECEIVING SUMMER JOB GRANTS INCLUDE:

- Baton Rouge Green
- Baton Rouge Recreation and Parks Commission (BREC)
- Big Buddy Program (Interlink)
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Community Association for the Welfare of School Children
- Greater Baton Rouge Federation of Churches and Synagogues
- Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank
- Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation
- Volunteer! Baton Rouge
- Young Leaders Academy
- YWCA

EXXONMOBIL AND OLOL ASSIST WITH PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE

Rolling Health Unit on the Move

There's no better way to stay well than through preventative health care. But while most folks know that, many don't practice it. After all, it's not always convenient – or even possible – to get to a doctor's office, especially if it's only for a checkup.

But wellness is a critical component of a healthy lifestyle, which is why ExxonMobil is teaming up with Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center to bring preventative health care to its neighbors who may not otherwise have access to it. Beginning this fall a Mobile Health Unit will make monthly visits to two neighborhood churches, offering free health screenings to interested residents.

The Mobile Health Unit will offer several services, including blood pressure checks and glucose and cholesterol screenings. The tests will be offered on the third Monday of every month at both United Methodist HOPE Ministries and Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

“Through this partnership, it is hoped that the residents of these areas are afforded greater access to preventative health care screenings that they may not have otherwise received,” Butler says.

For its part, ExxonMobil is excited about the partnership. “We maintain the highest standards for safety, health and environmental care,” says George Pietrogallo, public affairs manager.



A local woman gets a checkup with the help of Our Lady of the Lake's David Butler and nurse Kathi Pourchiau. The Mobile Health Unit's visits to the locations mentioned below are sponsored by ExxonMobil.

If you'd like to visit one of the health vans, they'll be in your neighborhood on the third Monday of each month at the following locations and times:

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| • UNITED METHODIST HOPE MINISTRIES | 4643 Winbourne Avenue | 8:00 AM - 10 AM |
| • GREATER MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH | 1414 Sora Street | 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM |

HOME SAFETY TIPS FROM EXXONMOBIL SAFETY EXPERT

Take Care To Prevent Home Injuries

2555 Navajo Street

Staying safe on the job is the top priority for ExxonMobil, as every employee knows well. Employees know and use the safety practices and procedures throughout the site. However, safety awareness and injury prevention is a mindset. Safety in the home is just as important as on the job.

“Our employees care about and watch out for each other,” says Steve Pastorek, site safety advisor. “We also care for our employees by providing safety tips via safety meetings and communications to help employees and their families live a safe and healthy lifestyle.” That's why Pastorek encourages everyone to practice the following safety techniques. While many of them sound like good common sense, they're invaluable reminders that may help you prevent future injuries or accidents.

SAFETY TECHNIQUES

- 1 Use proper lifting techniques to prevent back strain while lifting packages.
- 2 While cooking, never leave a stove unattended.
- 3 Check your hot water heater to make sure the water temperature is not too high.
- 4 Use step ladders instead of chairs to reach objects up high.
- 5 Read the labels on cleaning products to understand potential hazards, and get the proper personal protective equipment to use while handling chemicals.
- 6 Wear safety glasses and hearing protection while mowing the lawn.
- 7 Use guards provided for power tools such as table saws.
- 8 Don't overload electrical circuits, especially during the holiday season.
- 9 Drink plenty of fluids and avoid strenuous work during the hot summer afternoons.
- 10 Ensure that you have proper body position while using your personal computer.

FOURTH COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP IN FULL SWING

Neighbors Meet With ExxonMobil Top Management

Once a month, neighbors and friends from the surrounding community gather for dinner with ExxonMobil site managers to talk about issues of common concern. It's part of a process called the Community Dialogue Group (CDG), and the first three installments have proven so successful that round number four is currently under way.

"The CDG process is a valuable two-way communication opportunity," says CDG Facilitator Tim Johnson. "Neighbors get to share with ExxonMobil's leaders their thoughts and feelings about the company's operations. ExxonMobil gets to share what's going on from their perspective. It's a good, open exchange of dialogue."

Neighbors converse with ExxonMobil's top management in Baton Rouge. Chemical Plant Manager Bryan Milton and Refinery Manager Stan Vanderleeuw participate in nearly every meeting.

As with previous dialogue groups, CDG 4 includes a wide variety of representatives from

North Baton Rouge and will cover a variety of topics at its meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday of the month. Based on the new group's initial meeting, upcoming discussions promise to be lively and informative.

"We tell folks very clearly you provide the feedback and the dialogue," Johnson says. "Then it's ExxonMobil's responsibility to consider the feedback."

"We've got a good group of people in CDG 4," Johnson says. "Based on our first meeting, we've got a very vocal and outspoken group."

Johnson says no single issue dominated the first gathering, but participants asked lots of tough questions and were very engaged in the discussions. And that initial meeting was just sort of an introduction.

"This first meeting was primarily an overview of ExxonMobil," Johnson says. "It's hard for them to have future discussions if they don't understand what ExxonMobil does." Future meetings will cover other topics, including safety, security, hiring and training.

"Each group is pretty unique and comes with different perspectives," Johnson says. "In the last group, there was a lot of good feedback relative to how to make the community aware of emergencies and what to do in the event of emergencies."

That, of course, is the whole purpose of CDGs. Site managers will study the suggestions and feedback they got from the group.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ADDRESS WINNERS!

Neighbor Carol McDaniel found her address in *ExxonMobil Neighbor News* and won a prize. We hide four addresses from the 70805 area in every issue, so be sure to read the stories about neighborhood activities and look for your address (ex. 1234 John Doe Avenue). Mailing label does not count.

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