

## Chalmette Employees Celebrate One Year Injury Free

**S**afety is a core value at Chalmette Refining. We have a simple goal when it comes to safety – “Nobody Gets Hurt.” In March our employees celebrated the milestone of one year without an OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration) recordable injury: a recordable injury is a work related injury or illness that requires medical treatment, more than a simple first aid, and must be reported.

“This accomplishment was achieved by the commitment of all Chalmette Refining employees to work safely on a continuous basis,” says Richard Igerich, Refinery Manager. “Our task to be perfect in safety never ends – only the hard work of our employees to take care of themselves and their co-workers allowed us to reach this safety milestone.”

Employees were rewarded with special personalized shirts commemorating the event but the real prize is that no one got hurt.



Employees of Chalmette Refining celebrated one year without a recordable on March 8, 2010. Jimmy Acosta (left) and Kevin Potter of Chalmette joined in the celebration. Photo by Doug Toussaint.

## Chalmette Refining Is Ready for Hurricane Season



**W**ith the threat of hurricanes looming, Chalmette Refining stands poised and prepared to withstand a major storm. Underlying this confidence is a refinery hurricane plan that continues to undergo improvements as each storm season tests its effectiveness.

Every year at the beginning of hurricane season, the refinery’s Hurricane Advisory Committee meets to discuss any new updates or changes to the hurricane plan. Personnel also inspect the facility and make necessary preparations for the upcoming hurricane season. Employees are also educated and encouraged to have a personal hurricane preparation plan in place at home as well.

“We also coordinate our plans with the St. Bernard Parish government leadership in the event of a disaster,” says Scott Goodwin, Chalmette Refining’s Hurricane Advisory Committee chairman “We maintain a seat in the Parish’s emergency operations center. When they start planning out what they’re going to do, we actually have a spot at the table.”



Gerald Rogers, Field Safety Advisor inspects the facility in preparation for hurricane season. Photo by Roger Evans.



## Green Team Summer Program Employed St. Bernard Teens

**F**or the 15th year, Chalmette Refining, in conjunction with the St. Bernard Career Solutions Center, the St. Bernard Parish School Board, the St. Bernard Parish Government, and Nunez Community College, sponsored the summer Green Team Program. ExxonMobil Foundation gave a grant of \$71,000 for this year’s summer program.

Each summer young adults are provided a job that directly benefits our community as they undertake beautification and reparation projects for the School Board and the Parish Government. The educational component of this program was provided by Nunez Community College which offered college level courses designed to expose the members of the Green Team to new experiences and ideas.

There were 28 students, aged 16-19, and 3 supervisors participating in this year’s St. Bernard Green Team. The program started June 7 and ended July 30.

Members of the 2010 Green Team are pictured with: Lenore Duplessis, St. Bernard Parish Government; Delores Landry and Alice Cooney, St. Bernard Career Solutions Center; Ernest Frazier, Nunez Community College; Chris Turgeon and David Roberts, Crew Supervisors; and William Hinson and Richard Igerich, Chalmette Refining, LLC. Photo by Doug Toussaint.

### Green Team Participants

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| Brandon Abadie       | Miranda Lion      |
| Caleb Allen          | Joshua Major      |
| Brandon Banks        | Brianika Mathews  |
| Calvin Brown, Jr.    | Joseph McCurdy    |
| Desmond Ceaser       | Ezekiel Nelson    |
| Sadie DeJong         | Xuan Nguyen       |
| Destiny DeLos Reyes  | Shelby Oxner      |
| Maegan Deluca        | Courtney Patty    |
| Century Ecklund      | Joshua Schmaltz   |
| Tamikia Flores       | Karnell Sylve     |
| Lizette Gonzalez     | Cierra Thompson   |
| Louis Guerra         | Brandon Vega      |
| Richard Jackson, III | Terry Von Hall    |
| Kashella Jacobs      | Laoshia Woodberry |

## Free Health Fair & CPR Training a Success

**O**n Saturday, June 5th, Chalmette Refining, the American Red Cross (St. Bernard Chapter), and Tulane University School of Medicine partnered together to offer a Free-



St. Bernard residents were given information on health and nutrition at the free Health Fair. Photo by Doug Toussaint.

Health Fair & Free Adult-CPR and AED training at Joe Davies School in Meraux. The Health Fair was staffed by volunteer physicians from the Tulane University School of Medicine, combined Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program.

At the health fair doctor’s distributed health educational materials and resources that emphasize good health practices as part of risk-reducing therapy for various disease entities; and offered direct health services in the form of diagnostic testing, BP monitoring, child

wellness exams, and child safety tips, to name a few.

The CPR/AED training was provided by volunteers through the American Red Cross, and all participants received a free gift and certification.

The event was made possible by a grant from the ExxonMobil Foundation. Thanks also goes to P.J.’s Coffee, Breaux Mart, the St. Bernard Parish Fire Department, the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff’s Office, Acadian Ambulance, the St. Bernard Art Guild, and Kentwood Springs water for their time and donations to this event.



Krystal Hills of Violet earned her CPR certification at the free training. Photo by Doug Toussaint.

## After School Dance Programs Cultivate the Love of the Arts

**C**halmette Refining and NOBA (New Orleans Ballet Association) have partnered to offer a tuition-free, year-round comprehensive dance program for youth ages 6-18. The program, which was started in 1995, is designed to cultivate a child’s appreciation for the arts, while building self-esteem through challenges that speak to the child’s individual growth.

The \$25,000 program is funded by the ExxonMobil Foundation for programs that are held at Andrew Jackson

Elementary in Chalmette and the Cut Off Nord Center in Algiers. For more information on how to enroll contact www.nobadance.com.



Photo by Jeff Strout.

## Quick Facts



**CHALMETTE REFINING, L.L.C.**

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■ Chalmette Refining is a joint venture between affiliates of Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA) and ExxonMobil. ExxonMobil operates the facility. There are approximately 1,000 employees and contractors.

■ A mid-sized refinery, Chalmette Refining primarily receives its crude from Louisiana’s Gulf Coast and from Venezuela. It is uniquely equipped to handle heavy crude oil from Venezuela.

■ Chalmette Refining owes its success to the highly skilled women and men responsible for operating the facility around the clock, 365 days a year.