

Council Vice President Fielkow Donates \$25,000 Towards "Field of Dreams" Project in the 9th Ward

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New Orleans, LA - December 17, 2008 - New Orleans City Council Vice President Arnie Fielkow has pledged \$25,000 to George Washington Carver High School's "Field of Dreams" project in the 9th Ward, pending the school's receipt of a \$200,000 NFL grant earmarked for athletic fields. The "Field of Dreams" project was initiated by Carver Athletic Director Brian Bordainick and is intended to develop a first-rate athletic facility

which will serve as a catalyst for the rebuilding and recovery of the 9th Ward community.

Councilmember Fielkow said, "I am extremely impressed with the passion and efforts of Mr. Bordainick and the 'Field of Dreams' initiative which will provide first-class athletic and recreational opportunities for the 9th Ward community. As a former New Orleans Saints executive, I am very familiar with the NFL Grassroots Facility Grant and very much hope that Mr. Bordainick and Carver High School will be selected. The creation of quality recreational opportunities for our youth needs to be a priority for our city and the 'Field of Dreams' project is a great step in the right direction."

Fielkow, as chair of the City Council's Youth and Recreation Committee, is an advocate of rebuilding and improving recreation in New Orleans. Under his leadership, the City Council has increased the operating budget of the New Orleans Recreation Department (NORD), pushed for the restoration of aquatics programs for all New Orleanians and called for the full restoration and advancement of afterschool programs for all students.



About Field of Dreams

Brian Bordainick launched the Field of Dreams effort in November 2008 to rebuild the school's athletic fields, which were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The school's football team was resurrected this fall for the first time since the storm and currently plays on an abandoned lot. Individuals and community organizations are helping the school reach its fundraising goal by purchasing bricks on Carver's "Walkway of Hope."

For more information, visit
www.9thwardfieldofdreams.com.

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