

## Grand Isle "Fishing for a New Home" Rodeo

November 10, 2013 Grand Isle, LA – "Fishing for a New Home" was the theme of a fishing rodeo benefiting the campaign to build a permanent home for Methodist

Children's Home of Greater New Orleans. Sponsored by the Golden Meadow and Grand Isle United Methodist Churches in Galliano, Louisiana, the two-day fishing rodeo was held Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9, 2013. Participants in the rodeo enjoyed great fishing and also received a cap, lunch, and the satisfaction of knowing that part of their entry fee will support the new location for Methodist Children's Home of Greater New Orleans.

The fishing rodeo was an absolute success and is a perfect example of local congregations working together to make good things happen. Even before the awards ceremony had ended, those present were already talking about next year's "Fishing for a New Home" Rodeo. By the end of the second day, enough fresh fried fish was available to serve the Coast Guard, Fire Department, and military veterans for free! (One child weighed in a Red Snapper nearly as large as he is – so large it required a wheel barrow!)

There are so many people the Children's Home would like to thank! Mrs. Sue Galliano, our expert organizer; Rev. Chris Thomas, whose congregations hosted the rodeo; Mr. Wade McIntyre, who took photos; Mr. Jim Hogue, who served as emcee for the awards ceremony (and hand-carved the fishing trophies!); Mr. Curtis Pitre, who passed out the trophy awards and helped fry fish; Chef Ronnie Jacobs and his crew, Robert Keller and Henry Trahan, who cooks the world's best pastalaya; Mr. Dane Vizier, fish fryer extraordinaire; Mr. Dave Sears, who headed the Clean Crew! The Children's Home is also so grateful for the many members of the Grand Isle and Golden Meadow congregations who worked the two-day rodeo and made certain everyone had a great time!

Additional information about the search for property and the creation of a "New Place to Call Home" can be found at http://www.MCHGNO.org.

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