

# NEWS FROM INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

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## LEH Capital Campaign successfully concludes

LEH President and Executive Director Michael Sartisky, Ph.D., recently announced that all outstanding pledges for the LEH's 2006+ Capital Campaign have now been redeemed. All told, this first-ever LEH campaign raised more than \$4.5 million, exceeding our goal by \$1.5 million and accomplishing the following: (1) retiring the debt on the Louisiana Humanities Center and parking lot; (2) completely renovating our Turner's Hall property after 20 years of deferred maintenance; (3) constructing a state-of-the-art Humanities Education Center; (4) acquiring the 35-piece collection of John Scott's art—the largest collection anywhere; and (5) securing \$2.1 million in a long-term endowment. The campaign's lead donors included the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation, the Kresge Foundation, the Gustaf W. McIlhenny Family Foundation, the Helis Foundation, the Community Foundation of Shreveport-Bossier, The Historic New Orleans Collection, the Zemurray Foundation, Booth-Bricker Fund, and the State of Louisiana. Additionally, LEH Board participation in, and leadership of, the campaign was pivotal to its success.



"This was an unprecedented achievement for any state humanities council in the nation," stated Dr. Sartisky. "One for which we should all be proud." I join Dr. Sartisky in thanking *each and every LEH supporter* who made our first campaign a success!

## Boh Brothers Construction renews PRIME TIME sponsorship


I want to express my deepest gratitude to Robert S. Boh, President of Boh Brothers Construction, for renewing the company's \$10,000 annual sponsorship of PRIME TIME Family Reading Time for 2011-2012. From the first days of the company's 2010-2011 sponsorship, Robert's commitment to improving education across Greater New Orleans was evident. Despite a busy schedule and many competing commitments, he personally visited both PRIME TIME programs made possible by his company's generosity. In short, Boh Brothers Construction is actively partnering with the LEH and PRIME TIME to *change lives for the better by ending the cycle of illiteracy and low-literacy in our community.*

Students and Parents of  
**Arthur Ashe and John Dibert**  
Charter Schools Appreciate

**BOH BROS. CONSTRUCTION**

for Sponsoring *PRIME TIME*  
at the  
**Louisiana Children's Museum**

**THANK YOU!!!**



## IBERIABANK sponsors annual LEH Humanities Awards event

IBERIABANK, the fastest growing Louisiana-headquartered bank, was the prime sponsor of the LEH's 2011 Annual Awards Event held April 2 at Houmas House Plantation and Gardens. Nearly 150 people from across the state attended the event. This \$10,000 gift was in addition to IBERIABANK's recent \$5,000 gift to sponsor PRIME TIME Family Reading Time in Orleans Parish. The LEH thanks IBERIABANK Regional President Karl Hoefer and Executive Vice President and Commercial Manager M. Cleland Powell for their generous support.



"IBERIABANK is proud to sponsor the LEH Award Event," stated Mr. Hoefer. "The LEH does very important work and we appreciate being associated with such a worthwhile organization."

## Jones Family Foundation supports PRIME TIME

The LEH is honored to welcome a new private foundation supporter—the Eugenie and Joseph Jones Family Foundation of New Orleans—to our family of corporate and foundation sponsors of PRIME TIME Family Reading Time. The foundation's recent \$5,000 donation will support PRIME TIME at a high-need New Orleans site this fall. I want to personally thank Susan Jones Gundlach of the Jones Family Foundation for her strong commitment to a more literate and successful community, as well as her genuine interest in the LEH's PRIME TIME program. Finally, I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge my gratitude for (and mounting debt to) LEH Board Member Betsy Nalty for introducing Susan to us.



## LEH annual fund seeks defenders of Louisiana culture and education

May 1 marked the start of the third quarter in the LEH's 2010-2011 annual fund. I invite *Louisiana Cultural Vistas* readers to stand with the LEH to **defend culture and education**—which have been devalued or overlooked in this era of extreme financial belt-tightening. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation of any size to the LEH. A gift of \$50 or more entitles you to an annual subscription to this award-winning quarterly magazine, while larger donations bring many additional benefits. If you already subscribe, please consider a gift subscription for a family member or friend. For details, visit our website [www.leh.org](http://www.leh.org) and click on "Support the LEH." If you are already an LEH supporter, you have our sincere thanks.