



## **Leigh Thorpe Named Development Director**

### **At Bayou District Foundation**

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New Orleans, LA –

Leigh M.Thorpe has been named director of development for the non-profit Bayou District Foundation in New Orleans.

Thorpe, a Loyola University alumnus, was previously director of corporate partnerships for United Way of Greater New Orleans and also served as director of the 900-member Women's Leadership Council.

Thorpe is active in community affairs, including the Loyola University New Orleans Alumni Association, Young Leadership Council and Save Our Cemeteries.

The Bayou District Foundation was founded in 2005 to lead the transformation of the former St. Bernard Housing community in Gentilly into a new mixed-income residential neighborhood with new schools, retail services and recreational amenities. Today, more than 350 families live in Columbia Parc at the Bayou District - - by project completion in the next five years, the neighborhood will be home to over 1300 families.