

**About this issue of HANO Highlights:** December 2024 was an unforgettable month at HANO, brimming with the joy of the holiday spirit! We fondly remember a cherished member of the HANO family and celebrate the hard work and commitment of our employees.



## A CLAUS FOR CELEBRATION DELIVERS HOLIDAY JOY IN THE ESTATES, NEW FLORIDA, AND FISCHER COMMUNITIES

On Saturday, December 21, the air was filled with festive cheer during the annual A Claus for Celebration Gift Giveaway, organized by One Life One Future in collaboration with HANO's Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program team. Santa Claus and his helpers distributed coats, shoes, and more than 1,500 toys to the children residing in The Estates, New Florida, and Fischer Housing Developments. The success of this event was made possible thanks to the generous support and contributions from our community sponsors, particularly Cricket Wireless, Humana, GiveFor(504), The Level Up Campaign, NFL players Tanzel Smart and D'Marco Jackson, and the 9th Ward Community Choir.







## **HANO CELEBRATES SENIORS WITH HOLIDAY LUNCHEONS**

In December, HANO's Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program team organized a series of holiday luncheons, bringing joy and festive cheer to the seniors residing in The Estates, New Florida, Scattered Sites, and Fischer Communities. These holiday luncheons truly embodied the essence of community and well-being. Attendees enjoyed a delicious three-course meal, while the events featured door prizes, choirs performing Christmas carols, and health partners available to provide complimentary health screenings.

The holiday luncheon on Friday, December 13 was held at Thrive 9th Ward for the residents of The Estates, New Florida, and Scattered Sites Communities. The event began with a delightful musical performance and dance by the G.W. Carver "Singing Rams" High School Choir.

The luncheon for the Fischer Senior Community was held on Friday, December 20 at the Fischer Community Center. The Edna Karr "Voices of Pride" High School Choir delivered a beautiful performance of Christmas carols, helping everyone get into the holiday spirit. We extend our gratitude to the local dignitaries who joined us: HANO Interim Executive Director Keva Landrum, HANO Deputy Director of Operations Falecia Stewart, New Orleans City Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno, New Orleans City Councilmember Freddie King III, Louisiana State Representative Delisha Boyd, Captain Christina Watson and Santa from the NOPD 4th District, and representatives from Congressman Troy Carter's office.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our partners and sponsors for contributing to the success of the holiday luncheons.





## SANTA BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER TO THE LAFITTE DEVELOPMENT

On Thursday, December 19, Santa Claus paid a special visit to the Lafitte Development. The senior community helped Santa by wrapping presents and getting stockings ready for a children's party later that day. High Voltage organized the event in collaboration with HANO's Community Health Services Department.



### IN MEMORIAM: MANUEL "BUSY BUSY" ALFARO

HANO expresses deep sorrow over the passing of Facilities Manager Manuel Alfaro, who passed away on December 10, 2024. Fondly referred to as "Busy Busy," Manuel was a cherished member of the Asset Management team for more than 27 years. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and everyone who mourns his loss. He will be profoundly missed by all at HANO.



## 2024 HANO EMPLOYEE ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to the HANO employees who were honored with anniversary and service awards in 2024. The recipients were celebrated during the 1920s-themed Employee Appreciation Dinner held at Messina's Runway Cafe.

### 5 Years of Service

August Givens  
Khayriyyah Raheem  
Mark Wilson

### 10 Years of Service

Tracey Woods  
Leslie Duplessis  
Dianne Conerly

### 15 Years of Service

Edith Battiste

### 20 Years of Service

Carol Darby

### 25 Years of Service

Lynda Dabon

### 35 Years of Service

David Williams

### 40 Years of Service

Augustine Alexander

### Employee of the Year 2024

Jewry Brady

### Excellence in Service Award 2024

Krystal Smith

### Outstanding Achievement Award

Manuel Alfaro  
Reginald Thomas

