## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

## Help bring more quality food into the Lower 9!

The Lower Ninth Ward Food Access Coalition formed in 2012 to help increase access to quality food in the Lower Ninth Ward, which is considered a "food desert." The Coalition guided the creation of the Lower Ninth Ward Food Action Plan which outlines creative, nontraditional solutions to the problem of poor food access in the community.

We are now planning a neighborhood-wide survey to collect valuable information from Lower Ninth Ward residents that will help to develop the solutions outlined in the Food Action Plan: mobile grocery store, healthy corner store, and school-based grocery store.

Wanna help? We need volunteers to conduct the door-to-door survey.

If you want to help the Lower Ninth Ward community get better access to quality food, please contact us. We'll work around your schedule to make it easy!

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## LOWER NINTH WARD FOOD ACCESS COALITION

The Lower Ninth Ward Food Access Coalition envisions a neighborhood where availability of fresh, quality food is convenient and affordable for everyone in the Lower Ninth Ward. Our mission is to invest in the health of the community by supporting the development of sustainable food systems in the Lower Ninth Ward that are directed by and for its residents. The Lower Ninth Ward Food Access Coalition is made up of Lower 9th Ward residents and community leaders committed to addressing the food access issues of the Lower 9th Ward, which is considered a "food desert" by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development focuses on coastal rehabilitation, greening the built environment and increasing food security by lifting up and strategically reinforcing community driven goals throughout our work of creating an economically, culturally and environmentally sustainable Lower Ninth Ward.