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Let these Times Leaders inspire you

Meet The Times' 12th annual slate of Outstanding Leaders. You will find what might be considered obvious selections, and others who labor in areas that we believe deserve more recognition.

Rosie Chaffold literally has toiled in the community garden of Allendale, planting both her flag and vegetables in a neighborhood that needs revival. In a similar vein, Grace Peterson has become more than a state agriculture agent; she's a nutrition missionary in what she calls "food deserts."

Brandon Oldenburg may have won an Oscar for his an-

imated film, but this Texas transplant also is recruiting more talent to Shreveport's Moonbot Studios, growing a

creative class that expands our cultural boundaries. Keith and Ken Hanson are lo-

cally produced

innovators who

not only chose

to spread their

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entrepreneurial wings here, but seek to grow a

digital workforce. So successful was educator Patrick Greer in turning around a failing Caddo Parish middle school, he has now been entrusted with the struggling community icon that is Booker T. Washington High School. Pittre Walker, both in her professional and afterhours work, seeks to break the poverty cycle by meeting the educational and practical daily needs of children from

homeless families.
Similarly, Lee Jeter Sr.
works to provide more affordable housing through the Fuller Center for Housing, while also committing his energies to a variety of youth programs. Jean Sayres, a cofounder of another key weap-

on against homelessness, Providence House, more recently has been on the front lines of historic preservation, working to protect our cultural and architectural history.

Bob Hamm's advocacy causes range from education to exhorting state government toward policies that will build a better Louisiana. Lastly, Phil Blaufuss is one of those Air Force retirees who can't say "no" to a volunteer need, particularly in areas that benefit youth.

We hope their stories will unleash the passion and talents of more leaders to help us build a better community.

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The Times again is partnering with Alliance for Education to honor our slate of Outstanding Leaders. Alliance for Education will play host to a luncheon April 26 at East Ridge Country Club. Proceeds will fund

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Alliance for Education's mission of serving as a policy advocate for all children's education. Tickets cost \$50 each, \$400 per table. Call the Alliance for Education office at (318) 424-0599.

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