



shades of blue

building an oasis at the Granberry Boys and Girls Club

On Monday July 9th at 9am, a groundbreaking for **shades of blue** will be held at the Granberry Boys and Girls Club on 121 S. Washington (two blocks off of Cameron St.) UL Lafayette architecture students and local architects will construct the permanent tensile fabric canopy over the basketball court which requires much-needed shading. The Granberry Club serves over 300 children per day during the summer and a covered outdoor basketball area was identified as the top priority by the staff and the designers.

shades of blue is the culmination of a two year partnership between the Boys and Girls Clubs of Acadiana, the UL Lafayette Building Institute and the American Institute of Architects which resulted so far in master plans for three of the five clubs and multiple installations including the Face Wall, mosaic mural, inspirational totems and slide at the Granberry Club. The organizations have received \$40,000 in national grants towards the projects.

shades of blue was designed by UL Lafayette architecture students Chi Nguyen, Hans Breaux, Lee Merckle, Chris Angelle, Andrew Robicheaux and Brian Foley during the spring 2007 semester. Then this summer, Chi Nguyen and Hans Breaux traveled to Maine to work with internationally-known fabric designer Charles Duvall to create the canopies. Beginning on the day of the groundbreaking, RFB Electric will donate their time to excavate the foundations for the structure, ReSteel Express, Inc will donate reinforcing steel, twelve architecture students will build the foundations and Hernandez Ironwork will fabricate and erect the steel structure. Finally, the students and professional rigger, Chris Demerit will install the fabric at the end of July.

The bright **blue** color of the canopy is the official color of the Boys and Girls Club and both the color and the dynamic form of the canopy represent the **hope** that the project is intended to bring the children and community.