

# All the help, none of the commitment

Volunteer Baton Rouge is counting on young, active 20- and 30-somethings to fill out its new low-commitment volunteering program, dubbed Hands On Baton Rouge.

The program looks to create unique and flexible volunteer opportunities without any long-term obligation, says coordinator Blythe Daigle.

"There's no commitment, each one is a one-time deal," Daigle says.

Volunteering requires no training or preparation either, making it easy enough to show up and have a meaningful, hands-on experience.

Daigle says the program aims to have events after 5 p.m. on weeknights and nothing over three hours on the weekends. Other events will include cooking a large meal and serving it at a homeless shelter, both of which will be individual events varying in the amount of in-

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volvement volunteers have with the homeless. She says signing up online allows people to decide how directly involved they'd like to be.

"Not everyone wants to be involved directly with the clients, it's all about being comfortable," Daigle says.

Daigle says the program expects to have a new online registration system by September, which will allow participants to sign up and receive e-mail updates reminding them before it's time to volunteer.

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