

## **“It Takes a Village” - Morganza Cultural District Fundraiser**

The Morganza Cultural District held its first fundraiser on Friday, August 24, 2018. It was a pastalaya lunch plate. Each plate consisted of a large helping of pastalaya, a roll, a large spoon of white beans and a Little Debbie pie. Several famous “Morganza Cakes” were also donated and sold.

The committee sincerely wishes to thank everyone because just about everyone participated in one way or another. Five huge pots of pastalaya and a large pot beans were made by more than 15 cooks. Buck Morgan, Kris Purpera, Zach Lecoq, Brock Rivet, Brandon Ramagos, Mike Cashio and Doug Humphreys donated all the ingredients. Paul Wells donated the Little Debbie pies. A team of drivers delivered to more than 35 locations throughout Pointe Coupee parish and beyond. More than 50 workers assembled plates, sold locally, worked a drive-through pickup area and finally cleaned up.

A special thanks goes to St. Ann's for the use of facilities in Morganza, to Carla Rivet and Pauline Morgan for incredible organization, to the wonderful bakers who donated cakes and all who sold tickets. Many farmers and local businesses purchased large numbers of tickets and for that the Committee is very grateful.

The Committee would also like to thank the local, state and parish politicians who volunteered to help the Morganza Cultural District, regardless of it being in their district. There has been an overwhelming amount of support from political leaders and candidates from other municipalities.

Yes indeed, “It Takes a Village”.

More than \$10,000 was raised with more than 900 plates being sold. All of the money will go toward revitalization, beautification and cultural projects in and around Morganza. One town hall meeting has been held to garner input from local citizens regarding projects and prioritization. A second meeting will be held on Monday, September 10 at 6:30 pm at St. Ann's church hall in Morganza. Please make plans to attend!

A second fundraiser – a raffle is underway. First prize in the raffle is a TriStar G2 Viper 20 Gauge 3” Magnum semi-automatic shotgun and second prize is \$100. Tickets are \$2 and are available at Serio's Service Station or through one of the board members. If you'd like to help sell tickets or purchase any, email [TheMorganzaProject@gmail.com](mailto:TheMorganzaProject@gmail.com).