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**The Annual Arbor Day Apache Tree Give Away will be celebrated on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at the Terrebonne Parish Main Library, 151 Library Drive, Houma, LA., 9:00 A.M.**

Apache Corporation is pleased to announce that they are donating 200 trees in celebration of Arbor Day 2019. This will be the 13th year that Apache Corporation has made this tree give away event possible. There is a limit of two container saplings per household to be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis; so come early to assure your choice of various Louisiana native seedlings and saplings.

The Tree Give Away is an annual project of The Terrebonne Tree Board. Volunteers assisting with the distribution of the trees include; The La Terre Master Gardeners, LSU Agriculture Center, Terrebonne Parish Government staff, Apache Corporation staff and other community volunteers. These experts will also provide educational information about proper tree planting and maintenance.

A cornerstone of Apache's community outreach and giving efforts, the Apache Tree Grant program has donated more than 4.6 million trees to nonprofits across 17 states since its launch in 2005. In Terrebonne Parish, Apache has donated over 12,000 trees. "We are excited to provide the trees for the Terrebonne Parish Arbor Day Tree Give Away once again," said Emily McClung, Apache's vice president, Community Partnerships and Employee Engagement. "Our Tree Grant Program is part of our ongoing commitment to give where we live and work, and we could not make it happen without outstanding partners like Terrebonne Parish. We hope those able to pick up a tree enjoy planting them and watching them grow."

Apache Corporation is an oil and gas exploration and production company with operations in the United States, Egypt, and the United Kingdom. For more information about the Apache Tree Grant Program, please visit [www.apachelovestrees.com](http://www.apachelovestrees.com).

The Terrebonne Tree Board's Mission Statement is: "Planting Trees for Tomorrow, Preserving Trees for Today". The Terrebonne Tree Board takes this opportunity to emphasize the importance of trees as an economic and environmental asset. Trees attract new businesses, tourism and stimulate economic development. The most important and overlooked benefit of trees is that trees improve water quality. Trees manage water providing less runoff and erosion and allow recharging of the water supply states Trudy Hebert, Terrebonne Tree Board Chair, "Trees provide beauty, habitat, and aid in soil erosion control and storm water control. We thank Apache Foundation for their continued support."

Anyone interested in joining the Terrebonne Tree Board or volunteering for projects and events is asked to contact Trudy Hebert at 858-2897.

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