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Ascension Recreation Supports Tank Proof Swimming Program

Once twin brothers and Geismar natives Thurman and Torrence Thomas established their successful musical career, they decided it was time to give back to the community that supported them. The two knew that drowning was one of the leading causes of death in children under 5. They thought it was sad that so many children did not know how to swim and might never have the opportunity to learn, so they formed a non-profit organization, Tank Proof, to teach children how to swim.

The success of Tank Proof was immediate and phenomenal, spreading across the nation and featured on national television programs.

Now the brothers are back home and operating a Tank Proof swim session at the Gonzales Municipal Swimming Pool from July 13 through 16. Once registration opened, it quickly reached its maximum capacity enrollment.

The Ascension Parish Department of Recreation is looking at the event to gauge whether something like this could be added to the Parish's recreation mix.

"We want to expand the number and types of recreational programs in the Parish," said President Clint Cointment. "A public/private partnership like this one would go one step further, involving more people and spreading the word farther and faster."

President Cointment stated that he would attend the Friday session to cheer on the participants.

To learn more about Tank Proof, visit their website: <https://www.tankproof.org/> or their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/tankproofswim>.