

## **Bio - Arlen “Benny” Cenac Jr.**

Arlen “Benny” Cenac Jr. is a Louisiana-based entrepreneur with a global reach, an avid philanthropist to the gulf coast region and strong supporter of coastal wetland restoration.

Benny is a third-generation owner of Cenac Towing Company, originally founded in 1927 by his. Under his tenure as owner, Benny, has led the company since 1981 through several industry hardships by focusing on customer service, efficiency, quality and safety in its marine transportation services. Cenac Marine Services has clients across the country and maintains a focus on transporting liquid petroleum barges.

Cenac is guided by the values and principles established by Benny’s grandfather over 85 years ago: a commitment to employee satisfaction and great company morale. Benny takes pride in continuing this legacy, and is certain that all current employees would share that the company operates as a family and everyone from the boat captains to the security guards are treated as such.

In addition to Cenac, Benny owns several other business entities in the gulf coast region, touching a wide-range of industries such as retail, manufacturing, wholesale and agriculture. As an entrepreneur at heart, Benny enjoys seeking out new business opportunities across the region, in an effort to help cultivate a strong local economy.

As a dedicated leader in his community, Benny has served on several boards and committee’s, including Nicholls State University College of Business Advisory Board, Nicholls State University Foundation and Restore or Retreat. Benny is also a member of Waterways Operators, South Central Industrial Association, Bayou Community Foundation and Greater New Orleans Foundation.

Benny is also a devoted philanthropist, donating both his time and money to dozens of regional, national and international causes. He is most fond of his involvement with The Terrebonne Association for Retarded Citizens, Houma-Terrebonne NAACP, O.N.E./C.H.A.N.G.E., American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation and Make-A-Wish Foundation.