A Foundation Dedicated to OUR Community

Family and Festivals. Shrimping and Shipbuilding.
Bayou Terrebonne and Bayou Lafourche.
There’s no place like home.

Following Hurricane Katrina and the 2010 Gulf oil spill, a group of Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish residents and business owners came together to create a community foundation that would specifically serve the people and unique needs of the Bayou Region. The Bayou Community Foundation (BCF) was born in the spring of 2012.

At the BCF, we work to strengthen our local capacity to create a compassionate and sustainable coastal community for generations to come. We achieve this mission through strategic investments in education, workforce development, human services programs, and coastal preservation in Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle. BCF conducted a comprehensive community needs assessment in 2013 to understand the challenges we face and to target grants that best address these critical needs.

As a donor-advised fund of the Greater New Orleans Foundation, BCF is a tax-exempt charity that helps donors accomplish their philanthropic goals while helping to build a stronger, sustainable community for all of us who live and work in our precious Bayou Region.

We invite you to become a philanthropic partner in the Bayou Community Foundation.

Bayou CF.org
Why Donors Choose the Bayou Community Foundation

The BCF is specifically focused on Terrebonne Parish, Lafourche Parish, and Grand Isle and is governed by local residents who are committed to meeting the needs of our local community.

BCF Offers Donors:

- **Strategic Impact**: With deep and extensive local roots, our Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff understand local needs. We identify strategic grant opportunities and pool donor resources so that your giving has the greatest impact.

- **Maximum Tax Advantages**: Your contributions qualify for the maximum deductions allowed for charitable donations.

- **Hassle-Free Philanthropy**: Contribute directly to BCF and support many charities in our area without multiple payments, receipts, or paperwork. BCF can also manage grant-making programs for private foundations.

- **Flexible Donation Options**: BCF is equipped to accept a wide variety of gifts - from cash to securities to life insurance policies.

- **Funding Choices**: Direct your contribution to specific charitable efforts, or allow BCF to pool your contribution with others to meet an identified need in the community.

- **Long-Lasting Legacies**: Your gift can be endowed so it will fulfill your wishes and benefit our region in perpetuity.

- **Effective Stewardship and Accountability**: Our BCF Fund is managed by the Greater New Orleans Foundation, which has been working with donors in our area for more than 30 years.

- **Community Leadership**: Beyond grant-making, BCF conducts free workshops for our local nonprofits and coordinates “GiveNOLA Day for the Bayou Region.”

Why BCF?

“"We have been very blessed living and working in Lafourche Parish, and it is an honor to be able to give back. With so many great organizations doing important work, however, it can be tough making specific contribution decisions. That’s why we give to Bayou Community Foundation. With a single gift to BCF, we can support a number of organizations through BCF’s grants program, as well as workshops for nonprofits and other initiatives that strengthen our community. BCF is the way to go.”

- Henry and Kim Lafont / Larose, LA

YOUR GIFT. YOUR WAY.

Giving to the BCF is easy. These steps will get you on your way:

1. **Decide to Give**. Make a contribution now, plan for regular giving, establish it in your will or trust, or direct funds from your family or company foundation to BCF for ease of administration. Tax deductions are earned at the time of your gift, and your financial advisor or accountant can further explain tax-planning benefits.

2. **Decide What to Give**. Almost any kind of asset can be contributed: cash, publicly traded securities, closely held stock, interests in limited partnerships, real estate, life insurance, and private foundation assets. We can also discuss other options with you, such as bequests and charitable trusts.

3. **Decide How to Give**.
   - Care for the needs of the community with an unrestricted gift and BCF will direct your dollars through competitive grants.
   - Select issues or geographical areas that you are most passionate about and BCF will identify projects that meet your criteria for grants.
   - Designate your contribution to be granted to a specific organization or project via the BCF Fund.

4. **Give!** Visit our website at www.BayouCF.org for contact information and a donation form. We also accept donations by credit card on our website.

The Bayou Community Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity that helps donors accomplish their philanthropic goals while pooling resources to build a stronger, sustainable community for all of us who live and work in our precious Bayou Region.

The Bayou Community Foundation can manage grant-making funds for private, family, or corporate foundations to relieve you of associated administrative duties.

For a complete list of our current Board of Directors, please visit www.BayouCF.org.