



# Heart of the Bayou



News from the Bayou Community Foundation Fall 2016

## The Power of Philanthropy

# YOU and BCF Make OUR Community Stronger

Giving doesn't just feel great, it makes great things happen! Your generous gifts to Bayou Community Foundation fund critical grants to nonprofits in Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish, and Grand Isle that are changing lives and helping sustain this unique, precious Bayou Region that we call home.

Thanks to your generosity, BCF awarded \$190,650 in grants to 26 local nonprofits working in human services, education, workforce development, and coastal preservation - our largest grants program to date!

### 2016 Grant Recipients

- Autism Society Bayou
- Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
- CASA of Lafourche
- Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center
- Dulac Community Center
- FTTC Foundation
- Friends of Lafourche Drug Court Foundation
- Girls on the Run Bayou Region
- Hope Extreme
- Lafourche Education Foundation
- Lafourche Parish Special Education District #1
- MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services
- New Life Counseling Center
- Nicholls Foundation (Dept. of Biological Sciences)
- Restore or Retreat
- Lloyd Wallace Community Center
- South Central LA Human Services Authority
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- South Central LA Technical College
- St. Vincent de Paul Tri-Parish Pharmacy
- St. Francis Vegetable Garden
- St. Lucy Child Development Center
- START Corporation
- Terrebonne Foundation for Academic Excellence
- Terrebonne Churches United's Good Samaritan Food Bank
- VIA Link

***Your Gift to BCF Stays Right Here at Home and Does Some Amazing Work !***



#### WHY SUPPORT BCF?

*BCF grants to Hope Extreme fund after-school tutoring and summer reading programs for over 60 students in East Houma and helped the nonprofit buy a used van to transport students to and from the center. Your gifts make a difference!*



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Local Nonprofits” featuring six BCF grantees. What an eye-opening experience!

I want to thank the Terrebonne nonprofits who participated in the day, and all of those who “caught the bus” with us. We will be heading to Lafourche Parish next!

Events like this, as well as our annual Grant Awards Ceremony, bring the power of philanthropy to life through the great work of our amazing local nonprofit organizations. BCF is proud to help our generous donors like you make positive impacts on our community through grants to nonprofits.

Since 2013, gifts from donors like you

## Message from the Chairman

# Seeing Is Believing

In October, I had a tremendous opportunity to join other Bayou Community Foundation supporters on our first-ever “Bus Tour of

have funded 66 competitive grants from BCF totaling nearly \$600,000 to Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle nonprofits. In fact, in June BCF awarded our largest grant awards to date - \$190,650 to 26 nonprofits – to fund programs addressing critical needs in human services, education, workforce development, and coastal preservation.

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During these stressful economic times, we know these grants are more important than ever to keep critical programs afloat and give hope to our neighbors in need.

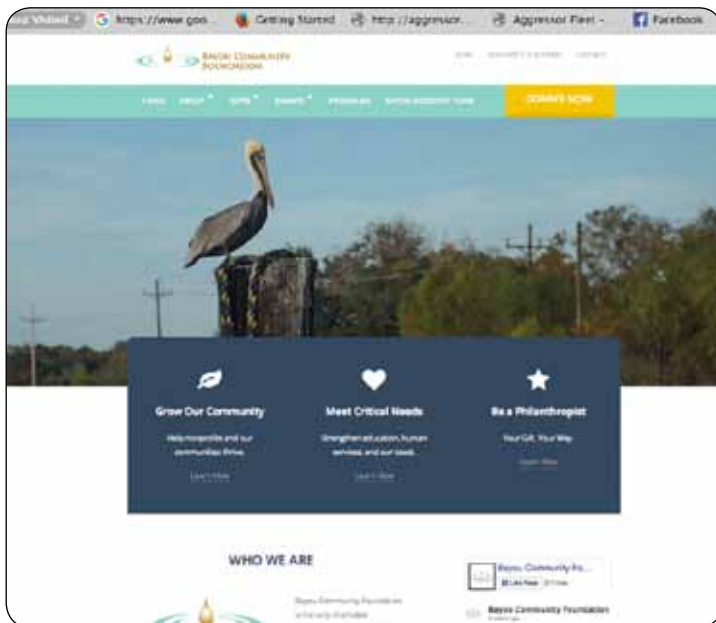
THANK YOU for sharing your time, talent, and treasures to BCF and for supporting our mission to create a compassionate and sustainable coastal community for generations to come. You are a community champion!

There is no better testament to the power of giving than seeing our gifts at work, and BCF is happy to make that happen. Seeing is believing! Merry Christmas!

## Check Out Our New Website!

- Grants Program
- Nonprofit Directory
- Recovery Fund
- Give Online

### BayouCF.org



## BCF 2017 Grants Program

Nonprofits in Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle are eligible to apply.

Phase 1 Application Process Opens **January 3, 2017.**

Visit [www.BayouCF.org](http://www.BayouCF.org) for information.

**Donors: You can fund a grant with a gift of any size to BCF by May 1!**

## *BCF Opens Recovery Fund for Future Disasters*

The historic floods in August reminded us all just how vulnerable we are to natural disasters. Recognizing that disasters can strike at any moment, BCF has opened the **Bayou Recovery Fund** to promote and accept private donations for disaster relief before, during, and after the next disaster strikes Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle.

“The Bayou Recovery Fund is our Bayou Region’s ‘bucket’ to receive private donations from around the country and the world and to distribute that aid to our own local nonprofits providing vital relief and recovery services specifically to our local communities,” BCF Chairman Stephen Peltier explains.



Tax-deductible contributions to the Bayou Recovery Fund are now being accepted at **BayouCF.org**. Your donations help us to build our bucket now, allowing BCF to act quickly to help organizations on the ground with initial relief efforts immediately following a storm or disaster. **One hundred percent of contributions** received will be granted out by BCF to Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle nonprofits providing recovery services directly to our residents.

## **Donors See Gifts at Work on First-Ever BCF Bus Tour**



On October 25, about two dozen BCF supporters boarded the bus for our first-ever “BCF Bus Tour of Local Nonprofits” in Terrebonne Parish, and what a trip it was! We heard how MacDonell Methodist Children’s Services and Options for Independence offer homes and hope to boys and girls who have nowhere else to turn and how St. Vincent Tri-Parish Pharmacy and Good Samaritan Food Bank distribute medicine and food to those in need. We also visited with the preschoolers at St. Lucy Day Care Center and the students at Hope Extreme, who are all taking

advantage of unique learning opportunities offered to at-risk youth at those centers.

BCF thanks all of those who joined us for the tour and our BCF grantees who welcomed us and shared their stories with us. Special thanks to MacDonell for hosting lunch and to the Terrebonne Council on Aging for our bus and driver.

Lafourche Parish - we’re coming to you next!



*BCF grantee St. Lucy Day Care Center was a stop on our first-ever BCF Bus Tour.*



*Thanks to our donors, a 2016 BCF grant to Terrebonne Churches United Good Samaritan Food Bank helps feed a growing number of needy families in our community.*

## About Bayou Community Foundation

Established in 2012 by local residents, **Bayou Community Foundation** is the “philanthropic bucket” for Terrebonne Parish, Lafourche Parish, and Grand Isle. Our founders recognized that a community foundation was essential to attract philanthropic recovery dollars after disasters, as well as to build a permanent fund for donors to invest in our community during prosperous times.

Through the generosity of our donors, BCF strengthens our local community by awarding grants to Bayou Region nonprofit programs focused on education and workforce development, coastal preservation, and human services. BCF is also building a Bayou Recovery Fund for future disasters, offers workshops for local nonprofits, coordinates GiveNOLA Day for the Bayou Region, assesses community needs, and promotes other initiatives aimed at building our community.



**BayouCF.org**



### **Giving Back. Growing Stronger. Together.**

*The Bayou Community Foundation is the ONLY community foundation serving Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish, and Grand Isle with grants to local nonprofits, a disaster recovery fund, and other community programs.*

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