You and BCF are Changing Our Community for the Better

GIVING MAKES GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!

Your generous gifts to Bayou Community Foundation fund grants to nonprofits in Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish, and Grand Isle that are feeding, teaching and protecting children and families, as well as strengthening our precious coastal communities. Thanks to your generosity, BCF awarded $220,020 in grants this year to 29 local nonprofits filling critical needs in human services, education, workforce development, and coastal preservation.

WHY GIVE TO BCF?

Because your gift is invested with others to make an even BIGGER impact on our Bayou community, like a $2,500 grant to Girls on the Run Bayou Region that expands the program to 30 at-risk young ladies at Hooper Dorm and in the juvenile justice system.

2017 Grant Recipients

- Terrebonne Red Ribbon
- VIA Link
- Girls on the Run Bayou Region
- Bayou Bell Ringers
- Bayou Country Children’s Museum
- Bayou Council Behavioral Health Services
- Nicholls Foundation/College of Business
- Rev. Lloyd Wallace Community Center
- St. Francis Vegetable Garden
- Les Reflections du Bayou
- START Corporation
- CASA of Lafourche
- SCLTC Lafourche
- CASA of Terrebonne
- Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center
- The Haven
- Lafourche ARC
- Lafourche Education Foundation
- Louis Children’s Crisis Center
- MacDonell Children’s Services
- New Life Counseling Center
- Options for Independence
- St. Vincent de Paul Tri-Parish Pharmacy
- Terrebonne ARC
- Terrebonne Foundation for Academic Excellence
- Friends of PACT Place
One day each year, Bayou Community Foundation donors and volunteers feel like fairy godmothers making dreams come true. That one day in June is the day of our BCF Grants Ceremony and what an inspiring day it is!

Since 2013, BCF has, through the generosity of our donors, awarded 95 grants worth over $782,000 to nonprofits working in Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle. On June 28 of this year, the foundation awarded our largest grants total to date - $220,020 to 29 local nonprofits.

That is a testament to the tremendous commitment of our donors to support organizations and issues that they are passionate about. It’s an even stronger testament to the critical needs of our community and the impactful work being done by our local nonprofits to address those human services, education and coastal preservation needs.

During the grants ceremony, we ask each of the grantees to tell us a little bit about the work they do and how the grant will be used. This is when the written words on their grant applications really come to life and we are blown away by the nonprofits’ heartfelt stories of service and survival for the residents they serve.

There are stories like the one we heard from Louis Children’s Crisis Center, whose representative described the extreme environments the children in their care come from, the mental and behavioral issues they face, and how the BCF grant will help give these children the expert care they need. Similarly, MacDonell Children’s Home staff told us about the troubling increase in youth victims of sexual violence and how their grant for a Sexual Trauma Center will help MacDonell provide important counseling and medical services to these young victims on site.

Then there are the Bayou Bell Ringers who shared how their organization gives people with disabilities a chance to express themselves through music, and Lafourche ARC who told us about the thrift store they are opening to give residents with disabilities an opportunity to gain rewarding work experience. The list of inspirational stories goes on and on, and so does the list of continued needs.

We will likely never fill all the needs of our community, but BCF and our donors are working hard to address as many as we can.

I encourage you to join us in this work by continuing your gifts to BCF or making your first gift. At our next grants ceremony, you’ll see and hear the great work your gift is doing in the community and, I promise, you won’t be disappointed!
With a $10,000 grant from BCF in 2016, the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program purchased 13 canoes and a trailer to help volunteers reach remote wetlands areas for coastal restoration projects.

Hurricane Harvey Reminds Us of Our Vulnerability

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our neighbors in Texas and here in Louisiana who are recovering from Hurricane Harvey and the unprecedented flooding that followed. Once again, those of us in the Bayou Region are reminded just how vulnerable we are to disaster and how quickly our communities can be devastated by water and wind.

That’s why BCF is building the Bayou Recovery Fund to serve as a “bucket of aid” to help Lafourche, Terrebonne and Grand Isle prepare and recover when natural or man-made disasters strike our region.

Your donations help us build our bucket now, allowing BCF to act quickly to help local organizations on the ground with relief efforts when a storm or other emergency impacts our area.

One hundred percent of contributions received in the Bayou Recovery Fund will be granted out to Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle nonprofits providing recovery services directly to our residents. GIVE AT www.BayouCF.org!

Residents Give Big for Give Bayou!

May 2, 2017 Gifts to:
Lafourche nonprofits - $49,969
Terrebonne nonprofits - $27,998

THANK YOU!

On Tuesday, May 2, residents across our Bayou Region and beyond answered the call to “Give Bayou” by donating nearly $78,000 to 53 Lafourche and Terrebonne nonprofits as part of GiveNOLA Day. BCF received $5,985 of that total in gifts. Give Bayou is a local campaign coordinated by BCF to encourage local donors to give to local nonprofits that do so much to serve our community during the 24-hour online giving event known as GiveNOLA Day, hosted by the Greater New Orleans Foundation on the first Tuesday of May. 2018 Give NOLA Day is Tuesday, May 1!
**Grantee Spotlight:**

**Friends of PACT Place: Keeping Children and Parents Safe**

**PACT Place**, managed by the Lafourche Parish Sheriff’s Office, offers supervised visitation and monitored exchange services for families with a history of or a potential for domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault or stalking.

The home-like facility was established in 2009 by Lafourche Parish Sheriff Craig Webre as one of the first visitation programs in the state to provide a safe, secure and supportive environment for children and parents. In 2016, the PACT Place provided 519 supervised visits and 359 monitored exchanges between children and their non-custodial parent.

BCF awarded the **Friends of PACT Place**, a nonprofit supporting the program, a grant of $15,120 in June 2017 to provide three months of service for 50 families in our region at PACT Place.

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**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, and to build a permanent fund for donors to invest in our community during prosperous times.

Through the generosity of our donors, BCF awards grants to local nonprofits working in education and workforce development, coastal preservation and human services. BCF is also building a Bayou Recovery Fund to help us recover from future disasters, offers workshops for local nonprofits, coordinates the Give Bayou campaign, and works on other efforts to strengthen community.

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