



**BAYOU COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

Heart of the Bayou



News from the Bayou Community Foundation *Fall 2018*

YOUR GIFT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Helping Others Strengthens Our Precious Community!

Your generous gifts to Bayou Community Foundation fund grants to nonprofits in Lafourche, Terrebonne and Grand Isle that feed and clothe the poor, provide medicine and counseling to the needy, protect women and children, mentor at-risk students, and so much more. **Thanks to your generosity, BCF awarded \$230,000 in grants this year to 29 local nonprofits filling critical needs in our community.**



WHY GIVE TO BCF?

*Because your gift is invested with others to make an even **BIGGER** impact on our Bayou community, like a \$10,800 grant to **Lafourche ARC** for an awning and trailer to help 60 individuals with disabilities who work throughout the community.*

2018 Grant Recipients - Grants Totaling \$230,000

- Bayou Council Behavioral Health Services
- CASA of Terrebonne
- Catholic Community Center
- Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center
- Faith Ministries
- Fletcher Foundation
- Friends of PACT Place
- Girls on the Run
- Grand Caillou Middle School
- Gulf Coast Social Services
- Hope Restored Pregnancy Resource Center
- Jacob's Ladder
- Lafourche ARC
- Lafourche Education Foundation
- LUMCON
- M.D. Wright Academic Center
- MacDonell Children's Services
- New Life Counseling Center
- Options for Independence
- Rev. Lloyd Wallace Community Center
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- St. Francis Vegetable Garden
- St. Vincent de Paul Tri-Parish Pharmacy
- START Corporation
- Terrebonne ARC
- Terrebonne Foundation for Academic Excellence
- The Haven
- VIA Link
- Women's Restoration

Read More at BayouCF.org/grants-awarded



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2019 BCF Grants Program

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

Phase 1 Application
Process Opens
January 2, 2019.

Visit www.BayouCF.org
for information.

**Donors: Make a gift
of any size to the BCF
Grants Fund and you
fund a grant for a
local nonprofit!**



Dr. James Leonard

Message from the Chair \$1 Million and Counting

This summer, Bayou Community Foundation presented 29 nonprofits serving Lafourche, Terrebonne and Grand Isle with \$230,000 in grants to address some of our Bayou Region's most critical needs, from food and medicine for the poor to safe homes for mothers and children in danger.

Our grants ceremony marks what we like to call, "the most wonderful day of the year," and this year it was extra special. Not only was this sixth annual grants program the largest to date, it also marked a tremendous milestone in our young foundation's and our community's history – we passed the \$1 million mark!

Since 2013, thanks to the tremendous support of donors like you, BCF has awarded 124 grants totaling \$1,012,270 to local nonprofits. That is an amazing investment in the health and sustainability of our unique and precious community by all of us who proudly call this area home, as well as others who care very deeply about our part of the world. Congratulations, my friends! We

have achieved this milestone together!

What makes this \$1 million figure even more amazing is what it represents. Each and every dollar out of this \$1 million represents a meal, a prescription, a book, a class, a counseling session, a child advocate, or a home made possible through the generosity of BCF donors. In the end, **our grants are touching and helping REAL PEOPLE - family, friends and neighbors – who need the assistance that only our local nonprofits can provide.** Help starts right here at home and your gifts to BCF make that help happen!

As we approach the holiday season, normally a time of celebration and joy, we

keep in our thoughts and prayers all our local families who face loss or hardship. Your year-end gift to BCF will fund a 2019 grant and make a huge impact on families like these who are struggling in so many ways.

Join me in growing the BCF grants fund and, together, we will make another \$1 million investment in our community!

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Your gifts to BCF give the gift of reading!

With a \$10,000 BCF grant, the Terrebonne Foundation for Academic Excellence enrolled over 150 pre-schoolers from Head Start programs into the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Over the next five years, **7,100 books will be in the hands of area children, helping them get "ready to read!"**

Conference Is a Hit for Local Nonprofits



Over 100 representatives from Bayou Region nonprofits attended the first-ever Bayou Region Conference for Nonprofits at **Fletcher Technical Community College** on July 26. Presented by the Bayou Community Foundation and Greater New Orleans Foundation, the “Focus on Funding” conference featured sessions by professional speakers designed to help nonprofit leaders strengthen their fundraising efforts.

The conference also included a panel discussion by local grant funders including BCF, GNOF, Chevron, Entergy Louisiana, Danos Foundation and Louisiana Bar Foundation.

**Thanks to our sponsors for making this inaugural event possible:
Cenac Marine Services, Buquet Distributing,
Digital InSyte LLC, Synergy Bank and Simply Nonprofits.
Planning is underway for our next conference in 2019!**



Hop on the Bus!

We're visiting Central and South Lafourche on Tuesday, October 30.

Join us on Tuesday, October 30 for the third annual BCF Bus Tour of Grantees and see the power of your philanthropy at work! We have a great day planned beginning with lunch and followed by tours of **Catholic Community Center** in Cut Off, **PACT Place** in Lockport and the **Rev. Lloyd Wallace Community Center** in Raceland - home of the “**Beyond the Bell**” after-school tutoring program - with other nonprofit presentations along the way. Transportation is provided by **Lafourche ARC**. Email BCF Coordinator at ArmandJ@BayouCF.org for more information and to reserve your seat on the bus. All are welcome! See you on October 30!



Give the Gift of GIVING this Christmas Season!

*Philanthropy is always the right size and color, and feels so GOOD! Wrap up your gift-giving this holiday season and throughout the year with **BCF Giving Certificates**. Donate to BCF in honor of a friend or loved one at BayouCF.org, then print out a Giving Certificate for them as a tribute to their generous spirit. Your gift will keep on giving by funding a grant for a local nonprofit that helps others in need!*

Learn more at www.BayouCF.org/donate-now.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT: New Life Counseling Center

New Life Counseling Center in Cut Off is making a positive difference in the lives of children, adults and families in South Lafourche and Grand Isle by providing faith-based counseling and resources for substance abuse, anxiety, depression, anger management, grief, and marital and parental issues.

According to Executive Director Matt Dickinson, New Life has always attempted to provide financially impoverished residents of the community access to quality mental health care, and grants from Bayou Community Foundation have allowed residents to get the help they need regardless of their financial situation.

Since 2015, BCF has awarded New Life Counseling Center grants totaling \$38,000 for the “Access to Care” program. With its \$10,000 grant in 2017, the nonprofit was able to provide 286 counseling sessions to 41 individuals ages five through 70 during a 12-month period.

Learn more at TheNewLifeCenter.org.



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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