



UNITED WAY SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

# ANNUAL REPORT

2024



# CORPORATE CORNERSTONE

Our Corporate Cornerstone companies designate their gifts to help underwrite United Way Southwest Louisiana’s annual campaign, dues and administrative costs. With these designations, United Way Southwest Louisiana is able to maximize the dollars donated to our campaign.

			<b>PLATINUM</b>	Total Investment of \$100,000 +
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	<b>TITANIUM</b>	Total Investment of \$25,000 - \$49,999			<b>PEWTER</b>	Total Investment of \$10,000 - \$24,999
						

## NICKEL SPONSORS

Total Investment of \$5,000 - \$9,999



## COPPER SPONSORS

Total Investment of \$150 - \$4,999

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|---------------------------|---|
| Alfred Palma, Inc.        | Louisiana State Troopers- Troop D       |
| Beauregard Electric Co-Op | Lotte Chemical                          |
| b1bank                    | PPG Industries                          |
| Coushatta Casino Resort   | R & H Quality Refractory Services, Inc. |
| Hancock Whitney           | The Evangeline Bank & Trust Company     |
| Ingevity                  | Visit Lake Charles                      |
| Investar Bank             | West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital         |
| Lakeside Bank             |   |

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

## DENISE DUREL

As we reflect on the year, I am filled with gratitude for our community's incredible resilience and unwavering commitment. Together, we navigated numerous challenges while celebrating significant achievements that have strengthened the fabric of Southwest Louisiana.

This year, we witnessed the power of collaboration and the profound impact of your contributions. With your support, United Way Southwest Louisiana was able to invest in vital programs that address education, financial stability, and health – the cornerstones of thriving communities. Each dollar you donated became a catalyst for change, empowering individuals and families to build better futures.

Our dedicated team and passionate volunteers worked tirelessly to expand our outreach programs, making essential services more accessible to those in need. We launched new Initiatives that specifically target vulnerable populations, ensuring that no one is left behind as we strive for a healthier, more equitable community.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize our incredible partners. Your collaboration has been instrumental in amplifying our efforts, from local businesses to government agencies and fellow nonprofits. Together, we are creating a united front against many of our neighbors' challenges.

As we look ahead, let us continue to harness the spirit of hope and the strength of our community. We invite you to join us in our mission to improve lives and create lasting change. Your involvement is crucial as we work toward a brighter future for all in Southwest Louisiana.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we are making a difference.

With heartfelt appreciation,

# OUR STRATEGIC REBRANDING

United Way Southwest Louisiana embraces a transformative shift toward more modern and current Impact Areas. This evolution in our operations and objectives underscores our commitment to stay ahead of the curve, addressing the ever-changing needs of our community with agility and foresight. This positive progression reflects our dedication to innovation and sustainability, showcasing our drive to make a lasting, impactful difference in the lives of individuals and families. By honing in on these contemporary issues, we are not just responding to immediate crises but preemptively strengthening our community’s foundation against future challenges, ensuring that our legacy of impact and innovation remains robust and relevant.

## RENEWED

### MISSION

From strengthening local resilience to advancing healthy communities, youth opportunity and financial security, United Way Southwest Louisiana is mobilizing communities to take action so all can thrive.

### VISION

To transform the lives of every struggling individual, family or community in Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jeff Davis parishes.



## GREGORY P. THIBODEAUX TURNER INDUSTRIES



“AT UNITED WAY SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA, MY FAVORITE PART IS WITNESSING THE INCREDIBLE TRANSFORMATION WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY AS WE COME TOGETHER TO UPLIFT THOSE IN NEED. IT’S THE COLLECTIVE COMPASSION AND COLLABORATION THAT TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

### A WORD FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

As we conclude another impactful year at United Way Southwest Louisiana, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you who have played a part in our journey. Your support has been vital in advancing our mission and ensuring that countless individuals and families have access to the resources they need to thrive.

The strength of our community lies in our collective efforts. Through collaboration, innovation, and unwavering dedication, we have made significant strides in improving education, promoting financial stability, and enhancing health services in our region.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that await us. With your continued partnership, we can further our impact and create lasting change for those who need it most.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for standing with us as we work toward a brighter future for Southwest Louisiana.

Warm regards,

## EXECUTIVE BOARD



**Vice Chair**  
**Stephen Dwight**  
Calcasieu Parish District Attorney



**Vice Chair**  
**Kirk Pellerin**  
Sabine State Bank



**Treasurer**  
**Boyd Boudreaux**  
The Evangeline Bank & Trust Company



**Secretary**  
**James McGee**



**Member at Large**  
**Missy Amidon**  
CITGO Petroleum Corporation



**Member at Large**  
**Keith Faul**  
Retired, LyondellBasell



**Member at Large**  
**Floyd Mitchell**  
Chemical Waste Management



**Past Chair**  
**Leona Fletcher**  
Rain Carbon Inc.

## GOVERNING BOARD



**Wendy Aguillard**  
Calcasieu Parish Assessor



**Debra Lastrapes**  
Retired, Calcasieu Refining Company

**Paige Clayton**  
ClayStoneco Investments



**Marcie Michalko**  
Westlake Corporation



**Greg Defrates**  
Firestone Polymers



**Patricia Prebula**  
AdSource Outdoor Advertising

**Tonya Griffith**  
Wells Fargo Advisors



**Joe Robinson**  
Ingevity



**Tony Guillory**  
LA Police Jury Association



**Mike Solari**  
Mike Solari Company

**Nate Keller**  
Ward 3 Marshal



**Scot Tyler**  
Phillips 66



**Kevin Lacy**  
Investar Bank



**Tony Wood**  
LyondellBasell

# OUR TEAM



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

SENIOR DIRECTOR  
JENNIFER DIMAS



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ACCOUNTING MANAGER  
ALISHA JOHNSON



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
JULIE CARROLL



PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PROJECT MANAGER  
KACEY PATRICK



COMMUNITY IMPACT

VICE PRESIDENT  
LAURIE MARTIN



COMMUNITY IMPACT

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
KIMBERLIE HECKARD



COMMUNITY IMPACT

SENIOR DIRECTOR  
SARINA CLOONEY



COMMUNITY IMPACT

IMPACT MANAGER  
SHENEIKA LEMELLE



RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

SENIOR DIRECTOR  
BECKY AINSWORTH



RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

CAMPAIGN MANAGER  
CATHERINE THEVENOT



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS  
SPECIAL EVENTS  
VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

VICE PRESIDENT  
TAMI CHRISOPE



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS  
SPECIAL EVENTS  
VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
ASHLEY NORMAN



**MISSY AMIDON  
CITGO PETROLEUM CORPORATION**



**“AS CAMPAIGN CHAIR, I’VE  
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PROFOUND IMPACT OF UNITY AND  
GENEROSITY IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
IT’S INSPIRING TO SEE EVERYONE  
COME TOGETHER, TRANSFORMING  
LIVES AND FOSTERING HOPE  
THROUGH OUR SHARED EFFORTS.”**

**A WORD FROM OUR  
CAMPAIGN CHAIR**

As Campaign Chair for United Way Southwest Louisiana, I have had the remarkable opportunity to witness firsthand the powerful impact we can have when we come together. Each moment spent collaborating with our dedicated team and community members reaffirms my belief in the strength of our collective efforts.

I am deeply committed to continuing our mission to expand our initiatives and reach even more individuals and families in need. This year has shown me that our community thrives when we invest in each other, and I am passionate about finding new ways to enhance our programs and partnerships.

Together, we can elevate our outreach, deepen our impact, and ensure that no one is left behind. The compassion and commitment of our supporters inspire me daily, and I look forward to forging ahead, united in purpose, to create lasting change. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this journey – your support truly makes all the difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Missy Amidon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a thin horizontal line.

## CAMPAIGN CABINET

### **INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS CHAIR**

Gregory P Thibodeaux  
Turner Industries

### **GOVERNMENT CHAIR**

Stephen Dwight  
Calcasieu Parish District Attorney

### **JEFF DAVIS CHAIR**

Lorena Ceasar  
Entergy Louisiana, LLC

### **EDUCATION CHAIR**

Holly Holland  
Calcasieu Parish School Board

### **AGENCY CHAIR**

Christy Papania-Jones  
St. Nicholas Center for Children

### **MAJOR INDUSTRIES CHAIR**

Curtis Brescher  
Westlake Corporation

### **HEALTH CO-CHAIRS**

Janie Fruge  
West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital  
Devon Hyde  
Lake Charles Memorial Health Systems  
Matthew Welsh  
West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital

### **F.I.R.E. CHAIR**

Barry Brown  
Red River Bank

### **UNION CHAIR**

Chuck Bennett  
District 5 Louisiana AFL-CIO

## ANNUAL AWARDS

### **CORPORATE PRIDE**

### **FIRESTONE POLYMERS**

Each year, the Corporate Pride Award honors the company or organization that has provided leadership to United Way both financially as well as worked to create a strong partnership working together to make our community stronger.

### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

### **KEITH FAUL**

Honors someone that highlights our broad base of volunteers and their contributions to all of us.

### **JIM LEIGH AWARD**

### **F.I.R.E. DIVISION - BARRY BROWN, RED RIVER BANK**

Awarded to the Campaign Division with the highest percent increase from the previous year.

### **SPIRIT OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA**

### **ADAM FONTENOT & NATHANIEL ALLURED**

Honors someone with a positive attitude toward life and an active volunteer in the community.

### **EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN AWARD**

### **KELSEY TALBOT**

Honors an ECC who like Leonard Richard is every bit the heart and soul of a company's campaign.

# LEADING COMPANIES

## TOP TWENTY-FIVE

1	CITGO PETROLEUM CORPORATION.....	\$996,983
2	Phillips 66.....	\$736,079
3	Westlake Corporation.....	\$664,238
4	Turner Industries.....	\$208,500
5	Louisiana Pigment.....	\$124,955
6	Rain Carbon, Inc.....	\$99,297
7	Firestone Polymers, LLC.....	\$87,826
8	GRACE.....	\$84,994
9	Calcasieu Parish School System.....	\$73,524
10	Calcasieu Refining Company.....	\$66,260
11	Entergy Louisiana, LLC.....	\$63,047
12	Denbury, Inc.....	\$50,000
13	PPG Industries.....	\$47,324
14	JD Bank.....	\$37,852
15	Chemical Waste Management.....	\$36,104
16	Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office.....	\$32,866
17	Capital One.....	\$30,000
18	Alcoa Carbon Products.....	\$24,480
19	United Way Southwest Louisiana.....	\$22,049
20	CenterPoint Energy.....	\$21,954
21	Zachry Industrial.....	\$20,599
22	Acadian Ambulance Services.....	\$17,794
23	ReCon Management Services, Inc.....	\$17,406
24	West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital.....	\$17,278
25	Biolab, Inc. KIK Consumer Products.....	\$16,792

## TOP LEADERSHIP GIVERS

1	CITGO Petroleum Corporation.....	560
2	Westlake Corporation.....	295
3	Phillips 66.....	95
4	Turner Industries.....	74
5	Firestone Polymers, LLC.....	46
6	Rain Carbon, Inc.....	30
7	PPG Industries.....	19
8	Chemical Waste Management.....	18

## TREMENDOUS TWENTY

1	UNITED WAY SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA.....	\$1,696
2	Rain Carbon, Inc.....	\$856
3	CITGO Petroleum Corporation.....	\$762
4	Excel Paralubes.....	\$455
5	Phillips 66.....	\$288
6	Calcasieu Refining Company.....	\$288
7	Firestone Polymers, LLC.....	\$275
8	First National Bank of Louisiana.....	\$261
9	Westlake Corporation.....	\$249
10	Big Brothers Big Sisters of SWLA, Inc.....	\$223
11	Polaris Engineering.....	\$197
12	Louisiana Pigment.....	\$187
13	Chemical Waste Management.....	\$182
14	St. Nicholas Center for Children.....	\$148
15	PPG Industries.....	\$129
16	GRACE.....	\$122
17	JD Bank.....	\$121
18	Oasis A Safe Haven.....	\$106
19	Calca Solutions, LLC.....	\$81
20	Visit Lake Charles.....	\$76



A partnership between United Way Southwest Louisiana, Market Basket and the City of Lake Charles supplied 60 families with grocery gift cards for Christmas meals.

## EMPLOYEE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

**ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY.....\$10,000 +**

**RAYMOND JAMES**  
Darren Easterling Pippio

# EMPLOYEE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

## FLEUR DE LIS.....\$5,000 TO \$9,999

### CALCASIEU REFINING

Levi LaLanne  
Russ Willmon

### CITGO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Brian Edwards

David Wilburn  
Desmond Jackson  
Dutch Crowe  
Joe Stark  
Kristin Prejean

Lynette Cormier-Pitre  
Martin Flaherty  
Robert Carter  
Tara Hogan  
TJ Ellzey

### INDIVIDUALS

Perry Moreau

## LAGNIAPPE.....\$2,500 TO \$4,999

### ALFRED PALMA INC

Alfred Palma

### CALCASIEU REFINING

Adam Judice  
Jason Suggs  
Keagan Manuel

### CITGO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Anastasia Britton  
Anne Doss  
Bethany LeJeune  
Brian Boudreaux  
Brittney Simon  
Carroll Richard  
Chris Berwick  
Christopher LeBlanc  
Christopher Theriot  
Cody Ross  
Curtis Manuel  
Daniel LeBrun  
Darby Quinn  
Darrin Keeling  
David Richard  
DD Jackson  
Derek Bellon  
Derek Granger  
Dustin Guidry

Dylan Johnson  
Emily Hickman  
Jacob Labove  
James Hollier  
Jared Edens  
Jenna Young  
Jenny Richard  
Joseph Ledoux  
Josh Nelms  
Joshua Orsot  
Kandies Victorian  
Lorne Spence  
Lynn Bryngelson  
Manuel Fontenot  
Mark Jester  
Marla Granger  
Marshall Paris  
Matthew Mouhot  
Matthew Peek  
Michael Istre  
Minda Doucet  
Miranda Dickerson  
Moon Manuel III  
Philip Istre  
Reginald Braxton  
Rhonda Granger  
Robert Boxie, Jr.

Scott Garvie  
Shannon LaBove  
Sherwin Roy  
Taylor Joseph  
TJ Scott  
Tyler McDonald  
Val Harvey  
William Parker

### FIRESTONE POLYMERS LLC

Alex Stanford  
Donald Pickle  
Robert Schlicher  
William Ellison

### JOHN DEERE

Roxie Narcisse

### PHILLIPS 66

Alberto Maxwell  
Andrea Lavigne  
Andrew Sona  
Angel Roche  
Bonnie Brawner  
Bradley Brown  
Carl Guidrey  
Chandra Piert  
Charlisa Hill  
Charron Comeaux

Christopher Ebersole  
Clayton Savant  
Courtney Boom  
Darrien Jackson  
David Cudd  
David Englehardt  
Deanna Jimney  
Detlef Gharst  
Erin Strang  
Jason Glass  
Jason Hardy  
Jody Pelloquin  
Karalee Wolfe  
Karen Hardy  
Katie Burgett  
Kevin Sandstead  
Kevin Thompson  
LJeanne Blanchette  
Lisa Bourque  
Lori Brown  
Megan Hartman  
Michael Orgeron  
Michael Vaughn  
Monica Collins  
Richard Cunningham  
Robert Trahan  
Scot Tyler

Scott Duckett  
Shakeitha Hanney  
Shane Tucker  
Timothy Ashworth  
Travis Ellzey  
Tricia Rapp  
Victor Diaz  
Yukki Leday Lewis

### POLARIS ENGINEERING

Gerry & Margaret Obluda  
Mike & Connie Nodier

### RAIN CARBON INC

Bryan Crochet  
Leona Fletcher  
Marvin & Ann Lubin

### RECON MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC

Roger Boyette

### UNITED WAY

### SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

Becky Ainsworth  
Denise Durel  
Laurie & Chip Martin  
Sarina Clooney  
Tami Chrisope

## PILLARS.....\$1,000 TO \$2,499

### ACADIAN AMBULANCE SERVICES

Casey Lewis  
David Edwards  
Keith Fults  
Timothy McKnight  
William Vincent Jr

### ALCOA CARBON PRODUCTS

Patrick Crisostomo

### AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL

Robert Kelly Shanks

### BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS SWLA

Erin Davison

### BIOLAB INC KIK CONSUMER PRODUCTS

Adam Hymel  
Brandon Johnson  
Brandon Landry  
Christian Istre  
Dwight Warner  
Edith Williams-Oliver  
John Bourgeois  
Kaytlynn Watson  
Kyle Guillory  
Matthew Mansco  
Michael Romero  
Timothy Newsome

### CALCA SOLUTIONS LLC

Mark Kern

### CALCASIEU COUNCIL ON AGING

Jacqueline Green

### CALCASIEU PARISH ASSESSORS OFFICE

Wendy Aguilard

### CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY

Tarek Polite

### CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

Jacqueline Simien Guillory  
Kacie Pugh  
Kellie East

### CALCASIEU REFINING COMPANY

Alicia LeBlanc  
Eric Baldauf  
Michael Murff  
Peter Shaw

### CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

Amanda Deville  
Belinda Spicer  
Clint Longnion  
David Michaelis  
Floyd Mitchell  
George Coward Jr  
Janet Doan  
Larry Cuppy  
Marcus Lafanette  
Mark Fritchie  
Paige Authement  
Scott Caraway  
Terry Guillory  
Timothy Hackart  
Travis Harmon  
Troy Comeaux  
Wyman Deville

### CITGO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Aaron Cooper  
Aaron Newman  
Adam Young  
Al Carroll  
Alisha Warren  
Allyson Miller  
Amanda Sonnier  
Amber Allen

Andrew Boggs  
Andrew Jester  
Anian Vincent Alcantara  
Anthony Banta  
Anthony Broxson  
Anthony LeBlanc  
Austin Ross  
Benjamin Miller  
Benjamin Touchet  
Billy Guidry  
Blake Johnson  
Brad Myers  
Bradley Robbins  
Brandon Guillory  
Brandon Moses  
Brandon O'Banion  
Brent Mayo  
Brent Myers  
Brent Shields  
Brett Thibodeaux  
Brian Corbett  
Brian Dougherty  
Brian Jones  
Bridgette Landreneau  
Bryan Barrow  
Bryan Curof  
Bucky Cooley  
Caissy McCall  
Caleb Smith  
Carl Bishop  
Carl Rachal  
Casey Chisholm  
Chad Langley  
Chad Thibodeaux  
Chazz Dronett  
Chellie LaBove  
Chris Colley  
Christopher Burnett

Christopher Clark  
Christopher Dupont  
Christopher Fontenot  
Christopher Menou  
Christopher Perrodin  
Christopher Reado  
Clint LaBove  
Clint Wagnon  
Cody Clark  
Cody Hoffpaur  
Cody Hooper  
Cody Savant  
Cody Talbot  
Collin Castille  
Collin Monceaux  
Connie Alleman  
Connie Smith  
Corbin Voegeli  
Corey Hart  
Corey Snead  
Corey Weeks  
Cory Vannetta  
Craig Bushnell  
Cynde Rice-Quiroz  
Dale Cryar Jr  
Dallas Cooley  
Daniel Ferguson  
Daniel Terro  
Darrell Gill  
David Castro  
David Fusilier  
David Guillory  
David Richmond  
David Scarborough  
David Stogner  
David Vogel  
Derek Duplichan  
Derek Hardie

Derek LeJeune  
Derek Poncho  
Derrick Campbell  
Dillan Duhon  
Donald Carlson Jr  
Eric Ardoin  
Eric Sonnier  
Falon Ryder  
Frank Kowatz  
Frank Mougeot  
Fred Bergeaux  
Gabriel Anderson  
Gary Owens  
Gary Vincent  
Gerald Anderson  
Greg Bernard  
Harry Green  
Ian Rodericks  
Irene Thomas  
Irvin Clark  
Isaac Benoit  
Jack Desselle  
Jake Fontenot  
James Charles  
James Guillory  
James Phipps II  
James Steward Jr  
Jared Williams  
Jason Bartlett  
Jason Bourgeois  
Jason Ellender  
Jason Reeser  
Jason Timman  
Jaye Kilburn  
Jeff Arceneaux  
Jeffrey Brown  
Jeffrey Dailey  
Jenniev Johnson

# EMPLOYEE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

## PILLARS.....\$1,000 TO \$2,499

Jennifer Young  
Jennifer Smith  
Jeremy Broussard  
Jeremy Istre  
Jeremy Molitor  
Jerry Wright  
Jessica Duplechin-Thomas  
Jimmy Rushing III  
John Fayko  
John LeBleu  
John Williams  
Johsie Boggan  
Jon Paul Zimmermann  
Joni Hargroder  
Jordan Halley  
Jordan Primeaux  
Jose Calles  
Joseph Bell  
Joseph Bilbo Jr  
Joseph Soileau  
Josh Allen  
Joshua Domingue  
Joshua Doran  
Joshua Stone  
Joshuah Lee  
Jude Fox  
Judgery Rigdon  
Justin Fontenot  
Justin Landry  
Justin Leleune  
Justin Rutherford  
Keith Johnson  
Kelly St Germain  
Kenneth Raimer  
Kevin Stanley  
Khristian Anthony  
Kim Relford  
Kyle Richard  
Kyle Simon  
Lance Tallman  
Lila Jackson  
Linda Drost  
Linus Conner  
Lisa Hepler  
Lonnie Primeaux  
Marcus Bebee  
Marcus Caesar  
Mark Jorden  
Mark Morvant  
Mary Cox  
Matthew Hill  
Matthew Jester  
Matthew Johnson  
Matthew Perkins  
Meghan Harrelson  
Melissa Bryan  
Melissa Fontenot  
Michael Bruce  
Michael Kleinpeter  
Michael Klumpp  
Michael Meche  
Michael Mitchell  
Michael Webb  
Mitchell Brown Jr  
Morgan Mestas  
Myles Pryor  
Nandi LeDoux  
Nathan Fontenot III  
Nathan Ogea  
Neal Thompson  
Nicholas Bynog  
Nicholas Myers  
Nicholas Pryor  
Nickolas Ardoin  
Oscar Goody III  
Patrick Fontenot  
Pete Pickering Jr  
Petula Glaspie  
Randall Jordan  
Rebecca Duckworth  
Richard Skinner  
Robert Dale  
Robert Graham  
Robert Robbins

Robert Rogers  
Robert Winstead  
Roger Douget  
Romalis Jackson Sr  
Roy Justilien  
Ryan Richard  
Scot Stewart II  
Scotty Trahan  
Seth Hogan  
Seth Matte  
Shane Higginbotham  
Sheryl Wagnon  
Stefan Smith  
Stephanie Prejean  
Stephen Laughlin  
Stephen Stroderd  
Steven Miller  
Susan Levitz  
Ted Lyon  
Thomas Brown  
Tim Leleune  
Timothy Jordan  
Timothy Wilson  
Tina Hudson  
Todd Stelly  
Travis Gayle  
Trevor Brown  
Troy Richard  
Troy Sonnier  
Tyler Churchman  
Tyler Kourtney  
Walker Fontenot  
Wesley Steech  
Whit Drounett  
William Comeaux  
William Gabbert  
William Magel Jr  
Willie Irving

**ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY**  
Taylor Kaough

**EXCEL PARALUBES**  
Adam Miller  
Ashley Riddick  
Chad Rosfeld  
Christi Walker  
Daniel Fontenot  
Daryll Carlson  
Douglas Baggett  
Drew Rozas  
John Savant  
Joseph Boudreaux  
Ken Hawkins  
Lance Hebert  
Landon Barks  
Monica Sanders-Hidalgo  
Shane Goad  
Shara Donovan  
Terry Duhon  
Ty Bourque

**FIRESTONE POLYMERS LLC**  
Austin Kelly  
Brett Carlisle  
Carell Charles  
Casey Lyles  
Cassie Thevis  
Cole Ogea  
Collin Loftin  
Cory Ceasar  
Daniel Bland  
Dylan Broussard  
Fabian Manuel  
Gary Vaughan  
Glenn Corbello  
Hadley Armer  
Hayden Hardin  
Hunter Turner  
Jack Fontenot  
Jacob Deville  
Jason Fontenot  
Jeremy Parsley  
Jody Broussard  
Joseph Scritchfield

Justin Zylks  
Karen Bernard  
Ken Chaisson  
Kendall Thornhill  
Kevin Hutchinson  
Kevin Reed  
Kynlin Flagg  
Michael Deville  
Ricky Landry  
Roy Lyons  
Rusty Manuel  
Terrance LeBlanc  
Todd August  
Tommy Salvador  
Tony Simmons  
Trevor Langley  
Wenona Fontenot  
Wesley Rollins  
William Marshall  
Zackary Jones

**FIRST HORIZON BANK**  
Greg Wicke  
Robert Ellender

**GRACE**  
Aaron Nelson  
Brion Griffin  
Greg Gray  
Jennifer Couste  
Johnathan Newsome  
Julie Morris  
Mark Cowart  
Steven Gardner

**JD BANK**  
Bruce Elder

**LAKE CHARLES COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY**  
Carl Perry  
Donald Reese

**LAKE CHARLES RUBBER & GASKET**  
Mark Johnston Sr

**LOUISIANA PIGMENT**  
Brenda Kearns  
Kevin LeDoux  
Quentin Busby  
Troy Cormier

**LOUISIANA STATE TROOPERS - TROOP D**  
Brad Saltzman  
James Anderson III

**PHILLIPS 66**  
Adam Miller  
Andres Rodriguez Brito  
Armando Espinal  
Bettie Bishop  
Bryan Jordan  
Cedric Champeaux  
Charlotte Jones  
Christopher McKlemurry  
Cody Boggan  
Damone Barker  
Daniel Duncan  
Daniel Fontenot  
Daryll Carlson  
David Williams  
Drew Rozas  
Eric Ecter  
Gregory Reed  
James Bobo  
John Simon  
Jonathan Hebert  
Joseph Churchman  
Lyndsay Noble  
Matthew Pleasant  
Michael Meyers  
Olufunso Talabi  
Paul Lafleur  
Rachel Gharst  
Richard Rosfeld  
Robert Henry  
Terry Wilson

Ty Bourque  
William Leger

**POLARIS ENGINEERING**  
Jesus Escobendo  
Lanty Wylie  
Michael Newell Jr  
Michael Richard  
Robin Barry

**PPG INDUSTRIES**  
Amy Manderville  
Billy Almanza  
Billy Fuselier  
Brandon Clark  
Butch Davis  
Chris Tumey  
David Ritchie  
Earney Lazard  
Glenda O'Bryant  
Jessie Waller  
Joanne Sovereign  
Joseph Victorian  
Lenzi Trahan  
Lisa Turner  
Matthew Hebert  
Rachel Johnson  
Ronnie Grace  
Steven O'Keefe  
Trisha Cooley

**R & H QUALITY REFRACTORY SERVICES INC**  
Mark Hanudel

**RAIN CARBON INC**  
Abraham McCleon  
Brent Vincent  
Bryan Foster  
Caleb Seneca  
Charles Benoit  
Claude Neal  
Douglas Johnson  
Edwin Wolfe  
Glenn Duhon  
Grant Lacombe  
Heather Riche  
Herman Malveaux  
Jeffrey See  
John Simon  
Leroy Blunt  
Mark Stewart  
Michael Hopper  
Nicholas Dietz  
Ralph Whitenon  
Robert Hazell  
Ryan Bufford  
Sabrina Hetzler  
Salena Ardoin  
Seth Chapman  
Tanner Fontenot  
Thaddeus Hoffpauir  
Tyler Reeves

**RECON MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC**  
Bill Art  
Daniel Leleune  
John Leabee  
Kourtney Hoffpauir

**TURNER INDUSTRIES**  
Aaron LaFleur  
Abel Gonzalez  
Alan LaCombe  
Alec LeBlanc  
Alex Jolivette  
Alicia Burgin  
Allen Benoit  
Anthony Frederick  
Austin Bonner  
Ben Bourgeois  
Bluitt Thomas  
Brad Pippin  
Bradley Linscombe  
Brady Moss  
Brady Saltzman  
Brandon Medine

Brent DeFries  
Brian Cramer  
Byron Woods  
Carson Chaisson  
Chad Yellot  
Charles Lejeune  
Charles Rabalais Jr  
Chaz Marras  
Christopher Clark  
Christopher Jackson  
Christopher Ledet  
Clarence Wing  
Claytons Sims  
Clifton Guidry  
Cody LeJuhn  
Collin Basham  
Craig Louviere  
Curtis Perrodin  
Dalton Rhodes  
Damon Kruse  
Daniel Washington  
Darren Broussard  
David Cornwell  
David Kleinpeter  
Deanna Blood  
Debora Fuslier  
Derrick Peters  
Devonte Sinegal  
Douglas Helsel  
Eddie Gobert  
Edwards Bates  
Ferman Perkins  
Fred Hallman  
Gannon Williams  
Gary Draper  
Gregory Massey  
Gregory P Thibodeaux  
Hailey Dupre  
Howard Nelson  
Jame Fontenot  
Jamers Gunn  
James Couch  
James Merchant  
James Potter  
James Schexnider  
Janaya Navarre  
Jared Marler  
Jeremy Brossette  
Jerry Dubroc  
John Richard  
John Watkins  
Johnny Savoie  
Jose Ortiz  
Joshua Gray  
Kash McMahon  
Kenneth Matthews  
Kenneth Miller  
Keven Hebert  
Kevin Fontenot  
Khoury Knox  
Kirt Chaisson  
Lindy Aultman  
Lisa Lyles  
Lloyd Eubanks  
Louis Stanley  
Marc Burgin  
Marty Beltcher  
Mary Manuel  
Melissa Pippin  
Merlyn Leday  
Micah Gobert  
Nathan Ullom  
Pamela Cheatwood  
Patrick Langley  
Patrick Miller  
Phillip Daigle  
Preston Joudan  
Ramiro Contreras  
Randal Shull II  
Randel Reeves  
Randy Johnson  
Robert Foster Sr  
Roland Hebert

# EMPLOYEE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

## PILLARS.....\$1,000 TO \$2,499

Ronald Edwards  
 Ronald Tower  
 Ronald Tower  
 Roy Taylor Jr  
 Seth Coleman  
 Shaun Daigle  
 Shawna Stanley  
 Steven Pence  
 Sydney Fontenot  
 Terry J Kraemer III  
 Terry Marcantel  
 Thomas Calkins  
 Thomas Richard  
 Trent Hastings  
 Tynee Merwin  
 Vaishnav Renuka  
 Winston James Jr  
 Zackary Saucier

### UNITED WAY SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

Catherine Thevenot  
 Jennifer Dimas  
 Kimberlie Heckard

### VALERO ENERGY CORPORATION

Danny Benoit

### WEST CALCASIEU CAMERON HOSPITAL

Janie Fruge

### WESTLAKE CORPORATION

Amanda Diamond  
 Amberly Fontenot  
 Amy Gomez Pardo  
 Andrew Schmitt  
 Andrew Sonnier  
 Andrew Wilson  
 Angie Ellender  
 Anthony Dobson  
 Anthony Hantz  
 Ashley Kardish  
 Benji Istre  
 Bennie Elliott  
 Beverly Nolen  
 Bill Vincent  
 Billy Pope  
 Blaine Wilken  
 Blake Davenport  
 Blake Juranka  
 Blake Vidrine  
 Bobby Welch  
 Brad Pippin  
 Brandon Broussard  
 Brandon Green  
 Brandon Jean  
 Brandon Landry  
 Brennan Manuel  
 Brett Bertles  
 Brett LeBert  
 Brian Jordan  
 Brittany Boone  
 Brityn Meche  
 Brock Smith  
 Bryan Plauche  
 Bryon Derouen  
 Carl Wilburn  
 Carl Williams  
 Carleen Barker  
 Casey Guillory

Chad Dore'  
 Chanel Harris  
 Charles Cubbage  
 Charles Manning  
 Charles Vinson  
 Charlie Maddox  
 Chaz Oubre  
 Cheri Ardoin  
 Chris Creasman  
 Christopher Baudin  
 Christopher Bellon  
 Christopher Cotten  
 Christopher Gary  
 Christopher Matte  
 Clarence Doucett  
 Clayton Mitchell  
 Cody Brown  
 Cody Ellender  
 Cody Fenetz  
 Cody Gantt  
 Cody Vincent  
 Colleen Couvillon  
 Corey Miller  
 Cory Broussard  
 Cory Nelands  
 Craig Fontenot  
 Craig Perkins  
 Curtis Brescher  
 Damon Broussard  
 Daniel Dupre  
 Daniel McClure  
 Danny Kingham Jr  
 Danny Rozas  
 Darion Stofira  
 Darrell Bailey  
 Darryl Broyles  
 Darryl Thibodeaux  
 David Ardoin  
 David Boyette  
 David Couvillon  
 David Hazi  
 David Heddins  
 David Martin  
 David Sargent  
 David Urdiales  
 Deanna Bertrand  
 Delton Menard  
 Dennis Chambers  
 Dennis Tooke  
 Derrick Brassieur  
 Derrick Nolan  
 Dietrich Thomas  
 Donald G Johnson  
 Donald R Johnson  
 Donna Allen  
 Donna LeLeux  
 Dorothy Waller  
 Doug Ewing  
 Doug Mitchell  
 Eddie White  
 Emma Sykes  
 Eric Sonnier  
 Evan Giles  
 Farrah Jones  
 Field LaMotte  
 Frederick Roach III  
 Garrett Beard

George Foster  
 Gerry Brooks  
 Ginger Busby  
 Glen McClelland  
 Greg Russell  
 Gregory Guillory Jr  
 Grizelle Brunet  
 Hadyn Stutes  
 Hannah Hebert  
 Harvey Williams Jr  
 Heather Ewing  
 Heather White  
 Jaelyn Fawcett  
 Jake Labauve  
 James Cheever  
 James Riey  
 Jared Cormie  
 Jarell Richard  
 Jason Leleune  
 Jayce Hoffpauir  
 Jayde Butler  
 Jeffrey Groves  
 Jeffrey Patton  
 Jeffrey Robbins  
 Jesse Collins  
 Jody Frey  
 Jody Mouton  
 Joe Andrepoint  
 Joel Baus  
 Joey Fontenot  
 John Andracki  
 John Craft  
 John Leger  
 John Niles  
 John Shamburger  
 Johnny Duhon  
 Jonathan Griggers  
 Jonathan Potter  
 Joseph Belfour  
 Joseph Haiko  
 Joseph Holcombe  
 Joseph Peters  
 Joseph Richard  
 Joshua Bollich  
 Joshua Broussard  
 Joshua Ducat  
 Joycelyn LeCompte  
 Justin Cantrell  
 Kareem Anthony  
 Karen Guillory  
 Karrie Vining  
 Keith Cezair  
 Keith Habetz  
 Keith Perkins  
 Ken Landry  
 Kenneth Taylor  
 Kent Doxey  
 Kevin LaVergne  
 Kevin Miller  
 Khalid Taha  
 Kimberlee Palermo  
 Kirk Johnson  
 Kobi Richard  
 Krislyn Landry  
 Krystal Williams  
 Kurk Bertrand  
 Kurt Klein

Kyle Fontenot  
 Kysha Martin  
 LaDonna Randle  
 Larry Groves  
 La'Techa Landry  
 Logan Shaughnessy  
 Louis Rochester  
 Luis Siso  
 Marcella Manning  
 Marcie Michalko  
 Marcus Heurtevant  
 Marie Perry  
 Mark Covert  
 Mark Rumery  
 Marvin White  
 Marvis Collor  
 Mary Denise Walker  
 Matthew Bean  
 Matthew Wright  
 Megan Juranka  
 Michael Diamond  
 Michael Guidry  
 Michael Love  
 Michael Musgrove  
 Michael Sovereign  
 Michael Williams  
 Michele Taylor  
 Michelle Buller  
 Milfred Newman  
 Mlinda Barbee  
 Natalie Pigno  
 Nathan Folse  
 Nathaniel Edwards  
 Nathaniel Tilton  
 Neil Boaz  
 Nelson Williams  
 Nick Melancon  
 Nicole Allen  
 Noel Serice  
 Pamela Griggers  
 Patrick Manard  
 Patty Dommert  
 Paul Lagarosse  
 Paula McCain  
 Phillip Burr  
 Quintin Guidry  
 Randall Chapman  
 Randy Nortman  
 Ray Taylor  
 Rene' Jones  
 Renee Hatsfelt  
 Rhon Pappion  
 Ricardo Parra  
 Richard Boenig  
 Richard Clark  
 Richard Lowery  
 Ricky Gaspard  
 Rico Orsot  
 Rob Reed  
 Robert Bennett  
 Robert Brittain  
 Robert Collins  
 Robert Craft  
 Robert Handy  
 Robert Jenkins  
 Robert Lequeux  
 Robert McGee

Robert Pinter  
 Rodney Ceasar  
 Rodney Trahan  
 Roman Ryder  
 Ross Moody  
 Roy Coniglio  
 Ruby Young  
 Russell Arceneaux  
 Rusty Benson  
 Ryan Hill  
 Sabrina Devillier  
 Sarah Donaha  
 Scott Faulk  
 Scott Hall  
 Scotty Darbonne  
 Scotty Harwell  
 Sean Allen Bourque  
 Shane Chauvin  
 Shane Walker  
 Shannon Mestayer  
 Shannon Ross  
 Shawn Duhon  
 Shawna Gatson  
 Sheila White  
 Sidney Dickey  
 Stacey Thibodeaux  
 Stephanie Crosby  
 Stephanie LeBlanc  
 Stephen Young  
 Susan Trahan  
 Swin Breaux  
 Tanner Johnson  
 Tarsha Sias-Broussard  
 Thomas Trahan  
 Terry Nortman  
 Thad Little  
 Thomas Fontenot  
 Thomas Trahan  
 Tiffany Owen  
 Timothy Farnum  
 Timothy Griffen  
 Timothy Treme  
 Todd Fontenot  
 Todd Honeycutt  
 Tomas Becktold  
 Tomi-Jayne Ridings  
 Tommy Benoit  
 Trisha Mier  
 Troy Irwin  
 Varry Harmon  
 Wallace Holman  
 Wally Williams  
 Weldon Terro  
 Wesley Treme  
 William Cooley  
 William Eaves  
 William Goulet  
 William Green

### INDIVIDUALS

Beverly Schalon  
 Dale Smith  
 Diane Brown  
 Harry Hank  
 Jim Wyche III  
 Keith Faul  
 Mary Sue Lanier  
 Dr Richard LeBlanc



## A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

**KEITH FAUL**  
RETIRED  
LYONDELLBASELL



As Chair of the Community Investment Committee, volunteering has been immensely fulfilling and eye-opening. I've had the privilege of engaging with passionate community members and witnessing firsthand the transformative power of our Initiatives. Each project brought unique challenges and opportunities to collaborate and innovate toward meaningful solutions. I am inspired daily by the resilience of those we serve, and it reinforces my commitment to making a lasting difference. Together, we are addressing immediate needs and building a foundation for sustainable change in Southwest Louisiana. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this incredible journey.

“VOLUNTEERING HAS OPENED MY EYES TO THE PROFOUND IMPACT WE CAN HAVE AS A COMMUNITY. EACH DAY, I’M INSPIRED BY THE RESILIENCE OF THOSE WE SERVE, AND TOGETHER, WE’RE NOT JUST MEETING IMMEDIATE NEEDS, BUT BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA.”

*Keith Faul*

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

**JENNIFER TEMPLET**  
First National Bank of DeRidder

**EARTHA GUIDRY**  
Retired

**STARLA COODY**  
Retired, Phillips 66

**LIBBY REMBERT**  
Retired

**MARJORIE HARRISON**  
Calcasieu Parish Library

**ERIN CHESTNUT**  
Beauregard Parish Library

**PAULA KOONCE**  
West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital

**SCHERYL PIPER**  
Retired, CPSB HeadStart Director

**ADAM FONTENOT**  
Smoke and Barrel

**BEVERLY SCHALON**  
Retired, Axiall /Westlake Chemical

**JASON MARTINEZ**  
First Horizon Bank

## OUR IMPACT SINCE THE PANDEMIC

# 1,203,568

### SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN

In 2024, United Way Southwest Louisiana underwent a pivotal transformation, embracing strategic rebranding to mirror our significant role in the community since 2020’s calamities. This rebranding embodies our dedication to addressing critical issues like Youth Opportunity, Community Resiliency, Healthy Community and Financial Security, reflecting our commitment to filling essential service gaps and fostering a supportive, inclusive environment for all.

Our ability to serve throughout the pandemic, natural disasters and extreme weather conditions has profoundly shaped our strategic direction. It emphasizes the need to adapt and respond like first responders during crises. This adaptability allowed us to offer immediate relief. It informed our rebranding efforts, showcasing our commitment to enhancing operational capacities to meet changing community needs.

Reflecting on our journey, United Way Southwest Louisiana has evolved to address the complex needs of our community better, aligning more closely with crucial focus areas. This evolution signifies our commitment to resilience, inclusivity and innovation, ensuring our legacy of making a meaningful, lasting impact continues to thrive in the face of future challenges.

2020 .....	766,460
2021.....	101,365
2022.....	147,888
2023.....	96,408
2024.....	91,447

**UNITED WAY SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA HAS PROVIDED 90% OF THE SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT SINCE 2020 THROUGH NEW INITIATIVES THAT PROVIDE A MORE LONG-TERM CHANGE IN SOMEONE’S LIFE.**



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

# 91,447

### SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED

United Way Southwest Louisiana embraces a transformative shift toward more modern and current Impact Areas. This evolution in our operations and objectives underscores our commitment to stay ahead of the curve, addressing the ever-changing needs of our community with agility and foresight. This positive progression reflects our dedication to innovation and sustainability, showcasing our drive to make a lasting, impactful difference in the lives of individuals and families.

By honing in on these contemporary issues, we are not just responding to immediate crises but preemptively strengthening our community's foundation against future challenges, ensuring that our legacy of impact and innovation remains robust and relevant.

**29,479** individuals served

#### COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

formerly Basic Needs

Addressing urgent needs today for a better tomorrow

**27,562** individuals served

#### YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

formerly Education

Helping young people realize their full potential

**16,678** individuals served

#### FINANCIAL SECURITY

formerly Economic Mobility

Creating a stronger financial future for every generation

**17,728** individuals served

#### HEALTHY COMMUNITY

formerly Health

Improving health and wellbeing for all

United Way Southwest Louisiana continues to provide more services and resources through Initiatives, Special Projects and Casework Management Portfolio with 93% of these last year and 7% coming from Partner Agencies.

# ALICE® IN SWLA

For a growing number of U.S. households, financial stability is nothing more than a pipe dream, no matter how hard their members work. These households are **ALICE – Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed** – earning above the Federal Poverty Level yet struggling to afford basic expenses.

## 50,690 HOUSEHOLDS

in Southwest Louisiana live below the ALICE Threshold

	ALICE HOUSEHOLDS	POVERTY HOUSEHOLDS
ALLEN PARISH	2,745	1,600
BEAUREGARD PARISH	3,299	1,984
CALCASIEU PARISH	20,383	13,802
CAMERON PARISH	677	184
JEFF DAVIS PARISH	4,140	1,876
<b>SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA</b>	<b>31,244</b>	<b>19,446</b>

United Way Southwest Louisiana is conducting an ALICE Survey to gain valuable insights into the challenges faced by our community’s Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) population. This survey collects comprehensive data on the economic realities, needs, and experiences of these hardworking individuals who struggle to make ends meet. By understanding their circumstances, we can better advocate for effective solutions and resources that empower them toward financial stability. The insights gathered will help shape Initiatives and drive community-wide efforts to create a brighter future for everyone in Southwest Louisiana.

Everyone’s voice matters–this survey is a vital step toward fostering meaningful change in our region.

“I receive no child support. Groceries have skyrocketed and my pay has not kept up at all. I feel like assistance needs to be on a sliding scale so more folks like me could participate. Summer is hard having a 9 year old needing day care or enrichment that I can’t afford. I would like to see affordable care for single parents.”

“Once we pay a home loan, one car payment, and pay for insurances we are almost maxed out. The cost for food is difficult to bear. I work as a contract employee during the school year and during the summer we cannot qualify for assistance because we are considered well paid. We struggle to make ends meet, just like many of our peers. We rack up crazy amounts of debt just trying to get by. It is a heavy burden.”

<b>42%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>33%</b>
Only have a high school diploma. Another 41% have some college, but never finished a degree.	Are renters and a majority feel like they are rent-burdened.	When asked what help is most difficult to reach the largest percent was for DENTAL CARE.	Asked that community leaders address HOUSING ASSISTANCE.	Feel somewhat connected to their community. 29% do not feel connected at all.	Would like JOB SPECIFIC TRAINING to help them succeed.

# YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

# 27,562

## SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED

Helping young people realize their full potential

90% United Way Southwest Louisiana Initiatives  
10% Partner Agencies

### LITERACY KITS .....1,500 KITS PREPARED

Literacy Kits are age-appropriate and include books, activities and an encouraging note for students. Sponsors, donors and grants provide the funding while volunteers prepare them. The topics include STEM, Art and Anti-Bullying.

More than 8,750 Literacy Kits have been dispersed throughout the five-parish area since the start of the Initiative.

### DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY .....48,579 BOOKS MAILED

3,480 local children from age 0 to 5 received a free age-appropriate book every month through sponsors and grants. A new Dolly Run 5k will help to expand the Initiative to more children each month.

Over 226,925 books have been mailed since the beginning of the Initiative in 2015.

### SUMMER IMPACT GRANT .....904 LOCAL STUDENTS

The second year of our Summer Impact Grant provided registration fees for ALICE families to enrichment programs focused on Art, STEM, Athletics and business camps.



Calcasieu Parish students prepare a science project for a NASA STEM Camp funded by United Way Southwest Louisiana.



Brentwood Elementary School students help unload and distribute Literacy Kits to younger peers.

## HEALTHY COMMUNITY

# 17,728

### SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED

Improving health and wellbeing for all

93% United Way Southwest Louisiana Initiatives  
7% Partner Agencies

**MEALS ..... 255,475 PROVIDED**

United Way Southwest Louisiana provides meals through a mix of in-house Initiatives, Partner Agencies and Special Projects. While focused on long-term change, health is inexplicably linked to an access to quality food. Everyone needs food in order to focus on education and focus in order to be open to working on more deep-seated problems.

Over 2,320,219 meals have been provided by United Way Southwest Louisiana funding since the pandemic began.

**HELP LINES ..... 1,231 ASSISTED**

United Way Southwest Louisiana funding not only provides crisis support through partner agencies, but also an innovative mix of 211 Crisis Support, teen texting and online chat.

Over 7,551 calls, texts and online chats have been answered by professionally licensed crisis counselors since the Initiatives began in 2019.

**UNITED AGAINST CHILD HUNGER ..... 5,000 PACKS**

United Way Southwest Louisiana first piloted the Weekend Food Pack Initiative for students without access to public school nutrition programs in 2014 and have since provided more than 47,000 across the five-parish area. The annual Day of Caring volunteer event in spring brings together volunteers from across the region to assist in assembling identical packages of food that will be distributed to summer feeding programs.



United Way Southwest Louisiana's Day of Caring has provided over 47,000 Weekend Food Packs through the United Against Child Hunger Initiative since the inception. It has also allowed several other human services agencies the ability and knowledge to develop their own child hunger programs that copy the food packs. This is one way the innovations developed by United Way help the community to grow. The 2025 Day of Hunger will be the 12th year of this Initiative.

# COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

# 29,479

## SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED

Addressing urgent needs today for a better tomorrow

93% United Way Southwest Louisiana Initiatives  
7% Partner Agencies

### 211 RESOURCE LINE ..... 19,955 CALLS ANSWERED

United Way Southwest Louisiana’s 211 resource line provides callers with access to resources and even transfers to licensed mental health therapy 24/7/365. The line also provides partners and United Way with information about where to allocate critical resources. Callers can also go online for a searchable database for everything from housing and food to volunteer opportunities.

Over 167,156 calls have been answered and callers assisted since the Initiative launched in 2017.

### STRONG HOMES ..... 23 ALICE FAMILIES

United Way Southwest Louisiana’s newest Initiative was supported for the first year by CITGO Petroleum Corporation. The goal was to prepare the homes of ALICE families for hurricane season by cutting down damaged or dying trees or trimming large branches prior to the advance of any storms. Creating a proactive rather than reactive environment for families needing services where prices have risen higher than they can afford keeps them in their homes following an emergency.

### SUMMER OF SERVICE ..... 169 INDIVIDUALS

United Way Southwest Louisiana’s Initiative, Summer of Service, organizes teen volunteers with activities during summer vacation with volunteer opportunities designed to assist senior citizens, the unhoused and other groups. Last year 29 teens assisted 140 community members.



The Strong Homes Initiative helped ALICE homeowners who work hard every day yet cannot afford to prepare their homes prior to hurricane season. If the unexpected were to happen, being prepared allows them to stay in their homes and not worry about the expense of evacuating when they do not have emergency funds.

# FINANCIAL SECURITY

# 16,678

**SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED**  
 Creating a stronger financial future for every generation

99% United Way Southwest Louisiana Initiatives  
 1% Partner Agencies

## VITA ..... 5,368 TAXES PREPARED

United Way Southwest Louisiana’s VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) utilizes trained, IRS certified volunteers for free tax preparation for low income families and senior citizens. In the last five years, \$16,654,636 in federal and state returns have been refunded to local families which in return gets spent in local businesses.

In the past five years, 23,950 free tax preparations have been done by VITA volunteers trained by United Way Southwest Louisiana team members.

## EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EMPLOYMENT ..... 92 INDIVIDUALS

United Way Southwest Louisiana’s Initiative helps hard working individuals looking for help to get a new certification or even a TWIC card so they can improve their employment outcomes. The goal is to help ALICE families have a chance to get more supportive income and better jobs.

## ENERGY HEAT RELIEF ..... 10,342 APPLICATIONS

United Way Southwest Louisiana utilized in-house case management to assist Entergy Louisiana and several other Louisiana United Ways to assist ALICE families with a credit to their electric bill during the summer heat wave.



United Way Southwest Louisiana’s VITA Initiative has saved \$3,018,500 in tax preparation fees over the past five years.

# SPECIAL PROJECTS

United Way Southwest Louisiana’s Special Projects are programs and Initiatives that come together quickly sometimes through collaborations with partners or one-time events that take advantage of an innovative new resource.

## LASAGNA LOVE.....8,500 MEALS SERVED

United Way Southwest Louisiana partnered with Lasagna Love, another nonprofit from out of state, and many corporate partners and volunteers to prepare and deliver free pans of lasagna to ALICE workers and senior centers. Over 287 volunteer hours from all over Calcasieu Parish helped pull the event together. Housekeeping staff from casinos and the Calcasieu Parish School Board along with day care workers were treated to free lasagna for their families.

## BOMBAS SOCKS.....3,000 INDIVIDUALS

United Way Southwest Louisiana partners with Bombas Socks to get free socks into the hands of low income students, senior citizens and the homeless shelters in the five-parish area.

## MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICES.....10 HOMES

A grant to another partner nonprofit allowed the full repair of homes for ALICE and low-income families in situations where homeowners insurance and/or FEMA would not assist. The ability to collaborate with other nonprofit partners allows United Way the ability to supply more long-term resources.



Among the many volunteers for Lasagna Love were LaSalette Catechism students and the Vinton Senior Center.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

At United Way Southwest Louisiana, we are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for our community through impactful events. They also offer fantastic opportunities for networking, community engagement and support for vital causes. From lively competitions and charity runs to culinary festivals and summits focused on advocacy, there is something for everyone to enjoy while contributing to the betterment of our region.

## BATTLE FOR THE PADDLE

This St. Patrick's Day themed event brings together a lively jambalaya and pastalaya cook-off and a fun free live music event for the community.

## REELIN' FOR WARRIORS

This fishing rodeo benefits veterans through a vital partnership with SWLA Veteran's Association.





## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the heartbeat of United Way Southwest Louisiana, and their contributions are invaluable to our mission. They bring passion, energy, and diverse skills that enhance our programs and Initiatives, profoundly impacting the community. Recognizing their commitment, we strive to provide a supportive and rewarding experience through comprehensive training, ongoing development opportunities, and appreciation events. By cultivating a sense of belonging and purpose, we empower our volunteers to grow personally and professionally, reinforcing that we can accomplish great things and uplift our community.

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**968 VOLUNTEERS**  
**DONATED 2,380 HOURS**



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### RESPONSE FROM OUR ALICE SURVEY IN SWLA

“We are a family of 5. With jobs these days they do not pay well. We can’t even work and pay all our bills. We live wondering if we will be evicted month after month. I wanted to get my EMT but the class is out of pocket. We are just stuck with no resources. If they do give you information the places that “help” are out of funding. It’s just a lot. Louisiana is the poorest state. You work and still can’t pay your bills because these jobs do not want to pay according to the economy.”

# PARTNER AGENCIES

## ABRAHAM'S TENT

Meals

## ASSIST AGENCY

Jeff Davis Emergency assistance

## BEAUREGARD ARC

BArc Vocational Program

## BEAUREGARD COMMUNITY CONCERNS

June Jenkins Women's Shelter

## BEAUREGARD COUNCIL ON AGING

Congregate Meals

Home Delivered Meals

## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS SWLA

Bigs with Badges

Mentoring - community based & site based

Summer Mentoring Program

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF ACADIANA

Project Learn

## BUSINESS & WORKFORCE RECOVERY SOLUTIONS

SWLA Recovery Program

## CALCASIEU COMMUNITY CLINIC

Health Clinic

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Emergency Rent, Mortgage & Utility

Employment & ID Program

Healthy Food Choices

## FAMILY & YOUTH COUNSELING AGENCY

Children's Advocacy Center

Victim Advocacy

## GIRL SCOUTS OF LA - PINES TO THE GULF

Girl's Leadership Experience

## IBERIA COMPREHENSIVE

Merryville Community Health Clinic

## JEFF DAVIS CADA

Communities Against Domestic Violence

## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SWLA

K-12 Economic Education

## LITERACY COUNCIL OF SWLA

Adult Education

## MCNEESE- KAY DORE COUNSELING CENTER

Suicide Prevention & Education

Road to Wellness

## OASIS A SAFE HAVEN

Sexual Assault Program

## ST NICHOLAS CENTER FOR CHILDREN

LEAP Program

## SECOND HARVEST

Food Distribution Program

## SWLA YOUTH FOUNDATION

Unfiltered Facts

## SALVATION ARMY

Emergency Services

## THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF SWLA

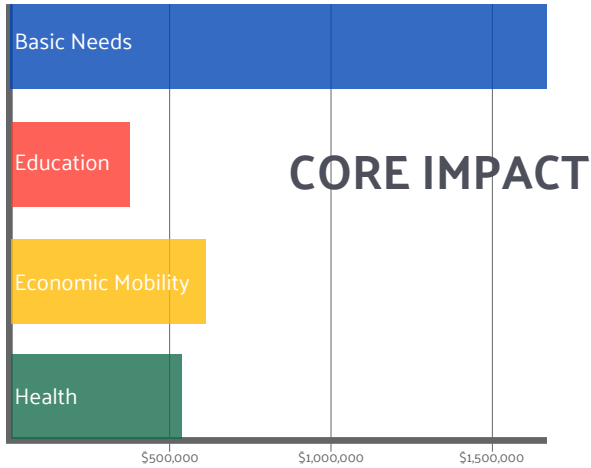
Educational Exhibits



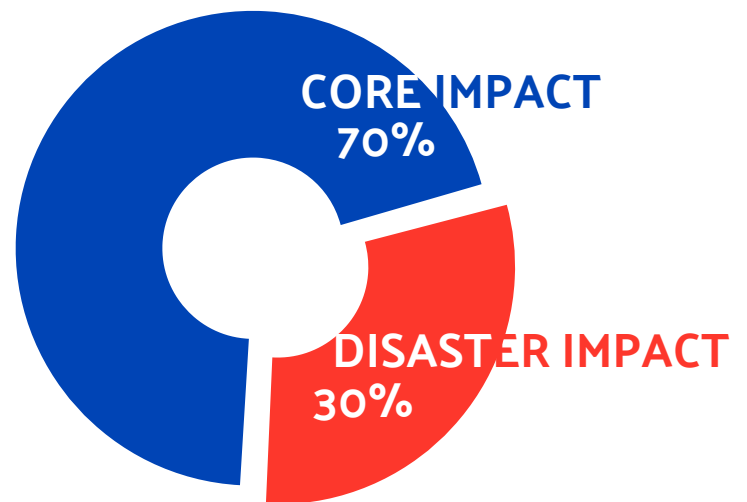
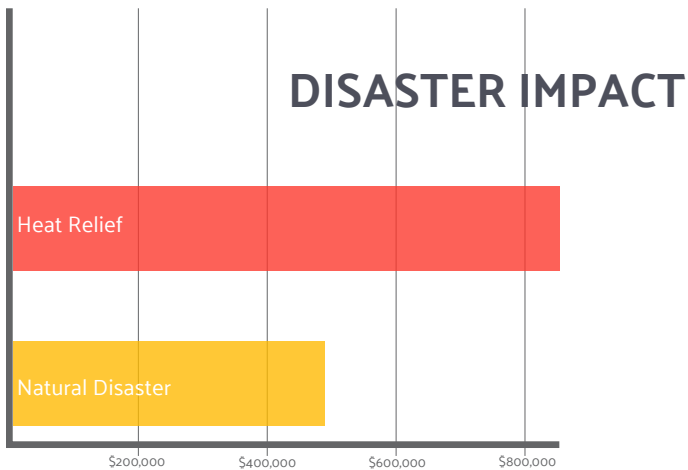
# DISTRIBUTIONS

JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024

We are proud to be the oldest nonprofit member of the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance. Supporting our ability to provide a safety net for our neighbors and friends while we help them achieve long-term financial security and success also stimulates the economy.



<b>COMMUNITY INVESTMENT</b> .....	<b>\$4,526,843</b>
CORE IMPACT.....	\$3,188,478
DISASTER IMPACT.....	\$1,338,365
<b>CENTRAL SERVICES</b> .....	<b>\$1,001,681</b>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$5,528,524</b>



*Figures are taken from the Financial Statements for year ended 6/30/2024, audited by Steven M. DeRouen Associates CPAs.*

## INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

- BARRY BROWN**  
Red River Bank
- BLAKE MCCASKILL**  
First National Bank of Louisiana
- BOYD BOUDREAUX**  
The Evangeline Bank & Trust Company
- HARRY HANK**  
Retired, PPG Industries

- KEVIN LACY**  
Investar Bank
- KIRK PELLERIN**  
Sabine State Bank
- ROXANNA MIZE**  
Retired, First National Bank & Trust Company
- TONY HULSEY**  
Retired, JD Bank

# OUR INITIATIVES

## COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

211 | 898-211  
SWLA VOAD  
The Path Home  
United Against Child Hunger  
Build Back the Block

## YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

Success By 6  
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library  
WriteStart Project  
Literacy Kits  
Born Learning Trail  
Summer of Service

## HEALTHY COMMUNITY

833.TXT.TEEN  
Crisis Chat Online  
Singlecare Prescription Discount  
Program  
Human Trafficking

## FINANCIAL SECURITY

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)  
Calcasieu Prisoner Reentry Program  
(CAL-PRI)  
Matched Savings Program  
Bank On SWLA  
Build Back The Block  
Empowerment Through Employment

## ALICE

Asset Limited, Income Constrained,  
Employed

## CASE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO

Emergency Rental Assistance Program  
(CPP)  
Power To Care (Entergy La)  
Emergency Food & Shelter Program  
(FEMA)  
Temporary Assistance For Needy  
Families (DCFS)  
Employee Crisis Funds

## EVENTS

Dolly Run  
Smoke & Barrel  
Battle for the Paddle  
Rum Revival  
Reelin' For Warriors Fishing Tournament  
La Food & Wine Festival

## United Way Southwest Louisiana Volunteer Forces

Disaster Response Specialist  
Literacy Kit Assembly  
Day of Caring  
Summer of Service Youth Forces  
Summer of Service Adult Forces  
VITA IRS-Certified Preparers

# VOLUNTEER

# SPECIAL PROJECTS

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