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**Bayou Community Foundation Presents \$345,500 in Grants
to 29 Local Nonprofits in Its 2026 “Growing Good” Grants Program**

Since 2013, the Foundation has awarded over \$3.3 million in grants through this effort to fill critical needs in Lafourche, Terrebonne and Grand Isle thanks to generous donor support.

(Houma, LA) - [Bayou Community Foundation](http://www.BayouCommunityFoundation.org) (BCF) announced grants totaling \$345,500 to 29 nonprofit organizations this week to fill critical needs like hunger, homelessness and behavioral health care in Lafourche, Terrebonne and Grand Isle. This year’s “Growing Good” Nonprofit Grants Program brings BCF’s total charitable investment in local nonprofit programs to more than \$3.3 million since 2013, thanks to generous donors to the Foundation’s Grants Fund.

"This is truly the most wonderful day of the year at Bayou Community Foundation—celebrating the nonprofits who change lives every day in Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle, and honoring our compassionate donors whose generosity supports this important work. Together, we are growing good and building our unique and precious bayou community so everyone can thrive," said **President & CEO Jennifer Armand** at the organization’s August 12 grants ceremony hosted by **Cenac Marine Services**.

The grants were selected from more than 80 applications submitted. They fund local nonprofit programs that feed the hungry, provide safe shelter for women and children, support parents in addiction recovery, and fill other critical community needs such as workforce training for rural residents, academic enrichment for vulnerable youth, and support for children in foster care.

This year’s awards include three grant categories to help nonprofits meet their own operational needs, maintain and expand critical program delivery, and implement new innovative and collaborative programs to address emerging needs. One first-time BCF grantee and recipient of a \$7,500 Innovation Grant is **Brother’s Keeper of the Bayou Region**, an all-volunteer nonprofit addressing homelessness.

"This generous grant from Bayou Community Foundation will help Brothers Keeper Bayou Region provide emergency housing for homeless women in our community. Safe, available shelter for women in crisis is in critically short supply here. This funding will give BKBR the ability to offer interim housing and immediate support — a safer place to stay while a woman works toward long-term stability. We're committed to helping one woman at a time, with integrity, compassion, and support, as she rebuilds a stable life," explains volunteer **Angela Bramande, LPC**.

Funding partners include **The Gheens Foundation, Woodside Energy, Chevron** and many other local individuals, families and businesses share BCF’s passion for elevating the lives of local residents and strengthening our community.

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"Woodside Energy is committed to strengthening relationships across the Bayou region and partnering with organizations that create a meaningful, lasting impact in the communities they serve," said **Paa-Joe Akoto-Ampaw, Woodside's Vice President, Gulf of America**. "Through the Bayou Community Foundation's Nonprofit Grants Program, we are proud to support initiatives that address critical community needs, strengthen resilience, and enhance the quality of life for residents of Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle. We congratulate the 29 recipient organizations and thank them for their dedication to building stronger, more vibrant communities for generations to come."

"Strong communities are built by organizations that show up every day to meet local needs and create opportunity. Chevron is proud to support Bayou Community Foundation and the nonprofit partners making a difference across Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle. Together, we're helping expand access to critical resources, improve quality of life, and create lasting benefits for the people who call the Bayou region home," said **Jeremy Haken, Public Affairs Manager for Chevron in Louisiana**.

"Fueled by the incredible generosity of our donors, BCF is proud to serve as the philanthropic engine for Lafourche, Terrebonne and Grand Isle, powering impactful grants for these 29 nonprofits that are tackling big challenges and serving our neighbors in need with kindness and compassion," said **Board President Henry Lafont, Jr.**

The following local nonprofit organizations were awarded grants from BCF totaling \$345,500 this week:

CAPACITY GRANTS

Easy Does It Club - \$4,000 - Repairs to the community addiction recovery meeting center in Houma

Firm Foundation of Houma - \$10,000 - Operations and security of Homeless Day Center

Friends of P.A.C.T Place - \$10,000 – Operation of safe, supervised visitation services for local families in Lafourche Parish

Gulf Coast Baptist Church - \$3,500 - Purchase of freezer for food bank in Golden Meadow

Hope Center - \$8,500 - Utilities and maintenance for food bank operations in Galliano

Hope Extreme - \$4,000 – Support for after-school program and food distribution in east Houma

One Day at a Time Group - \$4,000 - Operations of community addiction recovery meeting center in Galliano

IMPACT GRANTS

CASA of Lafourche - \$5,000 - Recruit, train, and support volunteer court-appointed special advocates

CASA of Terrebonne - \$4,000 - Clothing, supplies, beds and other support for children in foster care

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux - \$30,000 – Rent and utility payment assistance for low-income residents

CHeriSH Times Two - \$10,000 – Housing essentials, laptops and other support for young adults transitioning out of foster care

Concerned Citizens of Gibson - \$10,000 - Expansion of food pantry and food distribution in Gibson

Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center - \$5,000 – Rent, utilities, and other payment assistance for parents in crisis

Fletcher Technical Community College- \$20,000- Tuition & supplies for students enrolled in Medical Assistant program conducted in South Lafourche and South Terrebonne

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Gulf Coast Social Services - \$5,000 – Summer reading program for vulnerable youth in east Houma

His Brightest Stars - \$10,000 – Education tools and hygiene supplies for students with special needs in Lafourche Parish

Lafourche ARC - \$10,000 – Expansion of vocational program for individuals with disabilities in Central Lafourche

Lafourche Council on Aging - \$30,000 - Hot meals for elderly, homebound residents in Lafourche Parish

Lifted by Love - \$10,000 – Essential baby care items distributed to low-income parents in Terrebonne and Lafourche

Nicholls State University Colonel Closet - \$5,000 - Emergency financial assistance for students in crisis

Second Harvest Food Bank - \$30,000 – Provides 3.5 million pounds of food distributed to local pantry partners

Southeast LA Legal Services - \$10,000 - Successions for low-income residents to secure home ownership & disaster recovery resources

TCU Food Bank - \$30,000 – Food distribution at 12 sites in Terrebonne and Lafourche

The Haven - \$20,000 – New emergency shelter for survivors of domestic violence in Lafourche Parish

Youth Community After School Program - \$10,000 – Tutoring and after-school enrichment for vulnerable students in Houma

INNOVATION GRANTS

32nd JDC Family Preservation Court - \$30,000 - Supportive transitional home in Houma for mothers participating in FPC/EMBRACE programs and their children

Brother's Keeper of the Bayou Region - \$7,500 - Transitional housing for Terrebonne & Lafourche women experiencing homelessness

HAP Helping All People - \$5,000 - Development of Prescription Co-Pay Assistance Program in Terrebonne

The DaMyri Stepter Foundation - \$5,000 - Assistance and adaptive tools for local children experiencing visual impairment or blindness

Founded in 2012, Bayou Community Foundation works to create a vibrant and diverse community of Lafourche, Terrebonne and Grand Isle where all can thrive. BCF helps donors grow their charitable gifts to fill critical needs in our community, strengthen nonprofit capacity and implement collaborative efforts that elevate the lives of residents in our unique and precious coastal community. For more information, visit www.BayouCF.org or contact President & CEO Jennifer Armand at Jennifer@BayouCF.org

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