A gift to United Way of Southeast Louisiana supports programs, collaborations, initiatives, volunteerism, and advocacy all aimed at eradicating poverty. We produce the best return on your charitable investment - your dollars stay local, and only programs with proven success earn our trust.

Together, we can eradicate poverty in Southeast Louisiana.
Thanks to you, we raised

$19,744,011 IN 2020-2021

Because of your support, our collective impact model generated

- $65,262 in economic impact through volunteerism
- $664,277 in SingleCare prescription savings
- $2,099,002 in Emergency Food & Shelter program grants
- $2,718,827 in asset purchases through Individual Development Accounts
- $912,375 in employment and training partner investments
- $105,929,477 in public policy investments and savings through advocacy wins
- $10,929,447 in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program returns

= $122,664,149 GENERATED IN COMMUNITY IMPACT IN 21-22 & BEYOND

$1 DONATED GENERATED $6.21 IN COMMUNITY IMPACT
WHAT WE DO

The reality is, over half of households in our community do not make enough money to make ends meet — and that's where United Way of Southeast Louisiana comes in. We fight for the most vulnerable among us.

We find expert, local partners who are aligned with our Blueprint for Prosperity and believe in collaboration and accountability. We fund trusted nonprofit service providers through our collective impact model. We advocate for bipartisan policy that drives systems-level change. We foster diversity, equity, and inclusion across our seven-parish service area.

When you **invest in your community through UWSELA**, you help more children succeed in school, more families lead healthy lives, and more people grow their incomes to become financially stable. Together we make more impact than any one of us could create alone when we work toward a shared goal – eradicating poverty.

To support our Blueprint for Prosperity, UWSELA is investing in work strategically focused on poverty and what works to drive the four outcomes of Stability Today, Prosperity Tomorrow, Personal Wellness, and Vibrant Communities.

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**MISSION:** To eradicate poverty in Southeast Louisiana

**VISION:** Equitable communities where all individuals are healthy, educated, and economically stable.

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**Legend**

- **Stability Today**
  - All families have the skills, resources, and opportunities to access basic needs

- **Prosperity Tomorrow**
  - All families have the social, educational, and financial assets to create a better future

- **Personal Wellness**
  - People of all ages enjoy a high quality of life and wellbeing

- **Vibrant Communities**
  - All communities are safe, thriving, and equitable

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The 2020 United Way ALICE Report for Louisiana reveals the financial hardships of many Southeast Louisiana households.

• Standing for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed - ALICE represents the hardworking taxpayers in our community struggling to make ends meet and living just one health emergency, car repair, or harsh storm away from poverty. ALICE has a difficult time affording the basics of housing, food, health care, child care, transportation, and technology, despite working. More than 262,500 households — or 52% — of Southeast Louisiana’s population lived below the ALICE threshold before the pandemic.

• ALICE households earn above the poverty level but below the Household Survival Budget. Households living under the ALICE threshold include both ALICE and households in poverty.

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Louisiana’s percentage of ALICE households ties it at the highest percentage of all 50 states.

Why are there so many ALICE households in Louisiana?

The basic cost of living is increasing for ALICE households.

• From 2007 to 2018, the cost of household essentials, like housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care, increased faster than the cost of other goods and services.

• The ALICE Essentials Index, a new tool that measures change over time in the cost of essentials, increased at an average rate of 3.4% annually nationwide over the past decade, while the official rate of inflation was 1.8%.

• Single adults now need an annual salary of $26,400, while a family of four with two children in child care needs an annual salary of $75,720 - just to afford the basics.

Worker vulnerability is increasing while wages stagnate in ALICE jobs.

• By 2018, a near-record-low number of people were reported to be unemployed, but that low unemployment concealed three trends that expose ALICE workers to greater risk: growth in the number of low-wage jobs, minimal increases in wages, and more fluctuations in job hours, schedules, and benefits that make it harder to budget and plan.

• In 2018, a record number of Louisiana workers — 55% — were paid by the hour, and 64% of the state’s jobs paid less than $20 per hour. Hourly paid jobs tend to have lower wages, fewer benefits, and less stability.

• An increase in contract and on-demand jobs is leading to less financial stability and health care coverage.

The number of ALICE households is increasing in Louisiana as a result of rising costs, increased worker vulnerability, stagnant wages, and the impacts of COVID-19. There are more ALICE households than households in poverty, and the number of ALICE households is increasing at a faster rate. The Federal Poverty Level, with its minimal and uniform national estimate of the cost of living, far underestimates the number of households that cannot afford to live and work in the modern economy.

The bottom line is, ALICE households are forced to make difficult choices often skipping preventative health care, accredited child care, quality food, or car insurance. These “savings” threaten their health, safety, and future, and the costs are high for both ALICE and the wider community.
OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY

Diversity, equity, and inclusion form the basis of our work at UWSELA.

We have a bold vision of equitable communities where all individuals are healthy, educated, and financially stable. And we’re committed to fight until that vision becomes a reality.

Equity is one of our Blueprint for Prosperity’s six Core Values that represent our highest priorities and deeply held beliefs. We recognize having a diverse organization allows us to benefit from a variety of perspectives and strengthens our ability to achieve our mission to eradicate poverty. (View our full Statement of Diversity at UnitedWaySELA.org/about-us).

To promote equity in our community, we must first do the work to ensure our organization is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

ACTIONS WE’RE TAKING TO PROMOTE DEI

There are no quick fixes or easy steps to success with DEI. We’re committed to ongoing evaluation and change at every level to make our internal and external practices more equitable. We’re taking steps and developing strategies to embed DEI into the DNA of who we are and how we work with communities to generate positive impact.

Internal Practices

• Surveyed senior leadership and staff to assess and audit our internal practices and operations for equity. Coordinated culture and DEI trainings for full staff meetings based on the results of this survey.
• Evaluated Board of Trustees membership and created a multi-year plan to build a board that is more diverse, inclusive, and representative of the seven-parish region we serve.
• Seeking to engage with more minority-owned businesses.
• Reviewing our hiring, vendors, and operational practices and policies to create a supportive workplace environment, centered on inclusion and belonging, where our team can thrive and do their best work.
• Working to establish an internal staff committee and a committee of external local experts to continue to move our DEI work forward.

Grant-Making

• Reevaluated grant-making process to ensure funds are directed to service providers and programs that center equity in their work.
• Beginning in 2018, offered each grantee an opportunity to complete an equity audit as part of our rigorous application process. Equity evaluations will continue to be included in future grant applications.
• Committed to a three-year grant cycle to provide consistent support to impact-focused programs because we know eradicating poverty and building equitable communities requires long-term effort.
• Partnered with BET and United Way Worldwide to address and provide financial relief to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the African American community in New Orleans.

Public Policy and Advocacy

• Advocating for bipartisan policy that removes systemic barriers so all individuals have equitable access to resources and opportunities
• Collaborating with advocacy partners to mobilize supporters and increase the power of our collective voice to create change
• Hosted a statewide Equal Pay Summit in partnership with the Office of Governor John Bel Edwards in 2017 and continue to advocate for pay transparency and equal pay legislation.

Leadership

• Helped coordinate the United Way Worldwide 2019 Equity Summit in New Orleans.
• Presented at the 2019 PEAK Conference on embedding an equity lens in the grant process.
• Participated in local and national external panels and presentations regarding equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Meaningful change happens when we work together. By challenging practices based on racism, sexism, and other historical and current forms of discrimination, we can create more inclusive communities and equitable outcomes.
INTERNAL INITIATIVES

UWSELA’s internal initiatives include partnerships with local and national agencies aligned with our Blueprint for Prosperity.

Through internal initiatives, we are able to directly impact the lives of individuals and take steps to move the needle on poverty and create equitable communities.

For more information about our internal initiatives, visit UnitedWaySELA.org/featured-programs.
Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is an early literacy initiative that provides new, age-appropriate books to children each month for the first five years of their lives for free, regardless of their family’s income. The program, currently available to residents in St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Jefferson parishes, encourages parents to read with their children, giving them a big boost toward a successful education.

SingleCare

singlecare.com

The SingleCare (formerly FamilyWize) prescription assistance program has helped local residents save over $6 million on their prescription medications. The free SingleCare Prescription Discount Card can be used by anyone: uninsured, insured, and even people with Medicaid or Medicare. On average, the card immediately lowers the cost of over 10,000 prescription medications by 80%. The use of the card is unlimited, does not require any personal information, and has no eligibility criteria.

United Way HandsOn Entergy Volunteer Center

handsonneworleans.org

The mission of the United Way HandsOn Entergy Volunteer Center is to engage, empower, and transform our community through volunteer service. The HandsOn force-multiplier service model is unique to New Orleans. The organization supports over 170 community partners (schools, park and recreation centers, neighborhood associations, and nonprofits) by identifying pressing needs, creating high-impact projects, and recruiting and managing volunteer teams to promote sustainable change.

The organization leverages core strengths of volunteer engagement, community revitalization, and disaster management to strengthen families and transform neighborhoods.

Our work:

• Improves access to resources
• Supports educational equity
• Promotes healthy eating and active lifestyles
• Sustains the natural and built environment
• Educates the community on emergency preparedness and supports short and long-term recovery needs

Hospitality Cares

unitedwaysela.org/hospitalitycares

Hospitality Cares is a crisis grant program offering emergency financial assistance to individuals working in the hospitality industry – one of the region’s largest employment sectors. The program awards emergency grants up to $2,500 to eligible employees at businesses running active United Way workplace campaigns in the hospitality industry. The funds provide temporary assistance during times of crisis to cover basic financial needs, including housing, medical expenses, and utility bills.

Funds for the program’s crisis grants are generated through employee contributions to UWSELA hospitality workplace campaigns. Fifty percent of campaign proceeds support emergency crisis grant allocations overseen by the Louisiana Hospitality Foundation (LHF), and 50% are dedicated to existing UWSELA education, health, and financial stability initiatives serving our entire seven-parish community.
Prosperity Centers
unitedwaysela.org/prosperitycenter

The Prosperity Centers are our one-stop financial stability centers offering an array of programming to residents in Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes, including financial education and coaching, credit building and specified benefits screening, and income tax assistance.

With locations in Orleans (J. Wayne Leonard Prosperity Center) and St. Tammany (Northshore Prosperity Center) parishes, both centers also house United Way’s IDA Project, a matched savings account program helping low-income individuals through a 4:1 match of their own savings for a home, small business, post-secondary education, vehicle purchase, or home maintenance.

OUR SERVICES

Financial Capability Specialists are trained to help you understand your financial position; identify obstacles to your financial success, and establish a plan to achieve your financial goals.

Prosperity Center participants begin their path to financial freedom by accessing any of our financial capability services:

• Financial Education – Group seminars covering a broad spectrum of financial topics
• Financial Coaching – Ongoing one-on-one interactions empowering participants to address short to long-term financial issues
• Credit Improvement Services – Counseling services designed to identify and prioritize credit-building strategies
• Access to Safe and Affordable Financial Products – Provide alternative options to high-cost financial service providers (e.g. check cashers and payday lenders)
• Access to Federal and State Benefits – Comprehensive screening to determine federal and state eligibility for participants
• Free Tax Preparation Assistance – Inclusive tax preparation services integrated with financial education
• Incentivized Savings Program – Matched savings program designed to encourage savings behavior for specified assets
• Asset Ownership Programs – Wealth building programming designed to help participants purchase and maintain assets, such as a home, business, or obtaining an education
• Workforce Development Soft Skills – A combination of soft skills training that enables participants to navigate their environment, work well with others, perform well, and achieve employment

Louisiana Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (LA-PRI)
unitedwaysela.org/la-pri

When individuals return from prison, their likelihood of contributing positively to their community relies on their ability to secure meaningful employment, find a place to live, and have the education and resources necessary to advance in life. A task increasingly challenging in Louisiana.

United Way of Southeast Louisiana’s Louisiana Prisoner Reentry Initiative (LA-PRI) aims to ensure that every individual released back into Jefferson and St. Tammany parishes will have a chance of securing a job that pays a livable wage, staying out of prison, and living a longer, healthier life. That translates into safer, healthier, and more vibrant communities for everyone.

We’re on a mission to enhance public safety and reduce costs by implementing a seamless plan of services and supervision developed for each offender — delivered through state and local collaboration — from the time of their incarceration through their transition, reintegration, and aftercare in the community.
Nancy M. Marsiglia Institute of Justice
unitedwaysela.org/nancy-m-marsiglia-institute-justice

The Nancy M. Marsiglia Institute of Justice is a 12-week U.S. Constitution course with a clear mission: “Reclaiming Civil Discourse.” Formed in 2018, the Institute brings together community members of every age, race, identity, and political persuasion to explore founding principles of U.S. government through the Constitution – its articles, Bill of Rights, and amendments.

The Institute, presented by Loyola University New Orleans College of Law and UWSELA, is named in honor of the late Nancy M. Marsiglia, a tireless community activist and founding member of UWSELA’s Women United donor network. Participants leave the program with a working knowledge of our government, the necessary skills to engage in civil yet passionate debate required for democracy to work, and ready to join UWSELA’s network of advocates fighting for a better, brighter future for all.

New Orleans Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
unitedwaysela.org/nolaglr

The New Orleans Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is an internal initiative of UWSELA and part of a network of communities across the U.S. and Canada striving to ensure children are reading on grade level by the third grade. Third grade is a critical turning point where a child should progress from learning how to read to reading to learn. Decades of data tell us that a child’s ability to read on grade level by the third grade is an indicator of future success related to high school graduation and income earnings as an adults. In New Orleans, only 34% of students are able to read on grade level by the third grade. The local campaign is pursuing a long-term ten-year strategy focused on the three main drivers of grade-level reading readiness: school readiness, summer learning, and school attendance. In 2019, the Campaign added a fourth goal area focused on the science of learning. The Campaign is represented by a cross-sector coalition of advocates, nonprofits, government, business, education, and families who have committed to working together to increase the number of New Orleans students who are reading on grade level by the end of third grade.

United We Rebuild

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, UWSELA supported the establishment of long-term recovery organizations (LTRO’s) in each of the parishes in our service area. UWSELA continues to collaborate with organizations to respond to both immediate and long-term needs for disaster recovery. UWSELA investments help provide funding to facilitate case management activities to link clients with direct resources, fund rebuilding organizations for immediate muck/gut and long-term rebuilding assistance, assist in capacity building, and help provide direct resources to meet the unmet needs of those impacted by disaster. In addition to investing in LTRO’s, UWSELA collaborates throughout the year with parish and local emergency operations offices in preparation and planning for upcoming disaster seasons.

UWSELA has continued to play a key role in disaster response. Immediately following the 2016 August flood, UWSELA opened the state’s first recovery distribution warehouse in Tangipahoa Parish. Hosting hundreds of volunteers and working with over 90 community partners, UWSELA collected and distributed emergency supplies of over 1.55 million items valued at more than $1.4 million dollars. The warehouse operations provided critical support to the community. UWSELA leveraged $5.2 million in recovery services to the community through rebuild/case management/construction services, volunteer labor, and donated items to impacted families.

UWSELA invested in long-term recovery efforts following the 2017 New Orleans East tornado, providing $500,000 in grants to rebuild organizations. UWSELA understands the impact of disaster throughout the U.S. and raised funds to support victims of hurricanes Harvey, Florence, and Michael.

Most recently, UWSELA provided immediate relief after Hurricane Ida (see page 38) in 2021 and the 2022 Arabi/9th Ward Tornado, with over $5.4 million in assistance distributed to affected residents, partners, and long-term recovery.
SNAP Employment and Training
unitedwaysela.org/snap-et

To expand our workforce development investments and community-strengthening efforts, UWSELA serves as a contractor for the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services to provide program compliance and administer reimbursement Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training [SNAP E&T] funding to local nonprofit partners. The SNAP E&T program helps SNAP households gain skills, training, work, or experience that will increase self-sufficiency. The program provides reimbursement funding for a package of services that includes participant assessment, employment and training activities, and support services. As a contractor, UWSELA facilitates the return of SNAP E&T funding for community and faith-based organizations (subcontractors) providing services in the areas of job search training, education, vocational training, and work experience. This program allows us to draw down much-needed dollars to help build a more engaged and skilled workforce while minimizing pressure on social services.

St. Tammany Suicide Prevention Project

By late 2010, the suicide rate in St. Tammany was among the highest in the state and a growing concern to parish leaders. The suicide prevention project created a seamless public – private system to prevent suicides and recurrent attempts. Today, UWSELA continues to support suicide prevention and mental health services in St. Tammany Parish through the annual United Way of Southeast Louisiana Red Beans ‘N Rice Cook-Offs held in East and West St. Tammany. Funds raised at the cook-offs are granted to NAMI St. Tammany, VIA LINK 211, and STOPS (St. Tammany Outreach for the Prevention of Suicide) to support suicide prevention, mental health services, and crisis response in St. Tammany.
UWSELA is laser focused on eradicating poverty in our community. We fund programs throughout the region that work toward this goal and support our vision of equitable communities where all individuals are healthy, educated, and economically stable.

Programmatic grants are UWSELA’s long-established funding stream, designed to support distinct community programs or projects. We are committed to addressing poverty and maximizing impact by amplifying effective, results-driven programs, partnering with and connecting aligned organizations, and leveraging our own unique assets.

For more information on our partner agencies and accessing their programs, visit UnitedWaySELA.org/Community-Partners.
American Red Cross
504-620-3105
redcross.org/local/louisiana/about-us/locations/southeast-louisiana.html

**Disaster Services including Home Fire:** The Red Cross helps meet emergency basic needs, financial assistance, and referrals to help families who experience disasters and home fires.

Arc of Greater New Orleans
504-837-5105
arcgno.org

**Enhanced Supported Employment Initiative:** In addition to job assessment, readiness and placement, provides extended long-term follow-along support for consumers, conducts classes designed to motivate and prepare others to begin a pathway to employment, and establishes community partnerships for better and higher paying jobs.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Louisiana
504-321-2020
bgcmetrolouisiana.org

**Project Learn:** Project Learn is an evidence-based on-going program that coincides with the academic school year as well as aides in bridging the learning loss gap during the summer. It is a “generation-changing” program for our Clubs by increasing our members’ motivation to learn, improve their grades, and provide them with a better opportunity to graduate from high school and attend post-secondary institutions.

Boys Town Louisiana
504-293-7907
boystown.org/locations/louisiana

**Community Programs:** Boys Town Louisiana’s Community Programs address disparities in education, health, and economic stability by providing vulnerable youth and families with access to high quality interventions and support through our in-home parenting consultation and case management programs and parenting classes.

Brothers Empowered to Teach
504-358-3212
be2t.org

**Brothers Empowered to Teach:** Brothers Empowered to Teach’s mission is to generate a pipeline of incredible teachers who mirror success for their students by recruiting men of color into classroom-based careers. We do this by opening pathways for Black men to become teachers through three strategic approaches.

CADA Prevention and Recovery Center
504-821-2232
cadagno.org

**General Counseling:** General Counseling assists clients in achieving emotional wellness. Counseling services are a collaborative process where the client and counselor work towards individualized goals by developing potential solutions to problems, strengthening self-esteem, and developing coping skills. The program uses best practice and evidence-based methods to address a variety of mental and behavioral health conditions. Services are provided to individuals, couples, and families.
CADA continued

**Project Reconnect:** Project Reconnect reduces recidivism and improves quality of life for individuals with criminal justice involvement and co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders by expanding access to substance use treatment and wraparound services, opening access to community-based programs, and advocating for clients’ rights to access services. Project Reconnect provides appropriate substance abuse treatment and hands-on intensive case management services to ensure clients have a direct link with service providers.

**Cancer Association of Louisiana** (formerly Cancer Association of Greater New Orleans)
504-733-5539
calacares.org

**Cancer Patient Services:** Our goal is to remove barriers to treatment. We do this by working towards the reduction of health disparities for cancer patients through our local programs of education, outreach, and patient services.

**Child Advocacy Services**
985-902-9583
childadv.net

**CASA/Child Advocacy Center:** Child Advocacy Services serves children and families through the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program and the Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) program by recruiting, training, and supervising community members to help children reach a safe and permanent home. The CAC provides a safe-child friendly environment for children who have experienced abuse or witnessed a crime through advocacy, forensic interviews, resources, education, and follow-up.

**Children’s Bureau**
504-525 2366
childrensbureaunola.org

**Grief and Trauma Counseling for Children and Youth:** Children’s Bureau of New Orleans (CBNO) is dedicated to the mental health needs of children and youth ages 5-24 in the greater New Orleans community, with a mission to focus on the city’s most vulnerable young residents. The organization provides crisis intervention and grief & trauma counseling to children and families through a team of specially trained clinicians.

**City Year New Orleans**
504-302-5067
cityyear.org/new-orleans

**City Year New Orleans School Team:** City Year’s service focuses on helping students and schools succeed. We recruit a diverse group of young adults to serve as AmeriCorps members in schools all day, every day, as tutors, mentors, and role models. AmeriCorps members provide academic, social, and emotional support to students who need them most, serve as an additional caring adult in the classroom, and contribute to a positive school culture. We seek to advance educational equity for students and to develop and support leaders who will create a more just and equitable future for all of us.

**Clover**
504-523-6221
www.clovernola.org

**Adult Day Health Care:** The Adult Day Care program provides year-round day care in a community setting for vulnerable older adults, veterans, as well as medically-fragile individuals (18+ years) with functional and/or cognitive impairments. Our community-based care provides a safe, stimulating, and productive environment that enhances participants’ socialization levels, promotes independence, increases emotional support, and improves overall health and well-being.
Whole Family Approach: The 2-Gen/Whole Family Approach provides parents with career advancement and asset building strategies, while simultaneously preparing their children for success in school. This approach centers on the idea that the delivery of programs, services, and resources to simultaneously support children and parents together helps families break cycles of generational poverty. Clover’s comprehensive programming covers the areas of education, health and wellbeing, social capital, employment and family economic security, which are all inextricably linked to disrupt root causes of cyclical poverty.

College Track
504-249-8991
collegetrack.org/communities/new-orleans-la/

College Track New Orleans: From ninth grade through college graduation, College Track New Orleans removes the barriers that prevent first-generation scholars from low-income households from earning bachelor’s degrees by equipping them with academic, extracurricular, financial, and social-emotional support along with one-on-one coaching, college and career exposure, and other holistic growth opportunities.

Communities in Schools
504-486-8002
cisgulfsouth.org

Integrated Student Services in Greater New Orleans: Communities In Schools provides Integrated Student Supports to meet at-risk students’ academic and non-academic needs inside schools. We use a student-centered approach to promote students’ academic success by developing or securing and coordinating supports that target academic and non-academic barriers to achievement by placing a Site Coordinator (mental health professional) inside public schools.

Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa
985-662-5557
tangicrimestoppers.com

Safe School Initiative and Youth Safety Classes: Safe School Initiative serves youths ages 12-18 in public middle and high schools. The program teaches youth to make responsible decisions. This Initiative provides students a secure, anonymous way to report bullying, weapons, drug or alcohol use, and suicidal thoughts. This initiative provides an opportunity for youth to learn the facts about the effects of drugs and alcohol, internet safety, and how to handle bullying. The skills learned will relate to all aspects of their young and adult lives and will benefit the future of our community as a whole long term.

Dental Lifeline Network of Louisiana
303-534-5360
dentallifeline.org/louisiana/

Donated Dental Services: Donated Dental Services (DDS) leverages a statewide network of volunteer dentists and dental laboratories to provide comprehensive pro bono dental care to people who meet the following criteria: they are elderly, they have a permanent disability, or they are medically fragile. All DDS patients require extensive dental care, not just a check-up or maintenance care, and all lack the means to acquire this care on their own.

East St. Tammany Rainbow Childcare Center, Inc.
985-646-0718
rainbowccc.org

Learn, Play & Grow: Providing affordable childcare in the greater Slidell Community since 1983, Rainbow uses a sliding scale based on income for low-income working families and families in crisis. Parents/guardians may register their child between the ages of 1-5, and must provide documentation that they’re working, registered in school, and/or participating in a training program. The teachers work with the children to support the work parents are doing at home to meet their developmental milestones and enter kindergarten ready to learn.
**Efforts of Grace**  
504-569-9070  
ashenola.org

**Community Spread:** Community Spread is an initiative designed to promote a culture of wellness among the city’s vulnerable and underserved Black residents and to reduce racial inequities in health care outcomes. The program trains artists and culture bearers to become certified Community Health Workers who will use their skills, creativity, and status as trusted influencers in the Black community to help residents become more proactive in addressing their health care needs and help health care providers and policy makers reduce or eliminate systemic bias and structural racism in the delivery of their services.

**Evergreen Life Services**  
evergreenls.org

**Evergreen CARES:** Evergreen CARES funds unmet costs not covered by Medicaid’s dental program. Many individuals we serve have multiple disabilities with a range of conditions and levels of impairment. Specialty dental care is necessary because they may require extra support to access dental services and receive the full benefits from oral care. Funding covers IV or Oral Sedation, as well as anxiety medication.

**Family Promise of St. Tammany**  
985-201-7221  
fpstp.org

**Family Program Transitional Housing:** Family Promise of St. Tammany has expanded bed capacity to serve families in a transitional model. We will be using our current location, once vacated, to provide six transitional beds. We have also been awarded a Clayton manufactured home that will provide and additional six beds for transitional programming.

**Family Violence Program of St. Bernard**  
504-277-3177  
fvpnb.org

**Family Violence Program of St. Bernard:** Family Violence Program of St. Bernard strives to resolve domestic violence related crises in order to ensure participants have their immediate needs met and move towards self-reliance. We offer shelter, free crisis intervention, advocacy, referrals, case management, children’s services, legal and court advocacy, group and individual counseling, transportation, and pet-friendly shelter.

**First 72+**  
504-324-8859  
first72plus.org

**Economic Empowerment Program for Formerly Incarcerated People:** The mission of the First 72+ is to stop the cycle of incarceration by fostering independence and self-sustainability for formerly incarcerated people through stable housing, gainful employment, and financial security. Our Economic Empowerment Program for Formerly Incarcerated People provides financial literacy, computer literacy, financial coaching, entrepreneurship training, and no-interest loans to help returning citizens establish a sound financial footing and succeed.

**Food Rescue US**  
504-650-0534  
foodrescue.us/

**Food Rescue New Orleans:** Food Rescue US - New Orleans is committed to reducing food waste and food insecurity in Orleans Parish. Using the Food Rescue US web-based app, volunteers can sign up to transfer surplus fresh food from local businesses to social service agencies serving individuals experiencing food insecurity.
Giving HOPE dba HOPE The Food Pantry
504-940-1592
givinghopenola.org

**Hope Fighting Food Insecurity:** We help people who are still struggling in the pandemic to secure their basic need of nutritional hot meals. Giving Hope also distributes hot meals five days a week to people fighting food insecurity during the continuing pandemic and in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.

Institute of Women and Ethic Studies
504-599-7712
iwesnola.org

**Creating A Trauma Informed NOLA:** Creating A Trauma Informed NOLA is an initiative of the IWES Collective for Healthy Communities that provides community-level interventions that promote well-being and resilience using a social-ecological approach (focusing on the individual, interpersonal, community, and societal levels). In addition, Creating A Trauma Informed NOLA advocates for policy changes that reduce the impact of traumatic exposures, especially related to children - at school, in the community, and in the home.

Jericho Road’s Episcopal Housing Initiative
504-895-6763
jerichohousing.org

**Jericho Road’s Workforce Development:** Jericho Road’s Workforce Development program provides job opportunities that support a living wage and benefits while crew members learn and develop their construction skills by building affordable housing in their communities.

JCC NEW ORLEANS
504-897-0143
nojcc.org

**Elderly Services:** Active adults from diverse backgrounds enjoy Games Day, chair exercise and Better Balance, Aqua Fit, luncheons and lectures, concerts, holiday celebrations, and field trips. The Alzheimer’s Care and Enrichment (ACE) Program offers respite for caregivers while their loved ones meet with qualified staff in a safe, familiar environment that encourages socialization through exercise, music, art, meal preparation, and discussion.

Jewish Family Services of Greater New Orleans
504-831-8475
jfsneworleans.org

**Counseling and Case Management Program:** Through its Counseling and Case Management Program, Jewish Family Service (JFS) helps vulnerable, often low-income people access free or affordable, quality mental health counseling and case management services to keep their lives stable and on track. JFS makes its services affordable and accessible, with a sliding fee scale based on household income. JFS also accepts Medicaid.

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**Louisiana Green Corps**
504-613-4661
lagreencorps.org

*Construction and Conservation Corps:* Louisiana Green Corps provides environmental education and career-building opportunities for people aspiring to improve their lives and our community. Through the Construction and Conservation Corps programs, job seekers receive construction, green infrastructure, and conservation training. In addition to certifications and internship placements, job seekers also receive wraparound support services to ensure they have the skills and resources necessary to connect into and thrive within the water and green infrastructure industries.

**Liberty’s Kitchen**
504-822-4011
libertyskitchen.org

*Youth Development Program:* The Liberty’s Kitchen Youth Development Program is a three-month work readiness intensive designed for New Orleans youth between the ages of 16-24, who are out of work and out of school. The program provides participants with technical and transferable skills training in a real work environment. Our team addresses barriers to employment ranging from housing to mental health care access to transportation.

**Loop NOLA**
504-330-5369
loopnola.org

*Outdoor Adventure Programs for NOLA Public Schools:* The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in New Orleans has resulted in youth across the city adversely impacted by social, emotional, and academic learning loss along with increased health risks. Time outdoors learning and playing can provide a powerful treatment to these effects. Loop NOLA provides local children and youth from open enrollment public school partners with well-planned, active, outdoor programs during the 2022-23 school year.

**Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights**
504-658-6862
lakidsrights.org

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**Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation**
504-944-1441
lachamberfoundation.org

*Business Innovation Program:* The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce's Business Innovation Program (BIP) provides Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) small business owners with the financial literacy skills they need to make sound money management and investment decisions, allowing them to grow and sustain their businesses.
Luke’s House: A Clinic for Healing and Hope
504-444-7879
lukeshouseclinic.org

Salud Para Todxs: Salud Para Todxs aims to provide access to essential long-term primary, specialty care and Spanish language, culturally relevant health education/wellness activities to our Latinx community in the Greater New Orleans Area. Health equity is central to Luke’s House’s mission and core values, this is why we strive to increase access to care to our most marginalized communities and advocate for our collective right to live healthy, thriving lives.

Metro Centers for Community Advocacy
504-837-5400
mccagno.org

Shelter from the Storm: Helping survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault to have fulfilling lives is the ultimate goal of Metro’s programs. It is imperative that the adults reach a level of self-sufficiency through counseling, voluntary sheltering, case management, and resources identification. The identification of resources is vital to providing the adults with the knowledge they need for themselves and their children.

New Orleans Family Justice Alliance
504-592-4005
ww.nofjc.org

New Orleans Family Justice Center: The New Orleans Family Justice Alliance operates the Family Justice Center, established in 2007 as a collaborative model, co-locating public and private agencies under one roof to holistically serve victims of domestic and sexual violence, child abuse, and human trafficking. This integrated framework coordinates our community response to violence and centralizes key stakeholders under one trauma-informed umbrella. Wraparound services include crisis intervention, safe housing, trauma recovery, education & employment, legal services, medical services, sexual assault services, and outreach and prevention.

New Orleans Habitat for Humanity
504-861-2077
habitat-nola.org

Hurricane Home Rebuild and Repair: New Orleans Habitat activated its Hurricane Home Rebuild and Repair program immediately after Hurricane Ida to support the rebuild, elevation, and repair services necessary to stabilize communities in designated disaster areas. As the recognized leader in affordable housing, community development, and disaster recovery, our organization can marshal the resources of its donors, recruit volunteers, provide home repairs, and construct new affordable homes.

New Orleans Women and Children Shelter
504-522-9340
nowcs.org

Ending Homelessness for New Orleans Families: NOWCS provides for homeless families from diverse backgrounds and is one of the only shelters that accepts homeless families with male heads of household; women over the age of 18, accompanied by children of both genders under the age of 18; and pregnant women throughout all stages of their pregnancy.
New Orleans Youth Alliance
504-249-5130
neworleansyouthalliance.org

**Reengagement Center:** The Reengagement Center is a pilot program serving youth ages 16-24 who are disconnected from work or school or at risk of disconnection. The program connects youth to post-secondary educational opportunities that lead to viable career pathways. The Center implements a two-pronged approach focused on disconnection prevention, including (1) college and career exposure activities at K-12 partner schools, and (2) transition support and social services for students who have graduated high school.

Northshore Food Bank
985-893-3003
northshorefoodbank.org

**Kids Weekend Backpack Program:** Northshore Food Bank is expanding its Summer Stock for Kids Food Bag program which provides kid-friendly food bags for school-aged youth registered in our traditional food program to supplement the loss of school meals while home during the summer. The new Kids Weekend Backpack program provides nutritious food filled backpacks for low-income students each weekend during the school year, or when home from school due to illness, to supplement the loss of school meals.

Operation Restoration
504-684-922
or-nola.org

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Our Daily Bread
985-542-4676
ourdailybreadhammond.org

**Our Daily Bread:** Our Daily Bread Food Bank provides emergency food items, hot meals, and monthly USDA food boxes to those in need throughout Tangipahoa Parish.

Plaquemines Community CARE Center Foundation, Inc.
504-393-5750
pcccf.org

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**Substance Abuse:** The Substance Abuse program at the Plaquemines Community CARE Centers Foundation, Inc. provides comprehensive assessments, drug education, and resource and referral services to individuals with substance abuse issues in Plaquemines Parish.
**PinkNailsEnt**  
504-446-0106  
pinknailsent.org  

**Redefine Mentorship/Believe Communities:** Redefine is a holistic mentoring initiative with a focus on Mentoring Leaders as well as providing mentorship to both junior high and high school young ladies through after-school and community-based programs.

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**Reconcile New Orleans**  
504-568-1157  
cafereconcile.org  

**Reconcile’s Workforce Development and Life Skills Training:** Reconcile New Orleans’ (RNO) purpose is to support hardworking young people in their pursuit for education and training, equal opportunity, and personal and professional ambitions. We do this by supporting opportunity youth—young people aged 16-24 who are disconnected from work or employment—as they transform their lives through personal growth, workforce development and training, and tools to achieve their goals.

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**Safe Harbor**  
985-626-5710  
safeharbornorthshore.org  

**Safe Harbor's Domestic Violence Program:** Safe Harbor is the federal and state recognized domestic violence service provider for St. Tammany and Washington parishes and is the only program in St. Tammany Parish that provides shelter exclusively for victims who are rendered homeless because of domestic abuse. The program provides safe, free, and confidential services to survivors and their children.

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**Second Harvest Food Bank**  
504-734-1322  
no-hunger.org  

**Fighting Hunger and Promoting Prosperity in Southeast Louisiana:** While our core mission is providing immediate hunger relief through direct food distribution, Second Harvest is dedicated to alleviating the root causes of hunger and providing neighbors with opportunities for health, wellness, and prosperity.

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**Skillz Academy**  
504-215-7851  
skillzacademy.com  

**Software Sales Training Academy:** The Skillz Academy Software Sales Training Program leverages the natural hospitality orientation of New Orleanians and its growing tech sector to train under-represented New Orleanians for sales and customer success jobs in the tech industry, where only 7% of employees nationwide are Black. It offers multiple cohorts of a 12-week training program that emphasizes core sales skills, soft skills, cultural competencies and a practicum that leads to 100% placement rates in tech sales jobs starting at $40,000 per year plus benefits and commissions for unemployed and under-employed people.

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**Southeast Louisiana Legal Services**  
504-529-1000  
slls.org  

**Family Crisis Stabilization Project:** The Family Crisis Stabilization Project provides a lifeline to vulnerable families impacted by domestic violence or housing crisis in the United Way’s seven-parish area. Free emergency legal assistance with protective orders, evictions, foreclosures, and related urgent matters will improve the safety and stability of families while strengthening communities.
Son of a Saint
504-561-7508
sonofasaint.org

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Song Community Development Corporation
504-233-2313
songcdc.org

Community Services and Case Management: This program provides residents with community services (translation/interpretation, community education and advocacy on affordable housing, public health education and health access) and case management (benefits screening and enrollment and more).

Farming and Food Access: This program entails working with local farmers to provide them with the necessary technical assistance around growing, harvesting, marketing, sales, and bookkeeping, to provide economic opportunity while also providing healthy food access from their farms to the local community, many of whom lack access to quality healthy food. We will do this by providing food boxes as well as creating a small market where community members can have access to the locally-grown food.

Special Olympics Louisiana
800-345-6644
laso.org

Special Olympics Louisiana, Health: Special Olympics Louisiana’s Health Programming focuses on improving the physical and social-emotional well-being of people with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities by increasing inclusion in health care, wellness and health systems.

STARC of Louisiana
985-641-0197
starcla.org

Supported Employment: STARC’s Supported Employment Program assists individuals with disabilities, 18 years older, to find competitive work in community-based integrated work settings. Supported Employment services consider skills, strengths, priorities, interests, Abilities, and the hobbies of an individual when determining an appropriate job placement. A Certified Employment Specialist works with each individual to obtain a job suitable for the individual receiving services.

Tangipahoa Volunteer Council on Aging
985-748-7486
tangicoa.com

Transportation, Meals and Activities for Seniors: TVCOA services are provided to help residents of Tangipahoa Parish, age 60 and older, remain independent and in their own homes as long as possible.
**The Good Samaritan Ministries**  
985-641-6421  
saaintlukeslidell.org/goodsms

**First Step in Crisis:** First Step in Crisis is a crisis management program. We utilize a comprehensive intake process that uncovers a client’s needs, a verification process that promotes good fiscal management, and a network of collaborative partners that allows us to require systematic change and client accountability. The program is all-inclusive, listening to each aid case individually to match the fluid circumstances inherent in crisis and a client’s life experiences in dealing with it.

**The Health and Education Alliance of Louisiana**  
504-570-6952  
healschools.org

**Coordinated Care for the Whole Child Program:** The Coordinated Care for the Whole Child Program works directly with schools to address physical health, mental health, and social barriers that prevent children from succeeding in school and realizing their fullest potential. HEAL increases health care access and services for students within school infrastructure and ensures schools receive federal Medicaid reimbursement to sustain their school-based health program.

**Training Grounds**  
504-240-8379  
mytraininggrounds.org

**We PLAY Center:** TrainingGrounds’ We PLAY Center is a free play space for children, birth through age four, and their caregivers from across the Greater New Orleans area. At the We PLAY Center, parent educators use evidence-based approaches to support parents and caregivers in learning how to provide the developmental supports for their children to succeed.

**Travelers Aid Society of Greater New Orleans**  
504-658-2944  
travelersaidsocietyneworleans.org

**Crisis Intervention Counseling:** Crisis Intervention Counseling provides extensive case management services, focused on long-term needs for transitional or permanent housing, food stamps, Medicaid/Medicare, employment, rental assistance, and additional resources that promote stability and independence.

**Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent Supportive Housing provides stable, subsidized housing for qualifying individuals. Operating on a Housing First, the program helps support long-term self-reliance and stability with intensive case management, counseling, substance abuse treatment, and job training to offer a long-term comprehensive solution to the problem of homelessness.

**United Negro College Fund**  
504-581-3794  
uncf.org/local-offices/neworleans

**Emergency Assistance Fund:** The UNCF Emergency Assistance Fund addresses crisis situations faced by individuals with aspirations of obtaining a college degree or continuing their education but cannot, due to unavoidable emergency situations.
Urban League of Louisiana
504-416-0221
urbanleaguela.org

**Head Start Center:** The Urban League Clarence L. Barney Head Start Center is a child and family development program offering high-quality early learning services to children from birth to four years old, including children with verified disabilities. Urban League Head Start Center provides individualized learning experiences to promote children's readiness for school, as well as planned and spontaneous instruction to help children grow in language and literacy, early math and science concepts, and social and emotional development.

**Project Ready:** Urban League Project Ready provides students with academic, life skills, and career readiness supports to prepare them for high school graduation and post-secondary success. Students have the opportunity to pursue career technical education tracks such as welding and electrical construction. At both sites, students can access college application and eligibility support, career exposure and advising, academic tutoring, ACT prep, gender-based mentoring, college tours, “Behind the Business” tours, STEM enrichment, dual enrollment, technology pre-apprenticeship training, and community service opportunities.

VIA LINK
504-895-5550
vialink.org

**Information and Referral & Crisis Intervention:** 211 Information & Referral and Crisis Intervention services provides 24/7 assistance to individuals in need by simply dialing 211. The need can be as basic as needing free dental care or more critical such as emotional crisis de-escalation or suicide prevention. Trained Crisis Intervention Specialists with clinical supervision are available to help and provide vetted local resources to assist clients. This service is available through phone, text, or chat. Text to 898211. Chat at vialink.org. Call 211.

Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana
504-482-2130
voasela.org

**Mentoring Children of Promise:** Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana operates Mentoring Children of Promise to support children who have a parent missing from the household due to incarceration or other reasons. MCP uses mentoring to assist children in building self-esteem, setting goals, developing positive relationships with adults, and avoiding risky behaviors while also providing additional adult support to the family.

YMCA of Bogalusa
985-732-3741
https://ymca.org/locations/bogalusa-ymca

**Health and Wellness, Afterschool, Growing Green and Meal Programs:** With the continued partnership with United Way of Southeast Louisiana, the Bogalusa Y strives to make a significant impact for the Washington Parish community by enhancing its Health & Wellness, After-School, and Growing Green Programs. These programs fall in line with United Way’s Personal Wellness, Prosperity Tomorrow, and Vibrant Communities priority outcomes.

YMCA of Greater New Orleans – Plaquemines
504-568-9622
ymcaneworleans.org

**Plaquemines Partnership YMCAs:** The Plaquemines Partnership YMCAs are centers of community in the parish – gathering spaces where residents can engage in fellowship with their neighbors, celebrate holidays, and find aid during times of disaster; education centers offering quality afterschool programs, child watch, summer camp, and teen employment opportunities; fitness and wellness facilities offering group exercise classes, water safety and swim instruction, youth sports, and classes designed to keep seniors’ minds and bodies active; and referral hubs to connect members to other urgent needs. Subsidized rates ensure that everyone has access to Y programs.
YMCA of Greater New Orleans
504-568-9622
ymcaneworleans.org

YMCA Educational Services (YES!): YMCA Educational Services (YES!), is a completely free adult literacy program. Out of classrooms inside the New Orleans Public Library, YES! provides adults with the math, reading, and digital skills needed to advance at work, assist their children and grandchildren with schoolwork, and be active, engaged citizens.

Youth Empowerment Project
504-522-1316
youthempowermentproject.org

YEP Educates: YEP Educates provides an alternative and flexible pathway for students ages 16 and up to earn their HiSET and transition into postsecondary education and training. Ultimately, the goal of the program is to increase the life opportunities and earning potential for adult learners of all ages. YEP’s unique approach to focusing on the entire student drives our continued success. YEP Educates meets students where they are academically and personally.

Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany
985-893-6113
ysbworks.com

CASA: The CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program provides volunteers who effectively advocate for delivery of the highest quality of care available to children who are victims of abuse and neglect in St. Tammany and Washington parishes. These highly-trained, fully-screened volunteers ensure that the children’s basic needs are met and provide the courts with detailed reports helping judges find them permanent homes free from abuse and neglect.

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Crossroads: Crossroads is an intervention program for juvenile offenders that provides youth with the opportunity to choose a new direction while holding them accountable for their actions. Crossroads improves community safety, increases victim services, empowers families, reduces juvenile recidivism, and teaches responsibility. Our client surveys reflect a 94% satisfaction rate.

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YouthForce NOLA
504-452-8850
youthforcenola.org

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Women United is an engagement group of UWSELA whose members are focused on philanthropy, advocacy, and volunteerism for women’s and children’s causes. Women United aims to inform and empower its membership to actively enhance the lives of every woman and child in our community by providing a sustainable platform for results-oriented, compassionate activism to revolutionize health and human service solutions.

This year, Women United members came together to allocate $218,565 to support programs critical to the well-being of women and children, all aligned with United Way’s Blueprint for Prosperity.

For more information about Women United, visit UnitedWaySELA.org/womenunited.
City Year New Orleans
504-302-5067
cityyear.org/new-orleans

City Year New Orleans School Team: City Year’s service focuses on helping students and schools succeed. We recruit a diverse group of young adults to serve as AmeriCorps members in schools all day, every day, as tutors, mentors, and role models. AmeriCorps members provide academic, social, and emotional support to students who need them most, serve as an additional caring adult in the classroom, and contribute to a positive school culture. We seek to advance educational equity for students and to develop and support leaders who will create a more just and equitable future for all of us.

Clover
504-523-6221
clovernola.org

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East St. Tammany Rainbow Childcare Center, Inc.
985-646-0718
rainbowccc.org

Learn, Play & Grow: Providing affordable childcare in the greater Slidell Community since 1983, Rainbow uses a sliding scale based on income for low-income working families and families in crisis. Parents/guardians may register their child between the ages of 1-5, and must provide documentation that they’re working, registered in school, and/or participating in a training program. The teachers work with the children to support the work parents are doing at home to meet their developmental milestones and enter kindergarten ready to learn.

Family Violence Program of St. Bernard
504-277-3177
fvpsb.org

Family Violence Program of St. Bernard: Family Violence Program of St. Bernard strives to resolve domestic violence related crises in order to ensure participants have their immediate needs met and move towards self-reliance. We offer shelter, free crisis intervention, advocacy, referrals, case management, children’s services, legal and court advocacy, group and individual counseling, transportation, and pet-friendly shelter.

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*For more information on our Public Policy work, visit UnitedWaySELA.org/Advocate.*
2022 United Way of Southeast Louisiana Public Policy Legislative Wrap-Up

EDUCATION
United Way of Southeast Louisiana and advocates have worked for years to bring early care and education needs into the public eye and build broad bipartisan support for expanded access to child care.

EARLY ED DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2022
The Ready Louisiana Coalition’s 2022 Early Ed Day at the Capitol was a tremendous success. Advocates from across the state gathered to speak with legislators on the importance of investing in early childhood education, and Ready Louisiana was recognized on both the House and Senate floors with a formal proclamation.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION
Thanks to the dedicated advocacy of the Ready Louisiana Coalition, which UWSELA founded and is proud to help lead with collaborative partners, state legislators appropriated a total of $84 million for early care and education programs during this 2022 Regular Legislative Session.

$44 million for early care and education in the state budget
The Legislature passed the state budget (HB 1) which includes $44 million in funding to improve early care and education, $25 million to expand the Child Care Assistance Program, and around $18 million to improve rates offered to existing four-year-old programs. Special thanks to Representative Jerome Zeringue who authored the bill.

$40 million in one-time funding for the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund
The Legislature passed a supplemental funding bill (HB 406) which appropriates $40 million in one-time funding to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund to incentivize cities and parishes to make local investments to expand access to high-quality early care and education. Special thanks to Representative Jerome Zeringue who authored the bill.

Certain parishes can now invest in early care and education as a juvenile justice prevention effort
The Legislature passed HB 460 which seeks to expand the purposes for certain parishes¹ to repurpose juvenile justice funding to include preventative services for young children and their families. These services include increasing access to early care and education and investing in early care and education infrastructure and parental support. Special thanks to Representative Ken Brass who authored the bill.

¹ The following parishes are excluded: Acadia, Allen, Assumption, Beauregard, Bienville, Caddo, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Evangeline, Franklin, Iberia, Jefferson, Lafayette, LaSalle, Madison, Orleans, Rapides, Richland, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Vermilion, Vernon, and West Carroll.

Establishing a revenue and compensation task force within the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission
The Legislature passed SB 169 which requires the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission to establish a task force to recommend strategies for alternative state and local funding for quality early childhood care and education and workforce compensation and benefits issues within the early childhood care and education field. Special thanks to Senator Beth Mizell who authored the bill.

New Orleans Voters Approved A 20-Year Millage to Fund Early Childhood Education
In April, New Orleans voters approved a 20-year property tax to expand access to quality early care and education in the city. It’s impossible to overstate the historic nature of this long-term investment in New Orleans children and families. United Way of Southeast Louisiana supported the Yes for NOLA Kids campaign in its efforts to pass this millage, and because of the successful vote, up to 2,000 low-income children will receive free, quality early childhood education through the City Seats program. Funding from the millage will also support capacity-building efforts, including center expansion and start-up grants, a necessity as many centers already have long waiting lists. While the state and local progress we’ve made this year is promising, there’s a long way to go before every child and family in need can receive quality early childhood education. Expansion of access to early care and education will remain a key strategy in United Way SELA’s work to end poverty and ensure everyone in our community is healthy, educated, and financially stable.

We must provide opportunities for ALL families to access the quality child care and after-school programs needed for children to succeed in school and parents to be productive members of the workforce. We must provide ALL of our children with the education and services they need for a bright and fulfilling future.
OTHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION

ACT 167 (HB 406) by Rep. Jerome Zeringue
FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies among state funds

ACT 627 (HB 460) by Rep. Ken Brass
CHILDREN: Expands the purposes for which a parish governing authority may levy a tax relative to early childhood programs

ACT 447 (HB 207) by Rep. Jason Hughes
CURRICULA: Adds Geometry as a required course for high school students in the career major program

ACT 463 (HB 346) by Rep. Francis C. Thompson
STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Provides for a program and a fund for the purpose of providing scholarships for students in approved teacher preparation programs

FINANCIAL STABILITY

During this year’s Minimum Wage Day at the Legislature, UWSELA Public Policy’s Tulane Interns Natalie Pruitt and Cate Brodowski provided testimony in support of HB 311 by Rep. Marcelle and HB 229 by Rep. Green. Bills seeking to establish a livable wage, equal pay for women, and paid sick leave all failed to pass out of the House Labor and Industrial Relations Committee. This means many workers in our state continue to work for the $7.25 federal minimum wage, which has not been raised since 2009. Natalie was also featured in a Mic’d Up on Facebook Live episode to share her research and expertise on the necessity of increasing the minimum wage.

Governor John Bel Edwards vetoed SB 381, the Louisiana Credit Access Loan Act, authored by Senator Rick Ward, which would legalize larger payday loans. UWSELA Public Policy signed an opposition letter to Governor Edwards with the Louisiana Budget Project and collaborative partners.

HB 219 by Rep. Kyle M. Green, Jr. (Failed)
EMPLOYMENT: Provides relative to equal pay for women

HB 229 by Rep. Kyle M. Green, Jr. (Failed)
EMPLOYMENT/WAGES-MINIMUM: (Constitutional Amendment)
Establishes a state minimum wage

HB 311 by Rep. C. Denise Marcelle (Failed)
EMPLOYMENT/WAGES-MINIMUM: Establishes a state minimum wage rate

HB 472 by Rep. Tammy Phelps (Failed)
EMPLOYMENT/WAGES: Provides relative to wages for tipped employees

SB 269 by Sen. Regina Ashford Barrow (Failed)
EMPLOYMENT: Constitutional amendment to establish a state minimum hourly wage and index future increases according to the Consumer Price Index or its successor index

SB 289 by Sen. Regina Ashford Barrow (Failed)
EMPLOYMENT: Provides for employee paid sick leave

HEALTH

United Way of Southeast Louisiana believes that all Louisianans should have access to equitable health services that protect and improve health and well-being. We understand that health impacts the lives of our ALICE families who need increased services.
UWSELA supported health legislation this year that:

- Requires improvements to the safety of our long-term care facilities.
- Requests that the Louisiana Department of Health study options for delaying institutionalization of frail elders.
- Provides funding for crisis stabilization for fiscal year 2023.
- Requires the screening of new mothers for perinatal depression and mood disorders.
- Strengthens and broadens the use of telehealth and telemedicine services.
- Creates an Office of Women’s Health to study and coordinate issues of aging, maternal health, behavioral health, violence, and disease prevention.
- Addresses shortages of healthcare professionals through apprenticeships, continuing education, and K-12 career readiness programs.

**ACT 488 (HB 650) by Rep. Stephanie Hilferty**

*MEDICAID: Provides for Medicaid coverage of prescription human milk (EG +$592,788 GF EX See Note)*

**ACT 489 (HB 651) by Rep. Stephanie Hilferty**

*INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to insurance coverage for prescription breast milk (EG INCREASE EX See Note)*

**ACT 676 (SB 116) by Sen. Regina Ashford Barrow**

*HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Creates the office on women’s health within the Louisiana Department of Health*

**ACT 151 (HB 334) by Rep. Royce Duplessis**

*HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL: Provides relative to employment with behavioral health services providers of peer support specialists*

**ACT 188 (HB 784) by Rep. Royce Duplessis**

*HEALTH: Provides relative to universal perinatal mood disorder screening for primary care doctors*

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

UWSELA understood early in advance of the session that families were facing “A Pandemic Within A Pandemic.” This is the terminology used by the New England Journal of Medicine to describe the crisis of intimate partner violence following the implementation of unprecedented COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. Forced confinement of victims with their abusers created tremendous concern for domestic violence service providers who expected a significant increase in demands for assistance. The opposite occurred and, in some locations, calls dropped by more than 50%.

The 2021 Legislative Auditor’s Report issued on December 16, 2021, shows that Louisiana is failing to keep domestic violence victims safe. Overall the report found that Louisiana faces multiple challenges in addressing domestic violence. These challenges include gaps in services for victims, insufficient and inflexible funding, strategies to protect victims not being consistently implemented, lack of oversight for intervention programs for perpetrators, and lack of training for certain entities involved in addressing domestic violence. UWSELA fought for increased domestic violence shelter beds and support services to meet the needs of all victims, increased funding for the Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services, and uniformed data collection regarding gun transfers this session.

As a leader of the United Against Domestic Violence Coalition, UWSELA will continue to advocate for positions previously taken in the Louisiana Legislature to protect survivors of domestic violence. The Coalition’s 2022 legislative book, found here, provides background information on domestic violence in Louisiana and priority bills.

**ACT 202 (HB 64) by Rep. Mandie Landry**

*CHILDREN: Provides relative to the definition of a child*

**ACT 372 (HB 124) by Rep. Nicholas Muscarell**

*CIVIL/PROCEDURE: Provides relative to certain judicial proceedings conducted by audio-visual means*

**ACT 450 (HB 223) by Rep. C. Denise Marcelle**

*COURTS: Provides relative to eligibility for the Reentry Court Specialty Program*

**ACT 614 (HB 272) by Rep. Patrick O. Jefferson**

*FAMILY LAW: Provides for mental health evaluations in divorce and child custody proceedings*
ACT 207 (HB 313) by Rep. Thomas Pressly
CRIMINAL/VICTIMS: Provides relative to rights of victims of criminal offenses – (LCADV & STAR bill)

ACT 386 (HB 402) by Rep. Jason Hughes
PRESCRIPTION: Provides relative to the prescriptive period for certain actions for abuse of a minor

ACT 621 (HB 409) by Rep. Joseph Marino
CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Prohibits the issuance of a summons in lieu of an arrest for certain domestic violence crimes – (Support arrest of predominant aggressor)

ACT 625 (HB 431) by Rep. Edmond Jordan
CRIME/DNA: Provides relative to DNA database cross-referencing

ACT 568 (HB 508) by Rep. Gregory A. Miller
CRIME/SEX OFFENSES: Provides relative to notification when an inmate convicted of a violent or sexual offense is scheduled to be released

ACT 484 (HB 585) by Rep. Aimee Adatto Freeman
WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Provides relative to reporting of certain firearm data to the La. Commission on Lawn Enforcement

ACT 630 (HB 615) by Rep. Aimee Adatto Freeman
LAW ENFORCEMENT: Provides relative to law enforcement records

ACT 487 (HB 648) by Rep. Stephanie Hilferty
CRIMINAL/VICTIMS: Provides relative to the Crime Victims Reparations Act

ACT 513 (HB 1061) by Rep. Jason Hughes and Sen. Regina Barrow
HEALTH/WOMEN'S: Provides relative to emergency contraception for victims of sexual assault

ACT 291 (SB 51) by Sen. Beth Mizell
COURTS: Adds a second commissioner to the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court and authorizes commissioners to preside over domestic violence cases and civil matters (8/1/22) (OR +$125,250 LF EX See Note)

ACT 173 (SB 64) by Sen. Patrick Connick
CRIME/PUNISHMENT: Provides relative to crimes of violence and sex offenses (8/1/22)

ACT 75 (SB 66) by Sen. Patrick Connick
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Enhances penalties for violation of a protective order when committed while in possession of a firearm (8/1/22)

ACT 411 (SB 69) by Sen. Patrick Connick
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: Provides relative to protections for crime victims. (8/1/22)

ACT 540 (SB 147) by Sen. Beth Mizell
SEX OFFENSES: Provides for sexual assault survivors to have access to certain documents from the forensic medical exam (8/1/22)

ACT 130 (SB 148) by Sen. Beth Mizell
CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Provides for post-conviction relief for victims of human trafficking

ACT 416 (SB 255) by Sen. Regina Barrow
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Provides relative to court costs and fees in domestic abuse cases

CHILDREN/CUSTODY: Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study evaluations conducted by mental health professionals used in child custody and visitation proceedings

HR 242 by Rep. Polly Thomas and Tanner Magee
CHILDREN/CUSTODY: Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the Bergeron standard
SR 186 by Sen. Barrow Peacock
CHILDREN: To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to review state laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures related to mental health evaluations used in child custody proceedings

COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING

The strength of Louisiana’s economy is inextricably tied to the financial stability of its residents. The more people participating in the state’s economy, the stronger it will be. Over half of all households in the state struggled to support themselves before the pandemic. If all households earned enough to meet their basic needs, not only would each family’s hardship be eased, but the Louisiana GDP would grow by an estimated $55+ billion.

UWSELA was aggressive in its legislative efforts to secure funding for the Prosperity Center; however, we were unsuccessful in acquiring the funding needed to expand our Prosperity Center model statewide. We will continue to advocate for the expansion of our Prosperity Center model, working in partnership with the Louisiana Association of United Ways.

In community strengthening, UWSELA also fought for increased funding and accountability for citizens impacted by natural disasters. We successfully advocated to increase accountability for insurers across the state.

UWSELA and Women United sponsored the National Coalition for the Prevention of Human Sex Trafficking National Awareness Campaign Kick-Off hosted by First Lady Donna Edwards and the Louisiana First Foundation at the Four Seasons Hotel New Orleans. Charmaine Caccioppi served as a panelist highlighting UWSELA’s work in the area of Human Trafficking.

ACT 529 (HB 1083) by Rep. Candace Newell
DISCRIMINATION: Includes “skin color, facial characteristics, hair texture, natural hairstyles and protective hairstyles” as traits protected against discrimination in Louisiana

ACT 436 (HB 129) by Rep. Richard Nelson
MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Provides relative to an arrested person’s failure to honor a written promise to appear

ACT 331 (HB 317) by Rep. Matthew Willard
INSURANCE/POLICIES: Provides for hurricane, named storm, and wind and hail deductibles

ACT 272 (HB 360) by Rep. Stephanie Hilferty
CHILDREN’S CODE: Provides for the continuous revision of the Children’s Code

ACT 487 (HB 648) by Rep. Stephanie Hilferty
CRIMINAL/VICTIMS: Provides relative to the Crime Victims Reparations Act

ACT 389 (HB 682) by Rep. Chad Brown
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT: Provides for a claims adjuster database (OR +$213,302 SG EX See Note)

ACT 652 (HB 1065) by Rep. Candace N. Newell
ELECTIONS/POLLING PLACES: Provides relative to notice of changes to polling places

ACT 262 (SB 174) by Sen. Mike Reese
BANKS/BANKING: Provides relative to shareholder remedies within the state banking code (8/1/22)
UWSELA’s engagement groups - Mission Ignition, Women United, Retire United, Tocqueville Society, and Young Leaders United bring together like-minded people to take action in support of UWSELA’s work to move the needle on poverty through giving, advocacy, and volunteerism.

*For more information on our engagement groups, visit UnitedWaySELA.org/Connect.*
MISSION IGNITION
UnitedWaySELA.org/mission-ignition

Mission Ignition is a volunteer challenge that pits local high schools against each other to complete the most service hours over a set period. Mission Ignition makes community service fun and exciting for students, encouraging a sense of community while inspiring philanthropic lifestyles that transcend graduation requirements.

RETIRE UNITED
UnitedWaySELA.org/retire-united

Retire United mobilizes the experience, expertise, and resources of retirees to support UWSELA’s fight to eradicate poverty in Southeast Louisiana. Members are retired or soon to retire, and recognize the important role volunteerism and philanthropy play in strengthening our community.

TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY
UnitedWaySELA.org/tocqueville-society

The Tocqueville Society recognizes local philanthropic leaders and volunteer champions in Southeast Louisiana who have devoted time, talent, and funds to create long-lasting changes by tackling our communities’ most serious issues.

WOMEN UNITED
UnitedWaySELA.org/womenunited

Women United supports the unique health and human service needs of women and children in Southeast Louisiana. The group pools the time, talent, and financial resources of its members to bring to the forefront the positive impact which women can have on a community.

YOUNG LEADERS UNITED
UnitedWaySELA.org/ylu

Young Leaders United engages young professionals in UWSELA’s work to eradicate poverty and builds socially conscious leaders who fight for change. YLU unites passionate people to create more equitable communities through advocacy, volunteerism, and giving.
UWSELA and Baptist Community Ministries granted $500,000 in funds to 37 Orleans Parish summer program providers, focused on serving young people of color, ages 11 to 24, living below the ALICE Threshold, which represents the minimum income level necessary for survival.
The Summer Impact Grants require programs to focus on one of six priority areas from the New Orleans Youth Master Plan, a comprehensive roadmap for creating and sustaining a positive, youth-development focused, results-oriented New Orleans that works for all young people.

Seventy-three programs requested over $1.18 million in grant funds, which was ultimately culled down to 37 eligible providers by volunteer readers, including four young people from the New Orleans Youth Alliance (NOYA) and New Orleans Children and Youth Planning Board (CYPB). The funded programs feature an array of focus areas – including arts, advocacy, dance, leadership, literacy, soft skills and workforce development – which will help close the achievement gap, improve health outcomes, reduce crime and foster financial stability.

ORGANIZATION
About FACE (About Family and Community Engagement)
ARISE Schools- Mildred Osborne/ARISE Academy
Arts Council of New Orleans
Bard Early College
College Track
Covenant House New Orleans
Dancing Grounds
Dinerral Shavers Educational Fund
Directed Initiatives for Youth Inc., Dbra Excite All Stars
Educators for Quality Alternatives
Efforts of Grace, Inc.
Free Alas
Friends of Lafitte Greenway
Friends of the New Orleans Public Library/ New Orleans Public Library
Generation Success
Grow Dat Youth Farm
Jesus Project Ministries
Kedila Family Learning Center
Living School, INC
Make Music NOLA
Milne Inspiration Center (MIC-AMPED)
New Orleans Technical Education Provider
Operation Spark
Reconcile New Orleans, Inc.
Ride New Orleans
Silence Is Violence
Son of a Saint
The 18th Ward
The Beautiful Foundation
The Cosmetology Institute, LLC
The Level Up Campaign
Thrive New Orleans
Trinity Christian Community DBA Trinity Community Center
unCommon Construction
Uptown Arts
Young Aspirations Young Artists Inc.
YouthForce NOLA

PROGRAM
Summer Social Set 22
ARISE Schools Summer Program
Young Artist Movement (YAM)
Bard Early College New Orleans
Summer College Access Programming for New Orleans Scholars
Youth Advocacy Group
Freedom School and Summer Dance Intensive
GIRLS NOLA Initiative
Excite All Stars Summer Camp
The NET Charter High School Summer Internship Program
Kuumba Academy Summer Program
Aspire
Lafitte Greenway BELite Youth Mural Arts Project: Basketball Court Revival
Summer Fun 2022
Summer EXCEL Challenge
Summer Leadership Programs
Junior Student Training and Enrichment Program (JSTEP)
Summer @ Kedila
Learn By Doing: A Living School Summer Experience
Make Music NOLA Summer Workshop Series
Summer Leadership Experience
Summer Success Program
High School to High Wage Summer Coding Camp
Workforce Development Summer Success Program
Youth Transit Leadership Cohort (YTLC)
Summer Peace Clinics
Summer Programming
Summer Coaches in Training
Camp Beautiful
The Beauty Bootcamp
Save Our Youth Nola Project
Youth Summer Camp
Summer Leadership Development
Summer 2022 Apprenticeships
Summer Camp 2022
Teen Guild
YouthForce Internships

DAYS OF OPERATION: 1,116
HOURS OF OPERATION: 10,921
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED: 3,524
Within a week after landfall, United Way of Southeast Louisiana was on the ground supporting our seven-parish service area and sister United Ways. We worked alongside community members and partners to provide meals, essential supplies, gift cards, and free civil legal aid to vulnerable households in desperate need of relief.

For more information on our Hurridane Ida response, visit UnitedWaySELA.org/365-days-ida.
## OUR IMPACT: HURRICANE IDA

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<td>gift cards distributed in our seven-parish service area</td>
<td>meals served throughout the region</td>
<td>families helped through 21 relief pop-up events</td>
<td>volunteer hours logged by over 220 volunteers</td>
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### By The Numbers

**$5,316,393**
DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE HURRICANE IDA RELIEF FUND*

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<td>in gift cards to help affected households cover immediate needs</td>
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<td>to HandsOn New Orleans to manage supply donations and volunteers</td>
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<td>being invested in Long-Term Recovery Groups to fill unmet needs and support equitable recovery</td>
<td>in meals purchased from local restaurants</td>
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<td>in supplies and support delivered to those in need</td>
<td>for UW Prosperity Center services to help families prepare financially for future disasters</td>
<td>to purchase essential items including uniforms, coats and jackets, and more.</td>
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<td>to Fuller Center to start rebuilding homes in St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes</td>
<td>for long-term recovery through United Ways in our region.</td>
<td>for rent and mortgage assistance to individuals and families affected by Hurricane Ida</td>
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*as of 08/26/2022
THE FUTURE: LONG-TERM RECOVERY

As families continued to return home and begin to rebuild, needs shifted. We’ve committed $1 million to support equitable long-term recovery in the seven parishes we serve through long-term recovery groups - charged with identifying local disparities and providing unmet needs - and we will continue to provide aid to St. John United Way and United Way for South Louisiana in the months and years ahead. We developed an aggressive public policy agenda for Louisiana to secure federal recovery funds and deployed our financial capability services to help families prepare for the next disaster.

Thanks to your support, United Way is always here for our communities - before, during, and after disasters.

Families are still facing long-term challenges in the wake of Ida, including housing instability, unemployment, and mental health, among many others. It will take all of, United, to achieve an equitable recovery throughout Southeast Louisiana.

Some of the projects we continue to work on thanks to our generous donors:

FULLER CENTER DISASTER REBUILDERS AND UWSELA

Together, we recruited and mobilized volunteers locally and nationally to repair the homes of 10 low-income homeowners in the three parishes, including St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes.

ST. PAUL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

UWSELA, Bishop Wilfret Johnson, and HandsOn New Orleans are working in partnership to rebuild and restore this community hub for Plaquemines Parish. Residents will benefit greatly from having a space of their own to commune, plan, and respond to future emergencies in a way that centers on community resilience and sustainability.

LONG-TERM RECOVERY TABLES

Throughout the seven parishes we serve, we continue to work in concert with partners to support long-term recovery groups (LTRG), including key nonprofits, faith-based, business, and government partners. Each parish’s group reflects the unique nature of its communities while maintaining a shared goal: Identify local disparities and gaps in services and provide unmet needs. If you or someone you know needs help with long-term recovery, the LTRGs are here to help.
**UNIVERSITY WAY OF SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA**

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2022

with Summarized Comparative Totals for 2021

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<th>Total</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>Allocations payable</td>
<td>$ 2,765,066</td>
<td>$ 167,040</td>
<td>$ 2,932,106</td>
<td>$ 3,134,816</td>
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<tr>
<td>Designations payable</td>
<td>851,911</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>851,911</td>
<td>1,485,948</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deferred revenue</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>790,151</td>
<td>790,151</td>
<td>112,078</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
<td>129,343</td>
<td>213,708</td>
<td>343,051</td>
<td>263,538</td>
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<tr>
<td>Program payable</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>210,509</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lease liability</td>
<td>2,437</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,437</td>
<td>12,877</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total liabilities</td>
<td>$3,748,757</td>
<td>1,170,899</td>
<td>4,919,656</td>
<td>5,219,766</td>
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Net assets:

|
| Without donor restrictions | $19,640,177 | - | 19,640,177 | $18,700,672 |
| With donor restrictions | - | 5,409,624 | 5,409,624 | 4,175,148 |
| Total net assets | $19,640,177 | 5,409,624 | 25,049,801 | 22,875,820 |

Total liabilities and net assets | $23,388,934 | $6,580,523 | $29,969,457 | $28,095,586 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.
**UNITED WAY OF SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA**  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022  
with Summarized Comparative Totals for 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Public Support:</th>
<th>2022 Without Donor Restrictions</th>
<th>2022 With Donor Restrictions</th>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions of cash and other financial assets</td>
<td>$6,359,807</td>
<td>$4,458,085</td>
<td>$10,817,892</td>
<td>$18,733,905</td>
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<tr>
<td>Provision for uncollectible accounts</td>
<td>(422,945)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(422,945)</td>
<td>(507,665)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donor designations</td>
<td>(852,583)</td>
<td>(5,546)</td>
<td>(858,129)</td>
<td>(1,163,827)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total public support</td>
<td>5,084,279</td>
<td>4,452,539</td>
<td>9,536,818</td>
<td>17,062,413</td>
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<th>Revenue:</th>
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<tr>
<td>Investment income (loss), net</td>
<td>(1,071,148)</td>
<td>(276,978)</td>
<td>(1,348,126)</td>
<td>1,600,638</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions of nonfinancial assets</td>
<td>187,419</td>
<td>679,366</td>
<td>866,785</td>
<td>904,672</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grants, program, and consulting fees</td>
<td>11,485</td>
<td>1,739,437</td>
<td>1,750,922</td>
<td>1,284,469</td>
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<tr>
<td>Service fee income</td>
<td>103,923</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>103,923</td>
<td>72,715</td>
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<tr>
<td>Special events</td>
<td>141,479</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>141,479</td>
<td>19,922</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rental income</td>
<td>3,642</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>3,642</td>
<td>21,852</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other income</td>
<td>20,175</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>20,175</td>
<td>79,818</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gain on disposal of property and equipment</td>
<td>2,752,015</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,752,015</td>
<td>27,302</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gain on settlement of lawsuit</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>45,141</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Insurance proceeds</td>
<td>1,806,073</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,806,073</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net assets released from restrictions</td>
<td>5,359,888</td>
<td>(5,359,888)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total public support and revenue</td>
<td>14,399,230</td>
<td>1,234,476</td>
<td>15,633,706</td>
<td>21,057,341</td>
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<th>FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</th>
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<td>Allocations to agencies and other assistance provided</td>
<td>5,786,484</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5,786,484</td>
<td>6,358,219</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less: designations to agencies</td>
<td>(858,129)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(858,129)</td>
<td>(1,163,827)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net allocations</td>
<td>4,928,355</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>4,928,355</td>
<td>5,194,392</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United Way Worldwide dues</td>
<td>214,350</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>214,350</td>
<td>149,935</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depreciation expense</td>
<td>63,570</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>63,570</td>
<td>79,818</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other functional expenses</td>
<td>8,253,450</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>8,253,450</td>
<td>6,582,491</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total functional expenses</td>
<td>13,459,725</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>13,459,725</td>
<td>12,006,636</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Net assets at beginning of year | 18,700,672 | 4,175,148 | 22,875,820 | 13,825,115 |
| Net assets at end of year | $19,640,177 | $5,409,624 | $25,049,801 | $22,875,820 |

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