

# PROGRESS REPORT

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- Continued the review of the final round of applications for the [Hospitality Cares Pandemic Response Fund](#) emergency grants
  - \$2,442,720 total giving
  - 4,885 total grants | 4,674 awarded | 211 remaining
- Launched limited mortgage assistance program to Orleans Parish residents targeted to current/former financial capability clients
- [Announced the opening of the United for Grocery Workers Fund](#) to offer one-time assistance toward Entergy New Orleans bills with support from the New Orleans Council on Aging and funding from Anthony Mackie
- Pushed back the announcement to 6/10 of partnership with GNO, Inc. to address the specific digital literacy and technological upskilling needs of workers in industries hard-hit by COVID-19
- Reviewed federal [Emergency Food and Shelter Grants](#) for Phase 37 Funds and CARES Funds available to nonprofits in Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa parishes in the amount of \$564,878 for Phase 37 and \$805,354 for Phase CARES
- Accepted second phase of child care centers into United for Early Care and Education, which provides technical and legal assistance in accessing funding and supports – 28 applied, 25 are eligible
  - Program team created a suite of materials including comprehensive FAQs and webinars that cover the basics of the PPP application and process available to any center throughout the state. <https://law.loyno.edu/united-ece-resources>
  - Continued case management meetings with 21 early care centers in phase one
- Hosted a drive-through award pick-up for LIVE UNITED award winners and continued promotion of the 2020 virtual Annual Meeting – [Register for free here](#)
- Transitioned into the first special session at the close of the pandemic-shortened 2020 Legislative Regular Session and continued [mobilized advocates](#) in support of bills aligned with our leg. Agenda
- Celebrated several legislative wins from the regular session, including:
  - [HB 251](#) authored by Rep. Stephanie Hilferty recreates the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission and was adopted in House concurrence.
  - [HB 328](#) authored by Rep. Aimee Adatto Freeman will allow local municipalities to exempt child and adult diapers, as well as feminine hygiene products, from local sales taxes. It passed on the Senate floor and currently awaits the governor’s signature. It carried bipartisan support from 40 co-authors and women’s and religious organizations across the state. Former State Senator JP Morrell put years of effort into similar legislation, and this new law will provide a measure of financial relief on essential products.
  - [HB 474](#) authored by Rep. Aimee Adatto Freeman provides relative to the training requirements of certain mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect. This bill passed on the Senate floor unopposed. It will require teachers and school staff to annually complete a simple online training on mandatory reporting requirements for child abuse and neglect. This important training will help keep our children safe, while also protecting teachers by keeping them up-to-date on their responsibilities as mandatory reporters.
  - [SB 494](#) authored by Sen. Troy Carter provides relative to coverage for mastectomies and reconstructive surgery. This bill passed on the House Floor unanimously. No later than January 1, 2021, insurance will cover contralateral prophylactic mastectomies
- Coordinated volunteers to deliver 32,144 meals to 2,296 older adults and homebound individuals

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- Live-streamed the eighth installment of 15 Minutes of FAME, UWSELA’s virtual financial capability education series on hurricane preparedness
- Continued promotion of [24H’s Beyond the Stage](#) livestreaming event series
- Advanced the development of an organization-wide long-term COVID-19 strategic plan
- Continued virtual tax support through VITA
- Continued volunteer recruitment to assist 311 seniors and homebound individuals
- Continued weekly newsletter distribution and Facebook live update
- Continued virtual IDA onboarding and support
- Continued outreach and support to Community Partners