

PROGRESS REPORT

6/22-6/26



- Continued the review of the final round of applications for the [Hospitality Cares Pandemic Response Fund](#) emergency grants
 - \$2,444,395 total giving
 - 4,889 total grants | 4,770 awarded | 119 remaining
- [Mobilized advocates](#) to help pass a bill that levies a state tax on fantasy sports contests and [dedicates the money to early childhood education](#) that our Public Policy team has fought for over a year to enact
 - The bill now moves to Gov. John Bel Edwards' desk for signature
- Monitored the progress of HB1 through the current special legislative session, which adjourns June 30
 - Continued efforts to secure \$25.1 million to prevent 4,000 children from losing access to the Child Care Assistance Program
- Announced the [donation of \\$150,000 in critical goods and services](#) -- including Uber rides, toilet paper rolls, and personal protective equipment -- to community partners throughout Southeast Louisiana
- Started [promotion of the East and West Red Beans 'N' Rice take-out events](#)
 - West Red Beans 'N Rice: July 27 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 - East Red Beans 'N Rice: August 3 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 - For more information on sponsorships and cooking teams, contact Sonja Newman at sonjan@unitedwaysela.org or 985.778.0815
 - For more information on ticketing, contact Michelle Dunnick at michelled@unitedwaysela.org or 504.827.6894
- Continued reviewing applications to the United for Grocery Worker Relief Fund and continued fundraising effort | \$102k total giving | 600+ grants available
- Hosted a Women United book club virtual gathering to discuss *The Heart and Spirit of Every Woman* by Sandra Ford Walston with the author herself
- Announced the rescheduled date of the joint networking event with Young Leaders United and the Jefferson Chamber Young Professionals | [Young Professionals Dog Park Social, Hosted by JCYP & YLU](#)
- Shared information with community partners and the public via social media on United Way's partnership with the National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and Nickelodeon to provide 90 days of [Noggin](#), a learning app for families with young children, free to community members (read more about the partnership [here](#))
- Continued case management meetings with child care centers accepted into phases one and two of United for Early Care and Education
- Announced the date for the Nancy M. Marsiglia Institute of Justice's Alumni Association's kick-off event to engage graduates around the long-term development of the program
- Coordinated volunteers to deliver 29,512 meals to 2,108 older adults and homebound individuals
- Live-streamed the 11th installment of 15 Minutes of FAME, UWSELA's virtual financial capability education series on hurricane preparedness