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**Capital Area United Way Awards Grant to Opening Doors Louisiana**

Baton Rouge, La. (July 1, 2021) – Capital Area United Way awarded Opening Doors, A Louisiana Non-Profit Corporation, with a $15,000 grant to assist with their Families in Transition program. This funding is part of the ALICE Grant Funding Opportunity that awarded $409,000 to 21 nonprofits in the Capital area.

Through the funding, Opening Doors plans to assist new and existing ALICE clients. Assistance will be given to families/individuals with children ages 0 - 5, seniors over 65, veterans, and unemployed households, and the support will be given in the areas of: safe, affordable housing, quality care and education, food, transportation, health care, technology and savings. Focus is to provide wrap-arounds services to clients.

ALICE Grants seek to address the barriers experienced by the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) population, specifically the following head of household types: seniors over 65; veterans; families/individuals with children aged 0-5; ALICE households due to COVID-related unemployment.

*Photo Attached*

**Opening Doors Louisiana Photo 1:** Kristi Kron, Community Impact Manager, Capital Area United Way; Edy Addison, Director of Impact and Initiatives, Capital Area United Way; Sandra Kuykendall, Chairperson of the Board, Opening Doors Louisiana

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