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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

United Way Awards Grant to The Arc of East Ascension to Provide Dental Services in Ascension Parish

Baton Rouge, La. (January 27, 2020) – Capital Area United Way awarded The Arc of East Ascension with a \$6,550 grant to assist with a dental project in Ascension Parish. This funding is part of the Ascension Parish Grant Funding Opportunity that awarded \$100,188 dollars to ten nonprofits for impact work in Ascension Parish.

“The Arc of East Ascension serves some of the area’s most underserved populations,” said Edy Addison, Director of Community Impact and Initiatives at United Way. “The grant will allow for them serve the populace that needs their services the most.”

The Arc of East Ascension Dental Project will create easier access for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities without dental coverage to be able to get care from specialized dentists. The grant will allow for 15 individuals to receive dental services and have care plans created.

“The Arc of East Ascension would like to thank the Capital Area United Way and the industries of Ascension Parish for supporting a dental program for the people we support,” said Dr. Liz Fussell, Executive Director of The Arc of East Ascension. “This one year project will assist our participants to receive needed dental care and set a precedent for continued services. ‘Smile at strangers and you just might change a life.’ –Steve Maraboli.”

This grant complements the existing work of United Way in the areas of Health, Education, Income Stability and Basic Needs of Ascension Parish residents. In addition to these dollars, United Way is investing 3 million in more than 37 programs and organizations that are providing services in our 10-parish area. All of these organizations are addressing ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), of which 45 percent of the Capital Area residents are considered employed but still struggle every month to afford necessary expenses like transportation, food, childcare and healthcare. These programs along with all of United Way’s current investments can be found on their website: www.cauw.org/partners.

****Photos Attached***

Caption: The Arc of East Ascension Photo 1: (L-R) Idele Nickens, Dr. Liz Fussell, Executive Director, The Arc of East Ascension; Bart Bourgeois; Sharon Morris, PR/Marketing Director, The Arc of East Ascension; Zachary Price; Suzette “Angie” Peralli; and Edy Addison, Director, Community Impact and Initiatives, Capital Area United Way (far right).

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For more than 95 years, Capital Area United Way has touched thousands of lives in our 10-parish area. We envision a community where everyone is empowered to reach their full potential. Our mission is to solve our community’s toughest challenges by leveraging partnerships to advance the common good in education, income stability, and healthy living. To learn more visit www.cauw.org.

