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## Capital Area United Way Announces COVID-19 Phase One Grant Recipients

**Baton Rouge, La. (July 14, 2020) –** Capital Area United Way awarded over $242,000 in grant funding to assist with COVID-19 relief efforts as our partner agencies begin to assist the 10-parish area in recovery from the pandemic. Funds raised through the COVID-19 Community Relief Fund were used to provide for these grant dollars.

"Through the generosity of the community, we are happy to provide this funding to agencies in the Capital area that will assist in recovery operations from the pandemic," said George Bell, President and CEO of Capital Area United Way. "As we continue to move through the recovery phases, these funds will be vital in providing programs and resources to help our community, particularly the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population."

These grants, selected and reviewed by community volunteers, were awarded to the following recipients:

| Agency Name | Program Name |
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| Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. | National Suicidology Training Center |
| Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge | Club on the Geaux |
| Cancer Services, Inc. | Tele-Mental Health for Cancer Patients |
| Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge | PACT--Parents & Children Together |
| City of Donaldsonville | PPE Provisions for Donaldsonville First Responders |
| Great Baton Rouge Food Bank | COVID-19 Response |
| HOPE Ministries | Modernizing the Quest to Self-Sufficiency: A Project to Produce Online Video Instruction of Going Beyond Employees Achieving More© (GBEAM) Curriculum |
| Knock Knock Children's Museum, Inc. | Knock Knock Summer Camps in a COVID world - on site, at partner sites, and virtual experiences |
| Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center | Telehealth for Cancer Patients |
| McMain's Children's Developmental Center | Surviving COVID-19 |
| O'Brien House | O'Brien House COVID-19 Safety Accommodations |
| St. Vincent de Paul | Uniforms for Kids |
| The Life of a Single Mom | Single Mom COVID Relief |
| The Salvation Army of Greater Baton Rouge | COVID-19 Phase 1 |
| The Walls Project | FUTURES FUND CODING BOOT CAMP for Ascension Parish |
| Youth Oasis | Virtual Programming |

"We are thrilled to support the agencies in their efforts to reopen their offices and provide for the community's needs as the pandemic continues," said Edy Addison, Director of Community Impact and Initiatives. "Because the pandemic will continue for the foreseeable future, we will continue to work with these agencies and others in the Capital area to determine where additional needs may be needed, especially to assist the ALICE population."

Funds will be utilized to support needs related to or from the effects of COVID-19 as it affects existing programming and organizational operations. Funds will cover immediate needs such as: access to shelter, food insecurity, technology and internet access, medical and behavioral health needs, childcare, emergency financial assistance, and organizations meeting the immediate educational needs of children. Funds will also be utilized for intermediate to long-term recovery as it relates to COVID-19, especially but not limited to increased employment, financial assistance, operational and overhead costs, behavioral health, and crisis counseling.

CAUW anticipates opening Phase 2 COVID-19 Relief grant applications in late July. Funding guidelines will be posted on www.cauw.org/funding-opportunities. Donations to the COVID-19 Community Relief Fund are still being accepted at www.cauw.org/covid19relief.

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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.