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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### Capital Area United Way Announces 2022-2023 Basic Needs Grantee Recipients

**Baton Rouge, La. (June 22, 2022)** – Capital Area United Way (CAUW) announced its 2022-2023 Basic Needs Grantees that will be a part of a one-year funding cycle beginning July 1, 2022 and lasting through June 30, 2023. The grants total over \$1 million for 23 programs working in the Basic Needs space. Basic Needs is one of Capital Area United Way's four focus serving our community's most vulnerable clients, those experiencing homelessness and those living below the Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) threshold, and in poverty. CAUW's work prioritizes the ALICE population which is comprised of working residents that are struggling to make ends meet, have little or no savings, and are one emergency away from falling into poverty.

These dollars will come from the \$5 million MacKenzie Scott gift that was received by Capital Area United Way in December 2020. Following the conclusion of CAUW's 2019 - 2022 program grant cycle, the Basic Needs focus area will be a part of an annual grant cycle to better meet the ever-changing needs of our 10-Parish service area. This change will also provide grantees better flexibility year over year to request dollars for the highest priorities of our community's citizens in need.

"We are excited to welcome new and past partners for the upcoming year of funding through Basic Needs grants," said George Bell, President and CEO of Capital Area United Way. "These programs will help ensure our community's most underserved populations are receiving basic necessities in a time where many are hurting from multiple years of pandemic environment and natural disasters."

The following grants will be awarded in the 2022-2023 Basic Needs Grant cycle:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Program Name</u>
American Red Cross - Louisiana Capital Area Chapter	Disaster Services and Home Fire
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center
Baton Rouge Youth Coalition (BRYC)	BRYC's Basic Needs Fund
Capital Area Family Justice Center Inc	Improved Community Support for Victims & Survivors of Domestic Violence
Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center d/b/a Iris Domestic Violence Center	Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge	Basic Needs for Vulnerable Families
Christian Outreach Center of Baton Rouge Inc	Utility Payment Assistance for ALICE Population
Gardere Initiative Inc	Gardere Initiative Basic Needs
Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank	Addressing Food Insecurity in Our Service Area
Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Inc	Holy Grill
Mid City Redevelopment Alliance, Inc.	Mid City Ownership Protection Program
Mission Heart Inc	Mission Heart
One Touch Ministry Inc	One Touch Ministry Re-Entry Short-Term Housing Program
Opening Doors A Louisiana Non-Profit Corporation	Opening Doors A Louisiana Non-Profit Corporation - Shepherd's Market Client Choice Food Pantry
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation	Homeless One Stop Legal Clinic
St. Vincent de Paul	St. Vincent de Paul Meal and Shelter Program

The Life of a Single Mom	Single Mom Financial Assistance Program
Three O'Clock Project	Collaborative Food Hub
Top Box Foods	Top Box Foods Louisiana
Volunteer Ascension	Volunteer Ascension Community Hub
Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge	Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge
Women's Help Center Inc	The Women's Help Center Family Empowerment Program
Youth Oasis	Emergency Shelter for Homeless Youth

In addition to these investments, Capital Area United Way recently awarded \$1.5 million in grants to 21 programs beginning July 1, 2022 with awards occurring on an annual basis through 2025. CAUW has distributed an additional \$1.6 million in Hurricane Ida disaster relief grants since fall 2021.

For a list of current grantees, please visit [www.cauw.org/fundedpartners](http://www.cauw.org/fundedpartners). To stay up to date on the latest funding opportunities, please visit [www.cauw.org/funding-opportunities](http://www.cauw.org/funding-opportunities).

For questions about grant funding and opportunities, please contact Edy Addison, Vice President, Community Impact at [edya@cauw.org](mailto:edya@cauw.org).

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