Community Foundation Grants $360,000 in Coronavirus Relief to 35 Nonprofit Organizations Facing Ongoing Need Across the Region

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COVINGTON, LA - Thirty-five nonprofit organizations operating in Washington, St. Helena, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes have received $360,000 in grants from the Northshore Community Foundation for COVID-19 relief, with more on the way. The emergency grants provided from the Northshore Emergency Relief Fund will help provide food, health care, housing and utility assistance, and education resources to local residents most impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and resulting economic downturn.

“The magnitude of these grants really demonstrates the power and generosity of our community to support their neighbors and help fill the most critical needs of our nonprofits facing such an influx,” said Susan Bonnett Bourgeois, President and CEO of the Foundation. “We are grateful to all of the generous individual donors to the Northshore Emergency Relief Fund who have shared their gifts with us. Quick action by corporate donors like Chevron and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation, have enabled the NCF to deploy these funds quickly to get vital resources in the hands of those who need it most.”

“Regional organizations like the Northshore Community Foundation are uniquely positioned to grant funding based on local needs, and are doing essential work supporting the nonprofit sector,” said Michael Tipton, president of the Blue Cross Foundation. “We are grateful for their work, as well as the work of those nonprofits who are keeping families stable during this ongoing crisis.”

The NCF continues to accept donations to the Northshore Emergency Relief Fund for COVID-19 relief to fill ongoing and emergent needs in the four-parish Northshore region. Tax-deductible donations can be made at northshorefoundation.org.

SPOTLIGHT: CATHOLIC CHARITIES & CHEVRON
Because of Chevron and their commitment to the communities they serve, the Foundation awarded $50,000 to Catholic Charities of New Orleans to go to direct support for the needs of St. Tammany residents right now. Case managers from Catholic Charities are working with families and individuals to get them access to the resources they need.

“These funds will be utilized to provide assistance to individuals and families on the Northshore as they suffer the impacts to their health, livelihoods and families,” said Sr. Hebert, CEO Catholic Charities of New Orleans.

(See additional page for list of grantees and intended fund usage as well as photo and cutline)

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A Zoom Conference including the 35 Northshore Emergency Relief Fund grantee was held to assess ongoing efforts as well as to address emergent needs faced by the organizations.
Northshore Emergency Relief Fund Grant Recipients:

Northshore Food Bank – Food Pantry Support
Our Daily Bread - Food Pantry Support
Samaritan Center - Food Pantry Support
Good Sams Ministry - Food Pantry Support
Second Harvest Food Bank - Food Pantry Support
New Orleans Mission - Food Pantry Support
Community Christian Concern - Food Pantry Support
Bogalusa Help Center – Food Pantry Support
Washington Parish Help Center of Churches – Food Pantry Support
Wesley Foundation at Southeastern – hot meals to students remaining on campus
Catholic Charities NOLA – direct support through case management for St. Tammany residents.
NAMI St. Tammany – emergency assistance for mental health clients
United Way Hospitality Cares Fund – direct support for out of work hospitality industry workers on the Northshore
Hosanna Lutheran - to support their effort serving hot meals to families in need in St. Tammany and Tangipahoa parishes
Tangipahoa Council on Aging - to support increased meal delivery to seniors
St. Helena Council on Aging - to purchase hand-held UVC lights to clean facilities in St. Helena Parish
CATNIP Foundation - to provide emergency medical care and supplies for influx of animals during health and financial crisis
Brilliant Mindz - to provide educational materials to students and nutrition and rental assistance to Bogalusa residents
Catholic Charities of BR - to support early childhood home visits and resource delivery to at-risk families in St. Helena
Family Promise St. Tammany - to fund hotel stays for homeless families during the shelter at home order
Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West - to support homeowners facing hardships through mortgage forbearance
East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity - to support homeowners facing hardships through mortgage forbearance
OPTIONS - for telehealth to provide medical support services to special needs clients
Restoration Pregnancy Resource Center - to provide diapers, infant formula and baby food to families with losses of income
St. Tammany Hospital Foundation – to support community-based COVID-19 antibody testing
Southeastern Development Foundation - to support Family Resource program providing groceries and children’s activities
Volunteers of America of Southeast Louisiana - for telehealth to provide mental health services to clients
Slidell Memorial Hospital - to create a Serenity Room to provide stress relief for hospital staff working on the frontlines
West St Tammany YMCA - to support their meal distribution program
Women’s Center for Healing & Transformation - to support virtual therapeutic and wellness programming
YMCA Bogalusa - to support the meal program to provide free lunches to the underserved population in Washington Parish
East St. Tammany Rainbow Childcare Center - to support the Children’s Nutritional Aid program
NAMI St. Tammany – for front line mental health services and to provide meals to front line mental health workers
The Hospice Foundation of the South - to support the Reopening Cleaning Project of the facility

Hospitals Meals and Gift Cards for Frontline Healthcare workers:
St. Tammany Health System
Lakeview Regional Hospital
Our Lady of Angels
Slidell Memorial Hospital