The Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana serves our friends and neighbors in the most enjoyable region in the world. From spectacular natural surroundings and a wonderful tropical climate to an incredible arts community featuring nearly weekly festivals, life here is filled with exciting surprises. It is a great place to raise a family, do business, call home. The Foundation’s purpose is to make it even better and it is our mission to unite human and financial resources to effect permanent, positive culture change in Southwest Louisiana.

Through grants that support organizations and programs serving our region, the Community Foundation and its donors are enhancing the quality of life available to each of our residents. By supporting the region, our generous donors and members are building a legacy of goodwill that will serve as an example of community stewardship for generations to come.

For more information, please visit our website, www.foundationswla.org or call 337/491-6688.

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As I reflect on the Foundation’s accomplishments in 2011, I recognize how much the Community Foundation has expanded its vision and its goals, and how more and more people are coming to know the Foundation and the services we provide.

No longer designated as “just a donor services” organization, the Foundation stepped out with our own civic initiative – “Choosing Civility in Southwest Louisiana,” an initiative that lets everyone know they have a choice, actually many choices, each and every day to be civil, to be polite. In April of 2011, the Foundation, through the generosity of the Juliet Hardtner Fund, hosted two seminars, “Civility in Our Community” and “Civility in Our Schools” with guest presenters, Dr. P.M. Forni, Ms. Peggy Post, and Mr. Dan Buccino. We do not always know if we are making an impact; however, as a result of attending the “Civility in Our Schools” seminar, Dinah Bradford, Principal of Immaculate Conception Catholic School, implemented the “10 Keys of Civility,” in conjunction with the Foundation’s Choosing Civility initiative. Each month a new civility key is taught with each key teaching the students to wear love. Now, that is making an impact.

KPLC graciously partnered with us to expand our civility message, as did businesses and organizations, and before we knew it, the first civility commercial was produced by KPLC’s Creative Director, Tim Bourgeois. Now this was not just any commercial; no it was and is a nationally award-winning commercial, winning the ‘Just Cause’ award for collaboration between a television station and a nonprofit organization.

We didn’t stop with the civility initiative in winning awards. In the 2010 Annual Report, I mentioned the Foundation embarking on our first key indicator project. This was an arduous project, to say the least, with David Reinauer and his committee spending many, many hours reviewing data to put forth a great publication titled Regional Report. The committee’s efforts as well as the work of Dr. Larry Vinson, and that of graphic designer, Erik Jessen, paid off. At the 2012 ADDY Awards Ceremony, Regional Report took the highest honors with a Gold Addy Award; Best in Print; and Best in Show!

In regards to new funds, obviously, the most notable fund established last year was the Millennium Park Restoration Fund. I am certain everyone sighed heavily as I did when I learned of the tragic fire that destroyed that wonderful place where many of our children and grandchildren had played. The Foundation’s Board was delighted for the Community Foundation to have a pivotal role in the rebuilding and restoration of the park. Again, an arduous task, processing in excess of 250 donations and keeping up with every brick sold; however, I know Lisa and Debra were honored to be part of this exciting community effort. Regarding grants, 2011 exceeded grantmaking in 2010 by $500,000 with approximately 56 grants made to worthy and capable nonprofit organizations.

2011 certainly brought its challenges, but in my reflection I see a winning year. I would like to thank my fellow Board members as it has been a pleasure to serve with you; our friends at the Baton Rouge Area Foundation; and especially Debra and Lisa. Debra is so dedicated and loyal to the Foundation and Lisa has been indispensable – always positive and diligent in her work. We have a great team at the Foundation and have made great strides in the past two years. It has been a challenge and a true honor to serve.

Thank you all,

Phil Earhart, Chair
2011 Charitable Funds

Autism Services of Southwest Louisiana
Kyle Broussard Memorial Fund
Chambers — Bokros Medical Fund
Emma Dee Gray Foundation Fund
The Foundation at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital
Juliet Hardtner Funds to Benefit Community Advancement
Ginny and John Henning Endowment Fund
Lena and Bill Henning Memorial Endowment Fund
Lena and Bill Henning United Methodist Church Fund
Susan & W.L. Henning Jr. Fund
Thomas G. and Shirley M. Henning Family Foundation Endowment Fund
Thomas G. and Shirley M. Henning Family Foundation Spenddown Fund
JPMorgan Chase SWLA Fund
Fritz Lang Foundation Fund

Make A Difference Fund
Mendelson Family Fund in Honor of Rev. Dr. Joseph P. Bishop Fund
Millennium Park Restoration Fund
Industrial Development Board of the Parish of Calcasieu
Hector San Miguel Memorial Fund
Southwest Louisiana Firefighters Fund
Southwest Louisiana Law Center
Bishop Jude Speyrer Fund in Honor of Monsignor Gouaux
The Stables of Le Bocage Fund

2011 Grants

Over 6 millions dollars to non-profits since 2008

Amana Christian Fellowship $1,000
American Heart Association - Heart Walk $500
Autism Services of Southwest Louisiana $100
Bai-Jul Youth Organization $1,000
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Barbe High School $350
Barbe High School - Cross Country Track $200
Barbe High School Golf Team $400
Barbe High School $500
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Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School $150
Campus Crusade for Christ $3,000
The Children’s Museum $250
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation $250
Ethel Precht HOPE Breast Cancer Foundation $500
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Family & Youth Counseling Agency $1,000
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Family & Youth Counseling Agency $1,000
Family & Youth Counseling Agency $50,000

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes - $500
First United Methodist Church $16,000
Friends of Therapeutic Riding $7,000
Friends of Therapeutic Riding $10,000
Habitat for Humanity Calcasieu Area $5,300
Habitat for Humanity Calcasieu Area $250
Lake Arthur High School $4,247
Los Medics Voladores $39,000
Los Medics Voladores $50,000
Louisiana Lung Cancer Partnership $1,000
Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Gulf Coast & Louisiana $7,543
McNeese Athletic Foundation $250
McNeese Athletic Association $4,000
McNeese Cowgirl Basketball $1,000
McNeese Cowgirl Basketball $500
McNeese Cowgirl Basketball Golf Tournament $4,000
McNeese Sports Media $500
McNeese Tip Off $5,000

MSU Agriculture Foundation $10,000
Our Inheritance Ministries $2,000

Our Lady of Lasalette Catholic Church $1,000
Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School $1,225
Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School $10,500
Petal School District Education Foundation Trust $6,000
Pin Oak Charity Horse Show Association $5,000
Rebuilding Millennium Park $22,850
St. Louis Catholic High School Foundation $1,000
St. Louis Catholic High School $2,000
St. Louis Catholic High School $1,000
St. Nicholas Center for Early Intervention $4,735
St. Nicholas Center for Early Intervention $650
St. Nicholas Center for Early Intervention $5,000
Southwest Louisiana War Veteran’s Home $500
Trinity Baptist Church $500,000
United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana $750,000

Hector San Miguel Memorial Award
Photo: Theresa Schmidt San Miguel and 2011 recipient Vincent Lupo
With this Regional Report, the Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana launches a means to measure the quality of life across our region. The project is a road map for community improvement, using statistics and a survey to do so.

As we embarked on this project, we tracked approximately 75 statistical indicators and survey items we believe best measure how Southwest Louisiana is doing as a region. We also relied on established indicators reports, particularly the one created by our affiliate, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation.

The Foundation hired Dr. Larry R. Vinson of McNeese State University’s Department of Mass Communication to compile the research and conduct the survey in this report.

Conducted in Calcasieu Parish in December 2010, the poll is a random sample of 442 respondents with a margin of error of plus or minus 4.8%.

Most of the indicators in the report will remain in subsequent publications, which allows for a historical view of the direction of the region. However, some may be replaced over time with indicators we believe are better at representing the underlying conditions of Southwest Louisiana. In addition, future surveys may include questions that reflect new and emerging issues affecting our area.

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I cannot thank Phil Earhart enough for his outstanding service to the Community Foundation. Phil was one of the directors that served on the Foundation’s Board since its inception in 2001 when it was established under the umbrella of the United Way. He assumed his role as Board Chairman in 2010 when our Inaugural Chairman, David Reinauer, handed him the gavel. Phil was the same in the Board Room as Chair as he is in person – fair, just, hardworking, willing, attentive, charitable, kind, sensitive, caring….a person of real integrity. Working with Phil has been a real pleasure, and to the Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana, Phil Earhart has been a real treasure.

Sincerely,

Lisa
Lisa Verrette
President/CEO