

Our Initiatives play a critical role in bridging service gaps in the community, that also fit our identified goals and objectives. By identifying and addressing areas where support is lacking, we ensure that no one is overlooked, helping individuals and families not just get by but thrive. This approach reflects our commitment to creating a community where everyone has the opportunities and support they need for success.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

LITERACY KITS

Distributed to children across Southwest Louisiana, each kit includes books and volunteer-designed props or games to make the reading interactive.

READING FOR SUCCESS

Supports children and families by expanding access to books and literacy programs that inspire a love of reading and prepare children for success in school and beyond.

SUCCESS BY 6

Addresses the lack of access to quality early education childcare for working ALICE families by funding a year of learning for the child with goals and objectives for the parents.

SUMMER GAPS

An Initiative that ensures children across Southwest Louisiana have access to enriching summer experiences regardless of financial circumstances. The program supports STEM, literacy, leadership, athletics, arts, and other learning opportunities that promote academic growth and life skills while school is out.

SUMMER OF SERVICE

Specifically designed teen volunteer program has human services projects each summer that focus on community members most in need and illustrate the value of serving.

WRITESTART PROJECT

Provides school supplies, admin fees and necessary support to children and teachers in need. Providing supplies year-round ensures teachers and students can focus on learning.

FINANCIAL SECURITY

ALICE - ASSET LIMITED, INCOME CONSTRAINED, EMPLOYED

Our report on families working and earning above the Federal Poverty Level yet unable to afford basic expenses, rarely qualifying for assistance.

BANK ON SWLA

Partnerships with banks and credit unions work to ensure low-income households have access to safe and affordable financial products and services.

CAL-PRI - CALCASIEU PRISONER RE-ENTRY

This vital program is a link between formerly incarcerated individuals and the resources available to help them succeed with a new life in the job market and community.

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EMPLOYMENT

Equips low-income workers with the necessary skills and resources for a more successful job placement.

MATCHED SAVINGS

This program teaches saving and budget habits for those working toward the purchase of a liquid asset. Participants are encouraged to build a down payment with a dollar match upon graduation.

SAFETY NET FUND

Provides emergency assistance and essential resources to help individuals and families meet basic needs during times of crisis.

VITA - VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

IRS-certified United Way volunteers offer free income tax prep for low-income individuals, persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited English speaking taxpayers.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

833.TXT.TEEN

This texting platform for teens serves anyone ages 13-22, in any type of crisis. It provides confidential access to 24/7 support from professionally licensed counselors.

BORN LEARNING TRAIL

Bilingual interactive signs installed on trails or playgrounds that offer engagement and learning opportunities for young children and their families or caregivers.

CRISIS CHAT

A confidential online chat operated by licensed crisis counselors for anyone going through a difficult time, having thoughts about suicide or just needs to talk.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Addressing the epidemic of human trafficking in the region through partnerships and Initiatives.

UNITED AGAINST CHILD HUNGER

Weekend Food Packs are created for the Summer Feeding Programs in Southwest Louisiana so children have access to easy-to-eat foods over the weekend.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

211 | 898-211

An easy-to-remember phone number that links people in need to relevant information in the complex maze of human services with an accurate database of public and community-based resources, even during a disaster.

BUILD BACK THE BLOCK

Gentrification of ALICE neighborhoods through grants and partnerships with the goal of saving areas decimated by disasters.

CASEWORK MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO

Scalable caseworker program that can address disaster assistance quickly or everyday benefits programs for any government, nonprofit or company's needs.

EMPLOYEE CRISIS FUND

Allows employers to offer a program that helps employees cope with unexpected hardships while an external nonprofit partner oversees the process.

SWLA VOAD - VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER

Provides a place where governmental, faith-based and non-profit organizations can cooperate, communicate, coordinate, and collaborate in the event of a disaster.

STRONG HOMES

Proactive effort to prepare the homes of ALICE families for the potential threats caused by inclement weather.

UNITED DISASTER FUND

Supports disaster preparedness, response, and long-term recovery efforts for communities impacted by natural disasters across Southwest Louisiana and the Gulf Coast.



UNITED WAY
Southwest Louisiana

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Serving Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron & Jeff Davis Parishes

2026-27 FUNDED PARTNER AGENCIES

United Way Southwest Louisiana uses a competitive grant process to allocate resources to community programs that support **YOUTH OPPORTUNITY**, **COMMUNITY RESILIENCY**, **FINANCIAL SECURITY** and **HEALTHY COMMUNITY**. Local organizations submit proposals, which trained community volunteers review and the board of directors makes the final approval. Funding is awarded to projects with the most significant impact, that meet United Way's identified goals and objectives, maximizing positive outcomes and fostering a stronger sense of community ownership and accountability.

ABRAHAM'S TENT

Serves hot lunch Monday to Saturday for individuals in need

ASSIST AGENCY

Assists low-income individuals and families with bills, legal aid and food vouchers

BEAUREGARD COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Operates June Jenkins Women's Shelter providing housing/services to domestic violence victims

BEAUREGARD COUNCIL ON AGING

Provides home-delivered meals and social services for the elderly

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SWLA, INC.

Provides children with one-to-one relationships with adult mentors

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF ACADIANA

Provides a safe place for life-enhancing programs and character development experiences

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SWLA

Provides basic needs assistance and disaster response

COMMITMENT TO CHANGE

Bridging the gap to empower kids by supplying necessary tools needed

EVERGREEN PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRIES

Providing dental services to individuals with disabilities

FAITH SHARE OUTREACH

Community resources for Cameron parish families

FAMILIES FOR INCLUSION

Makes SWLA more inclusive and accessible for people with disabilities

FAMILY & YOUTH COUNSELING AGENCY

Provides affordable counseling, child advocacy, autism support and youth leadership

GENESIS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

Empowers caregivers with the knowledge and tools to support and maintain their children's health

GIRL SCOUTS OF LA - PINES TO THE GULF

Scholarships provided to engage girls in activities, academic success and leadership

GIRLIE GIRLS MENTORING PROGRAM

Provides mentoring and self-confidence activities for teen girls

LITERACY COUNCIL OF SWLA

Provides adults with instructional programs to improve educational skill levels

MSGR. DEBLANC- DAUGHTERS OF MARY MOTHER OF MERCY -JOY CARE CENTER

Provides compassionate elderly daycare services

NEW COVENANT FAITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Operates Bethesda House for transitional living for males over age 18

OASIS A SAFE HAVEN

Provides shelter and counseling for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence along with their children

ONCE WAS

Provides veterans with meals and traditional resources

PROJECT BUILD A FUTURE

Provides homebuyer counseling and financial education programs

SALVATION ARMY

Provides emergency assistance, emergency shelter and meals

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Provides food distribution and disaster response to local food pantries

ST. NICHOLAS CENTER FOR CHILDREN

Educational services for children with autism, developmental delays and neurological disorders

SWLA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER FOUNDATION

Expands access to healthcare through education, workforce development, and community-based health programs

SWLA YOUTH FOUNDATION

Education program for middle/high school students on human trafficking, relationship abuse, etc.

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