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SOUTH CENTRAL LOUISIANA



Annual Report

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A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP



David K. Kneipp
President & CEO

Thank you for helping us change lives!

Fiscal year 2022-23 was a very positive and productive period for Volunteers of America South Central Louisiana. The credit for this success rests squarely with the Grace of God, the dedication of our employees and **your support**. The absence of any of these would be catastrophic to our efforts to fulfill our mission.

We positively impacted the lives of over **39,000 individuals**, our move into **eight new Parishes** in central Louisiana continues to pay dividends, and reopening a permanent office **presence in Lake Charles** has greatly enhanced our ability to serve that community. Our ministry team is growing in numbers as well as the pastoral care activities we offer. The stories and outcomes in this Annual Report give greater details and I encourage you to read about the work we are doing and the impact your support is making across our agency.



LaDonna Williams
Board Chair

Looking forward in 2024, we are excited to begin receiving clients in our new **Child First** program which provides intervention for children and families experiencing trauma and adversity and to expanding our **Ryan White** program for people living with HIV. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers to support our mission. One great way to do this is to attend our annual **Celebration for Change** fundraising event in May 2024.

God bless you and your families.

Dave & LaDonna

CELEBRATION FOR CHANGE - IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

Our 14th annual **Celebration for Change** fundraising event was a huge success! More than 200 of our supporters, board members, and community partners gathered together to learn about our life-changing programs and the people we serve. During this event, we shared a very special video called "In the Eye of the Storm" which tells the story of 16 residents who were living in **VOASCLA's Crisis Housing Program** in Lake Charles when Hurricane Laura made its historic landfall in August 2020. It follows their evacuation to Lafayette, unexpected relocation to Baton Rouge, and their triumphant return home, chronicling their two-and-a-half-year journey, the many challenges they faced along the way, and the VOA staff that helped them get through it all. A big thank you to our event sponsor, **Our Lady of the Lake Health**, and everyone who attended that evening.

Save the date for our 15th Annual Celebration for Change event on May 7, 2024!



CELEBRATION
FOR CHANGE

VOLUNTEER IMPACT - 855 VOLUNTEERS SERVED 3,559 HOURS



WHO WE ARE

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OUR MISSION

Volunteers of America South Central Louisiana is a faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in need rebuild their lives and reach their full potential.

OUR SERVICES

BEHAVIORAL/MENTAL HEALTH FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS
HOMELESS OUTREACH | HIV/AIDS SUPPORT
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION | FOSTER CARE
AFFORDABLE AND SAFE HOUSING
ASSISTANCE FOR AT-RISK VETERANS AND SENIORS
SUPPORT FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES
OFFENDER RE-ENTRY/TRANSITION
DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

PARISHES SERVED

ACADIA | ALLEN | ASCENSION | AVOYELLES | BEAUREGARD
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*EARLY CHILDHOOD ONLY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND ACTIVITIES

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023

ASSETS

Total Current Assets.....	\$ 4,809,872
Land, Buildings & Equipment.....	2,156,847
Other Assets.....	9,668,971
Total Assets.....	\$16,635,690

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Total Current Liabilities.....	\$ 2,360,113
Long Term Liabilities.....	3,777,488
Total Net Assets.....	10,498,089
Total Liabilities & Net Assets.....	\$16,635,690

OPERATING REVENUES

Total Public Support.....	\$1,361,506
Revenue and grants from:	
Governmental agencies.....	\$ 18,688,455
Self-generated funds.....	696,158
Total Revenues.....	\$20,746,119

OPERATING EXPENSES

Spending by Program Services:	
Encouraging Positive Development	\$ 5,405,162
Fostering Independence	7,989,811
Promoting Self-Sufficiency	3,993,467
Total Program Services	\$17,388,440
Management and General	\$ 3,082,300
Fund Raising	220,141
Total Operating Expenses	\$20,690,881
Surplus (deficit) from operations	\$ 55,238
Excess (deficit) from other activities ...	429,034
Change in Net Assets	\$ 484,272
Net Assets- Beginning of Year	\$10,013,817
Net Assets- End of Year	\$10,498,089



350

CHILD CARE CENTERS RECEIVED SPECIALIZED TEACHER EDUCATION, COACHING AND MENTORING, AND RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF CARE IMPACTING 3,000 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS, 25,576 CHILDREN AND 38,446 PARENTS ACROSS 24 PARISHES.

86%

OF CLIENTS RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES STAYED OUT OF THE HOSPITAL.

258

LOW INCOME SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RECEIVED PERMANENT, SAFE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

3,233

SENIOR CITIZENS AND ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WERE ABLE TO LIVE AT HOME WITH HELP FROM OUR IN-HOME SERVICES AND ADULT DAY CENTER.

228

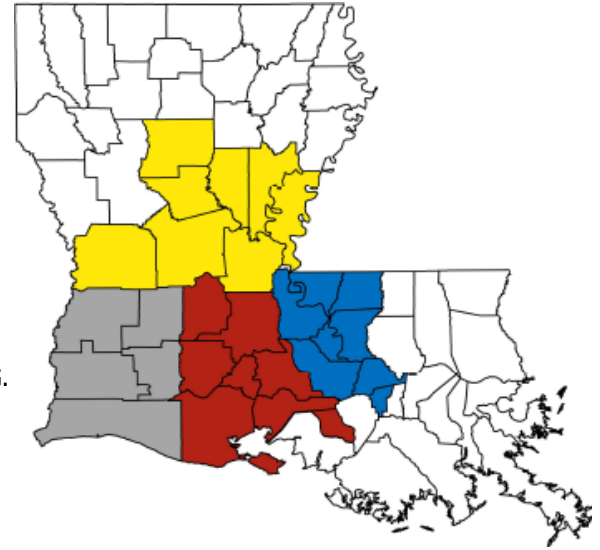
VETERANS WHO WERE FORMERLY HOMELESS TRANSITIONED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING.

295

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AT RISK OF BEING SEPARATED BY THE COURTS RECEIVED INTENSE IN-HOME INTERVENTION THAT ALLOWED THEM TO STAY TOGETHER.

348

INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY HOMELESS OR AT IMMINENT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS FOUND SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.



27 PARISHES SERVED

We measure our success in positive change in the lives of the individuals and communities we serve.



DAY HABILITATION CENTER OFF TO A GREAT START

Our adults with diverse disabilities are thrilled with VOASCLA'S **Newly Reimagined Day Habilitation Center**, which officially opened its doors in October of 2022. Thanks to our generous donors and a \$40,000 grant from the **Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation**, our Day Habilitation Center now provides personal growth, recreation, and social programs in an environment that promotes strength and growth in all aspects of life. From painting and crafting with volunteers and learning about the joys of music through Kids' Orchestra's "Music for All" program, to outings in the community, our Day Center participants are experiencing life to the fullest!



UNITED WAY INVESTS IN VOASCLA PROGRAMS



The **Capital Area United Way** continues to be instrumental in moving VOASCLA forward through a couple of generous grants. VOASCLA was awarded a 3-year **\$300,000** Innovation Grant for our **Reilly Center for Children and Families** to expand their services to high-risk children, their families, and individuals in the community. Notably, these funds enabled **Reilly Counseling Center**, a VOASCLA Enterprise, to launch a new stand-alone website, www.reillycounseling.org, which will be vital in helping potential clients find and access our wide array of mental health services.

VOASCLA was also awarded CAUW's **\$50,000** Basic Needs Grant for our **Homeless Outreach** program allowing us to connect individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless with the services they need to become self-sufficient and independent.

TAX CREDIT CONTINUES TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S LIVES

We are so grateful for our **School Readiness Tax Credit** donors. Thanks to the generosity of 120 business owners, we raised more than \$550,000 for our early childhood education program, Partnerships in Childcare. This year, these funds enabled us to provide:

- \$100,000 in **Project PlaySmart Classroom Makeovers**
- 760 children with books through our partnership with **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**
- 75 low-performing childcare centers with additional educational support
- 21 teachers the opportunity to earn their Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate through our **Teacher Institute**



CORPORATE PARTNERS GOING THE EXTRA MILE

March, 2023 was a big month for VOASCLA as **Methanex**, the world's largest producer and supplier of methanol, raised \$53,000 for us in their effort to support individuals experiencing homelessness and struggling with mental health issues in Ascension Parish. In collaboration with its contractors from **Turner Industries** and **Specialty Welding and Turnarounds (SWAT)**, the funds were raised through a recent Safe Days campaign. We are so thankful to these amazing companies for their commitment to safety and for giving back to the community.



MAJOR GIFTS CREATE MAJOR CHANGE

Recognizing donors who gave a financial gift of \$1,000 or more July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

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