



Volunteers of America has been serving America's most vulnerable since 1896 and here in South Central Louisiana since 1921. Our mission was, and remains, to reach and uplift all people. Today, we are a premier provider of effective, high-quality social services, including but not limited to:

- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Support for Adults with Disabilities
- Affordable and Safe Housing
- Offender Re-entry/Transition
- Assistance for at-risk Veterans and Seniors
- Behavioral/Mental Health for Youth , Adults and Families
- Therapeutic Foster Care
- HIV/AIDS Support
- Homeless Outreach

CLIENTS:

Our consumers are obviously at the heart of what we do every day. Last year, we served more than 38,000 individuals. The people we serve are some of the most vulnerable members of our community including families in poverty, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, homeless individuals, individuals with behavioral/mental health issues, veterans, low-income seniors, and at-risk youth and foster children.

We aim to create a community where all people live in safety, with social, emotional and physical well-being, spiritual fulfillment, justice and hope.

COMMUNITY:

With your support, VOASCLA positively impacts lives every day. Last year:

- **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, **25,678** children and **38,517** parents across **24** parishes.
- **86%** of clients receiving mental health services stayed out of the hospital.
- **258** individuals previously homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless found safe and affordable housing.
- **40** former offenders received services including opportunities to support themselves through meaningful employment, a place to live, an education, and the skills necessary to advance.
- **173** veterans who were formerly homeless transitioned into permanent housing.
- **268** low-income seniors and individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities received permanent safe and affordable housing.
- **2,148** senior citizens and **33** individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities were able to live at home with help from our in-home services and adult day program.
- **95** families and **179** children at risk of being separated by the courts received intensive in-home intervention that allowed them to stay together.
- **81** households were served, reducing child neglect and abuse, family disruption, and violence by helping parents learn new parenting and life skills through group, one-on-one, and in-home sessions.

38,239

INDIVIDUALS SERVED LAST YEAR

25,678

CHILDREN RECEIVED AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF THEIR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION.

3,000

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS AND 38,446 PARENTS RECEIVED RESOURCES, COACHING AND EDUCATION.

86%

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

258

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

40

INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE FORMER OFFENDERS WERE PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES & ADVANCE IN LIFE.

173

VETERANS WHO WERE FORMERLY HOMELESS TRANSITIONED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING.

268

SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES RECEIVED PERMANENT SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

2,181

SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WERE ABLE TO LIVE AT HOME WITH OUR SUPPORT.

355

FAMILIES & CHILDREN AT RISK OF BEING SEPARATED STAYED TOGETHER.

279

FULL- AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

\$10.9 MILLION

ANNUAL PAYROLL

\$23.3 MILLION

TOTAL REVENUE INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITIES

EMPLOYEES:

Volunteers of America South Central Louisiana is also a business with a large footprint across southwest and central Louisiana.

- 279 full- and part-time employees
- \$10.9 million annual payroll
- \$23.3 million total revenue, support and gains invested in our communities

FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

Our daily operations and future goals are guided by a complex strategic plan developed by our board of directors in partnership with our leadership staff. Our areas of focus included promoting self sufficiency for the homeless, strengthening families in crisis, caring for the elderly, fostering independence in individuals with disabilities, and supporting positive development and early learning for children birth to age five and children in the foster care system. We look at the whole person and address both urgent and ongoing needs with the mission of helping people become self-reliant. Our annual fundraiser, Celebration for Change, is held each May.

VOLUNTEERING/GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

The gift of your time or talent creates positive change in the lives of over 38,000 people annually. Our giving opportunities include donating online, donating a vehicle for tax deduction, donating to the LA School Readiness Tax Credit program, leaving a legacy with a bequest or estate gift, giving a memorial or tribute in honor of a loved one, and many other options.

- 1,808 volunteers and 4,210 hours of volunteer service

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PARISHES SERVED:

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