

A Welcome From Chair Abbott



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the internet home of Baptist Community Ministries (BCM). I am privileged to serve as Chairman of the Board of BCM and work with other dedicated business and community leaders who serve on the Board voluntarily. It is our goal, as a Board, to work together to help make our city and region a better place to live, work, and raise a family. From among our many achievements, I am pleased to share with you some of the successes BCM has realized through its work.

Since gaining private foundation status in 1995, BCM has enjoyed a number of important accomplishments working to carry out its mission—just as those who preceded us did dating back to 1924 when we were first incorporated as Southern Baptist Hospital. For 86 years, BCM has devoted countless hours and a great deal of money toward being a living witness to the love of God as expressed through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit for the benefit of the people of the New Orleans region. BCM is committed to the development of a healthy community and to improving the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the individuals we serve without regard to race, religion, gender, or ethnicity.

We walk the walk. On this website, you will find concrete evidence that BCM lives its mission. BCM makes grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations in the region; places clinically trained chaplains in area hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions; and helps organize and support church-based wellness programs in more than 130 diverse congregations. BCM has a professional staff of experienced nurse leaders, chaplains and grant officers that enhance the effectiveness of the organizations with which they work through their zone-specific knowledge. Our work touches many lives in a wide range of settings from hospitals to clinics, churches, governmental agencies and nonprofit charities. BCM is focused on areas where it can obtain the best possible results applying our talents, time and funds to make the New Orleans region a vital, growing, and healthy place to live.

As you browse through this site, you will discover how BCM is putting these words into action. I invite you to join us in helping the New Orleans region grow and thrive, and I look forward to many prosperous days ahead for this world-class American city.

Sincerely,

Herschel L. Abbott, Jr., Esq.