

## LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



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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 BCM Board of Trustees, which is comprised of dedicated men and women living in the New Orleans region who donate their time and talent to help make our city and region a better place to live, work and raise our families. We have been entrusted with the responsibility to guide and oversee the work of BCM just as those who preceded us have done dating back to 1924 when we were first incorporated. In our 85 years of devotion to the people living in southern Louisiana, we have changed our tactics but never our fundamental mission to be a witness to the love of God as expressed through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit for the people of the New Orleans region. We are committed to the development of a healthy community and to improving the physical, mental and spiritual

health of the individuals we serve without respect to race, religion, gender or ethnicity.

Within the pages of this website, you will find evidence that we live our mission. You will see that we make grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations in the region; place clinically trained chaplains in area hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions; and help organize and support church-based wellness programs in more than 100 congregations. Our professional staff of experienced nurse leaders, chaplains and program directors enhances the effectiveness of the organizations with which we work. We are active in a wide range of settings from hospitals to clinics, churches, governmental agencies and nonprofit charities.

We are very focused on obtaining the greatest positive impact possible from all of the entities and programs we support. You will see through this website how we carefully design and plan our work and how we measure and evaluate our results. We do not ask anything from others that we are not willing to demand of ourselves. In our view, the vitality of a community is measured by how well it cares for its most vulnerable citizens, and we work hard to lift them up and protect them. Our public schools should excel in educating children and in preparing them for a bright and productive future. Our governmental agencies should be transparent and accountable to our citizens. We should be safe on our streets and in our homes, and we should be mentally, physically and spiritually healthy. With hope in our hearts, we strive every day to make the New Orleans region a vital, growing and healthy place to live.

As you browse the content of this website, we believe you will see how we are putting these words into action. We invite you to join us in helping the New Orleans region not only grow but thrive, as we look forward to brighter, even more prosperous, days ahead. Thank you for your interest in BCM and taking the time to visit our website. Please contact us if you have questions or need more information.

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Chairman, BCM Board of Trustees