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Baptist Community Ministries Awards Additional \$400,000 In Grants to Local Partners

Nearly \$1,000,000 Awarded for COVID-19 Response Efforts

(NEW ORLEANS) – May 27, 2020 – Baptist Community Ministries (BCM), a faith-based Christian foundation providing philanthropic services in the Greater New Orleans area, today announced an additional \$400,000 in grants to support critical community needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants will offer continued support response efforts to integral community needs by two local nonprofit entities: Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana, and United Way of Southeast Louisiana. Along with BCM's previous grants totaling \$500,000 to local partners, the organization has awarded nearly \$1,000,000 in crisis pandemic grants.

"I'm continuously impressed by and honored to work with our Board of Trustees during such a monumental time," said Charles Beasley, President and CEO of BCM. "Our Trustees were able to see the direct impact of the first crisis grants awarded and recognized the continuing needs of our community. The BCM team is thankful to make an impact and help those people who so desperately need the assistance."

"The BCM Board of Trustees recognized the economic struggles due to COVID-19 were not going to quickly pass," said Frank Kelly, Chairman of BCM's Board of Trustees. "When discussing how we could provide further support, we realized a second round of crisis grants made the quickest impact to our communities."

A grant of \$200,000 was awarded to [Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana](#). The grant will help pay for the increased demand to get meals to families in need, especially seniors and children.

BCM granted [United Way of Southeast Louisiana](#) \$200,000 towards their Hospitality Cares Pandemic Response Fund. The fund will award one-time emergency grants up to \$500 to eligible individuals to provide temporary assistance to cover items included in the ALICE® (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) household survival budget, including essentials like housing, childcare, food, transportation and health care.

Since its founding in 1995, BCM has made it their mission to identify and support ideas and partner organizations that address critical community needs in the areas of health, education and public safety. Over the past 25 years, BCM has invested over \$200 million into local nonprofits and other community partners within Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany, St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes.

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About Baptist Community Ministries

Baptist Community Ministries (BCM) is a 25-year-old faith-based Christian organization providing philanthropic services and promoting the health and wellbeing of our community members in the five-parish Greater New Orleans area. BCM partners with local nonprofits and other organizations in an effort to build a healthier community and invests in the community by making grants and by providing direct services through two operating divisions – Chaplaincy Services and Congregational Wellness. By doing so, BCM is able to extend its reach deeper into the community.

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