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**Baptist Community Ministries Awards Over \$1,600,000 in Grants to
47 Nonprofits Offering Critical Community Support During COVID-19 Pandemic**

(New Orleans) – July 13, 2020 – Baptist Community Ministries (BCM), a faith-based Christian foundation providing philanthropic services in the Greater New Orleans area, has given over \$1,600,000 in grants to support the COVID-19 response efforts of 47 local nonprofits.

“As Greater New Orleans faces extraordinary challenges during this pandemic, BCM recognizes that additional funding support is vital to helping our community’s people to heal,” said Charles Beasley, President and CEO of BCM. “We are thankful to make an impact and continue to pray for those who are suffering.”

“Many people in our community are struggling during this pandemic. They are facing some of the hardest times in their lives,” said Frank Kelly, Chairman of BCM’s Board of Trustees. “We are honored to provide critical support and assistance to nonprofits who serve the most vulnerable communities across Greater New Orleans.”

The largest grants were awarded to the following nonprofits.

A grant of \$100,000 was provided to the [Greater New Orleans Foundation’s](#) (GNOF) Disaster Response Restoration Fund. The fund allows GNOF to continue their rapid response grants and field the overwhelming requests of support from those nonprofits serving the hardest hit communities.

The [New Orleans Business Alliance](#) (NOLABA) was granted \$100,000, matching NOLABA’s original donation to start their fund. The fund will focus on gig economy employees, including rideshare drivers, musicians, arena workers, festival production staff, etc. The average size of the individual donations will be between \$500 and \$1,000, depending on need.

A total of \$300,000 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](#) a total of \$400,000 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 our founding in 1995, BCM has made it our 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 well-being 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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