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A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP



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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Fiscal year 2023-24 was a very positive and productive period for Volunteers of America South Central Louisiana. The credit for this success rests squarely with the Grace of God, the dedication of our employees and your support. The absence of any of these would be catastrophic to our efforts to fulfill our mission.

We positively impacted the lives of ~39,000 individuals. One of our newest programs, Child First, has been very successful and we hope to expand it into our Southwest Louisiana region in the coming months. We also partnered with Walmart and the LSU Alumni Association to hold a drive to benefit Veterans – it was a great event with a very positive outcome. The Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation funded an initiative “Build Literacy, Build Community” that enhanced our existing work with local child care centers in need and the EBRP Library. Our ministry team is growing in numbers and knowledge as well as the pastoral care activities we offer. The stories and outcomes in this Annual Report give greater details and I encourage you to read about the work we are doing and the impact your support is making across our agency.

Looking forward in 2025, we are excited to continue growing our existing programs in new communities which will enable us to reach and uplift even more people in need of our services. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers to support the valuable work we do. One great way to do this is to attend our annual Celebration for Change fundraising event in May 2025.

God bless you and your families,
Dave & Ted

CELEBRATION FOR CHANGE - *HIS NAME IS AADEN*

Our **15th Annual Celebration for Change** fundraising event in May brought more than 300 VOASCLA supporters, community partners, board members, and their guests together for a chance to learn about the life-changing programs and services we offer and how their support helps us help the most vulnerable members of our community. This year, we highlighted the story of Lynnette Allen and Aaden, a medically fragile child she fostered through VOASCLA’s **Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Program**. *His Name is Aaden* tells the story of Lynnette’s journey through the training to take care of Aaden, her experience working with the VOA staff, and the fight she faced for the life of the child she eventually adopted. The response to this heartwarming story was amazing! We at VOASCLA are so thankful to our sponsors, donors, board members, and all our guests who made the evening and the work we do possible.



**CELEBRATION
FOR CHANGE**

Save the date for our 16th Annual Celebration for Change event on May 6, 2025!



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OUR MISSION

Volunteers of America South Central Louisiana is a faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in need rebuild their lives and reach their full potential.

OUR SERVICES

- Behavioral/Mental Health for Children and Adults
- Homeless Outreach
- HIV/AIDS Support
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Therapeutic Foster Care
- Affordable and Safe Housing
- Assistance for At-Risk Veterans and Seniors
- Support For Adults With Disabilities
- Offender Re-Entry/Transition
- Support for Children and Families

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*EARLY CHILDHOOD ONLY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND ACTIVITIES

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

ASSETS

Total Current Assets..... \$ 5,549,303
Land, Buildings & Equipment..... 2,028,570
Other Assets..... 11,649,083

Total Assets..... \$19,226,956

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Total Current Liabilities..... \$ 3,895,756
Long Term Liabilities..... 3,469,863
Total Net Assets..... 11,861,337

Total Liabilities & Net Assets..... \$19,226,956

OPERATING REVENUES

Total Public Support..... \$3,383,079
Revenue and grants from:
Governmental agencies..... \$ 19,256,697
Self-generated funds..... 671,901

Total Revenues..... \$23,311,677

OPERATING EXPENSES

Spending by Program Services:
Encouraging Positive Development \$ 5,879,848
Fostering Independence 8,771,904
Promoting Self-Sufficiency 4,153,571

Total Program Services \$18,805,323

Management and General \$ 3,501,476
Fund Raising 237,359

Total Operating Expenses \$22,544,158

Surplus (deficit) from operations \$ 767,519

Excess (deficit) from other activities ... 595,729

Change in Net Assets \$ 1,363,248

Net Assets- Beginning of Year \$10,498,089

Net Assets- End of Year \$11,861,337

COMMUNITY IMPACT



38,239
**INDIVIDUALS
SERVED**



58
**COMMUNITY
PROGRAMS**

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.

268

LOW INCOME SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RECEIVED PERMANENT, SAFE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

2,181

SENIOR CITIZENS AND ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WERE ABLE TO LIVE AT HOME WITH HELP FROM OUR IN-HOME SERVICES AND DAY HABILITATION CENTER.

173

VETERANS WHO WERE FORMERLY HOMELESS TRANSITIONED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING.

355

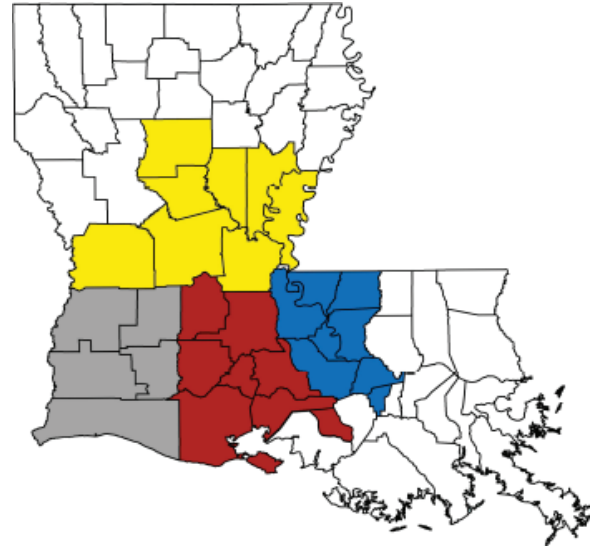
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AT RISK OF BEING SEPARATED BY THE COURTS RECEIVED INTENSE IN-HOME INTERVENTION THAT ALLOWED THEM TO STAY TOGETHER.

258

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

81

HOUSEHOLDS 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.



27 PARISHES SERVED

**We measure our success
in positive change in the
lives of the individuals and
communities we serve.**



VOLUNTEER IMPACT - 1,808 VOLUNTEERS SERVED 4,210 HOURS





Community Partners Take a Stand for Veterans

VOASCLA's **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)** program got a big boost in October of 2023 thanks in large part to **Walmart** and the **LSU Alumni Association**. They partnered with us to hold a supply drive across the Baton Rouge area for veterans in need and the effort was a huge success! As a result of an outpouring of support from the community, volunteer efforts, and a generous \$15,000 grant from **Walmart**, we made a huge difference in the lives of the many veterans we serve. A special thanks to the **Geaux Seven Chapter of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.** who also made a generous donation to support our veterans!



Focus on Early Literacy Empowers Children & Families

In June of 2024 our **Partnerships in Child Care** program was awarded a \$50,000 "Empower Grant" from the **Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation** to fund a new literacy program. The primary goal of "**Build Literacy-Build Community**" is to promote early literacy for children birth to age five in a 6-zip code region of North Baton Rouge by providing training for parents and caregivers as well as books to start or add to their children's at-home libraries. The goal is to give families the tools they need to set the foundation for a love of learning that will have an impact for years to come!



Help for At-Risk Families Puts Children First

VOASCLA's new **Child First** program is off to a great start. We launched the nationally acclaimed program in March of 2024 and **within the first three months welcomed 20 families into the program!** The Child First team, made up of Licensed Mental Health professionals and Care Coordinators, works directly with DCFS caseworkers to assess family needs. They work daily to create treatment plans for families to address child emotional, behavioral, developmental and learning problems, prevent abuse and neglect, and enhance caregiver mental health and parenting skills. We cannot wait to share the impact this program makes in our community!



Outreach Provides Hope for the Homeless

Our **Supportive Services Street Outreach** continues its ongoing service of those experiencing homelessness in our community. Thanks to the support of our donors and volunteers, our **Mobile Outreach** team conducts street outreach four days a week focusing on places like shelters, identified encampments, and other sites where the homeless population is known to congregate. They meet those in need where they are, providing case management services and outreach bags of essential items like toiletries, non-perishable snacks, bottled water, flashlights, socks, and weather related items. **More than 50% of the individuals** we serve through this outreach are linked to crucial services that ultimately improve their lives and help them find a safe place to call home.

MAJOR GIFTS CREATE MAJOR CHANGE

Recognizing donors who gave a financial gift of \$1,000 or more July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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