



**CHILDREN'S  
COALITION**  
For Northeast Louisiana

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016 – 2017



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## Super Saturday Volunteers

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Cover photo: EHS student Zuriel Strong and her mom Amber Sewell.

# LETTERS

Grow • Connect • Build

It is not enough to simply grow bigger. We need a clear direction and purpose that connect to other people and programs to build a better future for our children and families. This year, we have not only increased the scope and scale of flagship programs like Early Head Start (growing from 60 to 124 slots for infants and toddlers), but we have expanded those programs into new settings: 32 of those slots will be in child care centers.



We have built on existing programs to expand services into the region and clustered ongoing programs around new grants to support a local network. Existing programs like U-ACT in Union Parish connected to new grants from Highway Safety, Cardinal Health Rx and DEFY to bring substance abuse prevention programs to other parishes. New programs like ECCS: Morehouse Kids 1st leveraged existing programs like Childcare Connections, Community Network, Al's Pals and Jus4Me Teen Parenting to help build a network to "move the needle" on three-year-old developmental outcomes.

As you read through the Annual Report, you will see that we are in building mode. Our staff has grown. Our programs are more connected with each other, but we want to be closer to our community. To that end, we are moving downtown and co-locating some of our key programs (Child Care Connections, Family Resource Center, Early Head Start) and our main office into one building. We hope to create a "one-stop shop," where those who care for and about children can connect to the services and resources they need to help all children and families thrive.

**- Dr. Lynn Clark, Executive Director**

As a former teacher of children, teenagers and adults, as a mental health professional, and as a parent and grandparent, I have spent much of my adult life fascinated by human brain development. Humans begin to learn even before birth, and research shows that the human brain produces more than a million neural connections per second between birth and age three.



Science continues to demonstrate the need to begin support for children as early as possible to promote their healthy growth and development. Based on this knowledge, the Children's Coalition of NELA is committed to providing comprehensive programs proven to positively impact children and families. These programs have significant, long-term results for families and for the communities in which they live and work, strengthening society as a whole. There is no better way to ensure that families and communities thrive than investing in the social, emotional and intellectual development of our children.

For more than 10 years I have had the privilege of supporting the Children's Coalition with my financial contributions, as well as by teaching classes to child care workers and serving on the board of directors, this year as president of the board. I encourage you to play a part in transforming your community. Support the Children's Coalition of NELA by becoming a member of this outstanding organization by volunteering your time and talents and by participating in our fundraising events.

**- Ellen Prather, Board President**

# BOARD & STAFF

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Executive Director

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Tierra Coleman  
Ashley Collins  
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LaRhonda Elize  
Kimberly Flintroy  
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Bronze Harris  
Antoinette Hoard  
Sarsuba Jackson  
Tamika Mitchell  
Yvette Myles  
Orelia Parker  
Tanqueray Powell  
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# GROW • CONNECT • BUILD

Last year, the Children's Coalition began to look for a new home that could serve as a "one-stop-shop" for parents and the community to find the resources they need to create communities where children and families thrive. In the Spring of 2017, we found it at 117 Hall Street—right off Desiard Street, next to the Salvation Army and across from the bus depot.

We are eager to bring all of our programs under one roof—we will have an Early Head Start center on site, as well as the Family Resource Center and Child Care Connections—but we are even more excited to connect to the growing number of non-profits and service organizations that are part of the downtown revitalization efforts.

Thanks to Wayne Williamson, our generous new landlord, over the next few months, an empty building will be transformed into a thriving hub of services for children and families in our community.

**117 HALL STREET  
MONROE, LA  
318-323-8775**

We move in December 1, 2017; please save the date for the ribbon cutting January 17.



Left to right: Lynn Clark with board members Amy Johnson and Mark Parrish

# EARLY CHILDHOOD OUTCOMES

## 1

### **Child Care Connections: Louisiana Department of Education**

Helping parents find quality child care, and providing training and technical assistance to child care providers region-wide (11 parishes)

- 105 foundational learning opportunities/trainings
- 2,346 teachers trained, an average of 195 per month
- 526 technical assistance/coaching sessions
- 107 child care referrals

## 2

### **Children's Coalition Early Head Start: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families**

Providing quality child care for children from birth through age three at three centers in Ouachita Parish

- 93 children served
- 83 total families served
- 5 pregnant mom served
- 60 average monthly enrollments

## 3

### **Preschool Expansion Classrooms: Louisiana Department of Education**

Providing quality preschool programs with a certified teacher in age-appropriate settings within child care centers

- 50 Pre-K children served in 2 child care centers
- 117 children, birth to 4 years
- 3 certified teachers in partnership with Monroe City Schools

## 4

### **Community Networks: Louisiana Department of Education**

Working to unify the early childhood system through streamlined program expectations, supporting teachers and coordinating enrollment and observations in three parishes: Ouachita, Morehouse and Richland

- 90 Early Childhood Learning Centers (Child care, LEA, EHS/HS)
- 563 CLASS observations
- 10,000+ parents contacted
- 47 Child Care Directors meet monthly

## 5

### **Pre-K Expansion: Louisiana Department of Education**

Integrating Pre-K classrooms in child care centers in partnership with Monroe City Schools.

- 50 Pre-K children served in 2 child care centers
- 117 children, birth to 4 years
- 3 certified teachers in partnership with Monroe City Schools

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### **Believe and Prepare, Children's Coalition Institute: Louisiana Department of Education**

Providing education and training to teachers, enabling them to obtain credentials in early learning centers.

- 20 original candidates for the 2016-2017 ATC Program
- 16 completed the ATC 8-month training

# 2016 – 2017 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

Kyleigh and Kaleigh Daigle explore the Baby Bayou exhibit funded by School Readiness Tax Credits at the Northeast Louisiana Children's Museum in Monroe.



Eariya Turner and her dad share a book at the Beverly Early Head Start Center.



Children's Coalition Institute held commencement ceremonies for its first 16 graduates to earn their Ancillary Teaching Certificate at the Child Care Connections Summer Spectacular.



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As an early childhood teacher attending the Children's Coalition Institute, I have learned to be flexible in my daily routine and to follow the children's lead...It's very busy and can be messy, but at the end of the day, it's astronomically rewarding to be involved in the learning process with these young children.

- Hillary Watson, graduate of the Children's Coalition Institute and a 2-year-old teacher at Bethel Christian School Childcare Center in Ruston, LA

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# HEALTHY LIVING OUTCOMES

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## **AI's Pals: Kids Making Healthy Choices: Northeast Delta Human Services Authority**

Teaching preschool children the social-emotional and resiliency skills to make healthy choices

- 40 schools and 9 child development centers
- 116 classrooms receiving service
- 1,765 children receiving weekly lessons in Ouachita, Morehouse and Monroe City Schools

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## **AI's Pals: Kids Making Healthy Choices: School Readiness Tax Credits**

- 11 Pre-K classrooms in Caldwell Parish Schools and Caldwell Head Start
- 220 students served

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## **Literacy Plus: Monroe Housing Authority, Capital One Bank, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities**

Providing literacy programs that bridge the home and school

- 16 Carroll Junior High students met weekly for Robotics Club/STEM Afterschool Tutoring Program (Capital One)
- 24 students from Monroe Housing Authority met weekly for ICAN After School Tutoring (OIC)
- 52 students recruited for June Summer Camp Partnership (United Way)

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## **U-ACT: Northeast Delta Human Services Authority**

Working as a coalition in Union Parish to develop and implement a 5-year plan to address underage drinking and prescription drug abuse

- 681 pounds of "prescription take back" drugs collected at 8 sites in region
- 20 U-ACT student ambassadors selected
- 70 students at U-ACT Youth Summit
- 700 students at Red Ribbon Week (October) and Orange Ribbon Week (April)
- 12 trained as peer leaders for SADD and 30 students trained to create a SADD club at Union Parish High School and Union Parish Junior High

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## **Mental Health Consultation: Tulane Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health**

Educating teachers and parents on developmentally-appropriate practices

- 4 parishes served: Ouachita, Lincoln, Morehouse, Richland
- 20 child care centers receive mental health support annually
- 200 children served per month
- Approximately 720 hours spent in centers with direct service to children, owners/director, staff and/or parents



# 2016 – 2017 HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

Child's Play II in Monroe hosts a "Bullyproof" anti-bullying press conference while Monroe City Schools, Ouachita Parish Schools and child care centers across Northeast Louisiana wear orange in support.



Union Parish High School Students sign the U-ACT pledge banner to be "Drug Free" during Red Ribbon Week.



Louisiana State Trooper Randall Lowery of Troop F and AI's Pals have partnered to help Pre-K and kindergarten classrooms make safe and healthy decisions.



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I am so very blessed to be given the opportunity to serve as a U-ACT Student Ambassador. I've learned how to be a leader, how to make positive change and how to leave things better than I found them.

- Roderick "RJ" Davis

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# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES

## 1

### **SOS (Signs of Suicide): Living Well Foundation, Union Parish, Ouachita Parish and Monroe City Schools**

Helping middle school students to recognize signs of depression and suicide in themselves and others

- 2,778 teens trained on how to recognize the signs of depression and suicide
- 1,131 students screened for potential mental health problems
- 101 students referred for further evaluation/treatment of significant mental health problems
- 6 schools: Lee Junior High, Union Parish Middle School, St. Frederick Middle School, Ouachita Junior High, Neville High School and Morehouse High School

## 2

### **Mapping Adolescent Reproductive Health: Louisiana Public Health Institute**

Building a coalition to help identify and meet the reproductive health needs of adolescents

- 240 participants at 8 Ouachita Parish Health Coalition meetings
- 40 professionals attended "Day of Health"

## 3

### **Youth Leadership Summit: Community Sponsors**

Developing leadership skills in students chosen by school counselors, resulting in Open Your Heart Pajama Drive

- 256 middle and high school students from 34 Monroe City, Ouachita Parish, and area private and parochial schools attended the second annual summit on the beautiful campus of ULM
- 45 attendees rowed on youth boats at the Annual Bayou DeSiard Dragon Boat Festival
- 5 students were awarded "Children's Coalition Next Steps Scholarships"

## 4

### **4th JDC Youth Services Planning Board**

Meeting the needs of youth at risk of entering the foster or justice system

- 20-member, cross-sector coalition from Ouachita and Morehouse parishes
- 175 truancy survey cards were filled out at Monroe City, Ouachita Parish and Morehouse Parish schools to help recognize the importance of the facts surrounding truancy in our schools
- 300 resources shared in Youth Services Directory 2016

**Sponsor training and screening for Signs of Suicide prevention at a local middle school:**

**\$250 = 1 classroom; \$3,000 - \$4,000 = entire school (depending on size)**

# 2016 – 2017 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

“Next Steps Scholarship” Winners of the Emile A. Barrow Jr. Scholarship for Ouachita Youth Leadership, (left to right) Justin McWilliams and Graham Barham.



Ouachita Youth Summit students from St. Frederick High School, Neville High School and Union Parish High School join together to row in the 2017 First National Bank Bayou DeSiard Dragon Boat Races.



Youth Development Coordinator Jan Daniels receives an award from Monroe City Councilman Michael Echols for her work with Signs of Suicide.



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I've applied the summit's wisdom to my own leadership abilities, and I've used it to encourage and strengthen others on their journey to becoming leaders themselves.

- Justin McWilliams, 2017 Next Steps Scholarship Winner

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# PARENT EDUCATION OUTCOMES

## 1

### **Family Resource Center: Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services**

Providing parenting, life skills and VISIT coaching to help reunite families in the DCFS and foster care system

- 276 referrals
- 37 Triple P Seminars
- 15 Ace Seminars
- 7 Cohorts for Nurturing Parenting Program were provided.
- 33 Sessions Family/Life Skills were provided and presented by community partners.
- 24 clients referred for Visit Coaching

## 2

### **Jus4Me Teen Parenting: United Healthcare, Louisiana Children's Trust Fund**

Encouraging healthy pregnancy outcomes for pregnant and parenting teens at the school site through Nurturing Parenting for Teen Parents

- 20 Jus4Me Teen Parenting sessions taught at 4 schools: Carroll High School, Wossman High School, Bastrop High School and Morehouse Junior High
- 17 pregnant and parenting teens attended regularly
- 4 healthy birth weight babies (5lbs 8oz to 8lbs) as of June 2017

## 3

### **Parenting for All: School Readiness Tax Credits**

Providing on-demand, evidence-based parenting sessions in the community

- 1,612 parents served in 174 sessions at libraries, churches, Early Head Start and Coalition office
- 10 monthly sessions for grandparents at Anna Meyer Library

**Sponsor 20 hours of Jus4Me Teen Parenting  
at a local high school:**

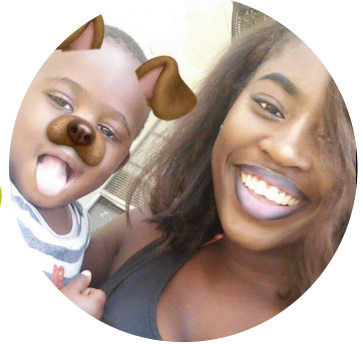
**\$200 = 1 new mom; \$2,000 = whole school group**

Sponsor today at [www.childrenscoalition.org/sponsorship](http://www.childrenscoalition.org/sponsorship)

# 2016 – 2017 PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

66 Jus4Me helped me in different ways. I have learned that it is important to have a bond with your baby. It has helped me to learn how to take care of my child when he gets here.

- Joh'Neisha, Wossman High School



The Children's Coalition Family Resource Center officially opens with a Monroe Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting to serve families seeking to reunite with their children.



Elizabeth Balance and her daughter "B" pose with Gatha Green, Parenting Director, after delivering her powerful testimony at the Children's Coalition Founders Pancake Breakfast.

66 Children's Coalition is a great program... It not only helps us raise our children but ourselves. Going into this class was the best thing I could have ever done. I met new people, and I did a variety of things. I learned how to be a better mom, and I couldn't have done it without the loving support of this organization.

- Calnisha and Adrian Walker, Jus4Me Parents



# SPECIAL EVENTS 2016 – 2017

In addition to working on programs in our four focal areas, the Children's Coalition comes together as a staff to present several community-based events each year.

SEPT 17,  
2016

**DIA DE LA FAMILIA, Lake D'Arbonne State Park, Farmerville, LA**  
Sixth annual event celebrating the Hispanic culture and heritage in Union Parish, while providing vital community resources...and for all ages!

○ 400 attendees

OCT 17,  
2016

## **"BULLYPROOF" BULLY AWARENESS/UNITY DAY**

Partnership with the City of Monroe to spotlight bullying and its effects. Schools in Morehouse Parish, Ouachita Parish, Monroe City and child care centers wore orange to pledge their stand against bullying. A balloon release took place at Child's Play II, emceed by Monroe Mayor Jamie Mayo.

○ 1,000 participants

NOV 7,  
2016

## **OUACHITA YOUTH SUMMIT:**

**ULM Student Union Building, Monroe, LA**

Second annual gathering of nominated junior high and high school students from area public, private and parochial schools to learn leadership skills from Logan Weber of Weber Associates of Atlanta, Georgia. Students learned about topics ranging from healthy choices, social media safety, bullying, suicide and more.

○ 335 students, 26 schools

DEC 9,  
2016

## **WHAT WORKS CONFERENCE: BREAKING THE CYCLE, ULM, Monroe, LA**

The fifth annual conference drew early childhood professionals, student teachers (Louisiana Tech and ULM) and teachers from Morehouse Parish, Monroe City, Caldwell Parish, Union Parish and Lincoln Parish to learn how to break the cycle of poverty from Dr. Kathleen Budge, co-author of the award-winning book, "Turning High-Poverty Schools into High-Performing Schools." They also gathered resources from local agencies, including Our House, United Way, Monroe Housing Authority, The Wellspring, Nurse Family Partnership, Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, Center for Children and Families, ASCD, AmeriHealth, Family Resource Center and Early Head Start.

○ 525 attendees      ○ 12 community resource vendors

FEB 25,  
2017

## **FASHION FUSION "LE JAZZ HOT"**

**Monroe Civic Center Arena, Monroe, LA**

Seventh annual signature fundraiser for the Coalition, featuring DBK Dance and Performing Arts and presented by The Radio People, Newks/CiCi's Coffee, Coke United, Bayou Life Magazine, Entergy, Origin Bank, Helping Hands Pediatric Day Health Center, Gilley's, Homeland Bank, Jody Stratton - ReMax Premier Realty Agent, SkyJacker Suspensions, Glenwood Regional Medical Center, Ergon Exploration, Hulsey, Harwood and Sheridan - CPAs, Argent, Richland State Bank, Southern Beverage and Choice Brands.

○ 1,200 tickets sold      ○ 160 performers/models      ○ 13 local boutiques

APR 22,  
2017

### FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE PARK

In partnership with the City of Monroe, this event combined games, activities, crafts, music, food and fun at Forsythe Park to celebrate National Week of the Young Child and funded through School Readiness Tax Credits.

- 1,500 attendees

APR 29,  
2017

### NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK DAY, REGIONWIDE

Expired, unused and unwanted prescription medications were collected in Morehouse, Union, Ouachita and Lincoln parishes. A collective partnership between the Coalition, Northeast Delta HSA, Brookshire's, Louisiana State Police - Troop F, ULM College of Pharmacy, Union Parish Sheriff's Office, Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana Highway Safety Patrol, Cardinal Health and U-Act made this day possible.

- 493 pounds of medicine collected at 9 drop-off locations
- 4 parishes

MAY 13,  
2017

### BAYOU DESIARD DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, Monroe, LA

The Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana hosted for its second year the 2017 First National Bank Bayou DeSiard Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday, May 13. Choice Brands and Southern Beverage sponsored at the corporate level. The festival raised funds for critical-need programs in our community and helped shine a spotlight on many wonderful organizations and businesses in our community. Teams were formed with a myriad of rowers of all ages and athletic abilities. A key piece of this success story comes from contributions collectively made by offering their expertise, valued time and the best of their goods, services and equipment. Each contribution played an important role in this event, and breadth of the contributions is truly inspiring.

- 20 (21-person) teams
- 17 community resource vendors
- 2,500 attendees
- 12 food trucks
- 45 volunteers

## SPECIAL EVENTS



# SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S COALITION

Why join us? Why is it important to have members? What do I get as a member? You may ask yourself these questions as you are reading through our 2016 - 2017 Annual Report.

Membership with us is so much more than just writing a check. (Although, we like those too!) When you join us, you are aligning your voice with ours to help children in Northeast Louisiana THRIVE!

Our programs survive on specific funding sources. While some sources help pay our operating expenses, some of our expenses still aren't met/covered. We believe in our mission: to create communities where children and families thrive. If we see a need, we go for it! That is what membership is for. It allows us to respond to our communities' needs. When you join us, you are also connecting yourself to a community of other believers.

Here at the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana, we are innovators, educators and change-makers. You can be a part of that, too! Doesn't it excite you to be a part of something big? If you are a current member, I challenge you to increase your level of giving. Don't forget that you also get a tax deduction granted by the IRS since we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Staying connected and current with our programs by receiving consistent, interest-based information will let you always be "in-the-know." Here, we all work together to help children THRIVE!

- Lindsey Murry, Development Director



## THERE ARE THREE MAIN WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S COALITION:

# 1

### **BECOME A MEMBER**

Membership has its benefits! Find out what it means to join the Coalition.

# 2

### **SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsor an event or program, and align your organization or business with a community-based organization that impacts over 30,000 children each year.

# 3

### **SCHOOL READINESS TAX CREDITS**

Receive a dollar-for-dollar refundable tax credit for a \$5,000 donation to the Children's Coalition.

Visit [www.childrenscoalition.org/support](http://www.childrenscoalition.org/support) for more information.





# MEMBERS

## \$25-\$75 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

All Point Media	Sherry Free	Angie Little	Lana Robinson
Kathryn Bagley	Marla Green	Jay McCallum	Scott Rogers
Margaret Brock	Kenneth Hall	Patti McGilton	Patti Roshto
Robyn Brown	Gatha and Carlos	Danielle McGuffee	Kimberly Shepherd
Jennifer Calhoun	Haynes	Rebecca Mixon	Ruth Smith
Karen Crowe	Heritage Realty Group	Sarah Moore	Becky Stith
Ann Daigle	Amy/Justin Higdon	Rhonda Neal	Tracy Terry
Roderick Davis	Antoinette Hoard	Lisa Nelson	Tammy Page Thomas
Earl Davis	Kathy Hosking	Elizabeth Pardue	Roberta Walker
Simran Dhaliwal-Emaus	Andrew Joiner	LaShonda Perkins	Senator Mike Walsworth
Theresa Dickerson	Gabriela Landress	EO Raborn	Jessica Weaver
Chelsea Dickerson	Jan Lenard	Romona Reed	Mark and Nona Wilson
Adrian Fisher	Christa Lewis	Chris Robinson	

## \$100-\$250 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Janis Barraza	Monroe Chamber of Commerce
Denise Breard	Lynn Morris
Michelle and Gerald Conti	Cindy Murray (Center for Children and Families)
Janet Durden (United Way NELA)	Wendy Napoli
Joe Farr	Alpa Patel
Walter Grove	Ellen Prather
Rick and Heather Guillot	Mary Kate Smith-Gilley
Lisa Hammonds	Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Stratton
David Hartt	Donna Underwood
Jean Hartzog	Darlene Westfall
Cynthia Mathes (ARCO Monroe)	Carynn Wiggins
Slagle McGuffee	Emily and Robert Williamson

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Debbie Bourg  
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 Andrea and Terry Dyer  
 Jana Hutzler  
 Cynthia Rodriguez

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 Janet Sanderford

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 Mayme P. Scott Foundation  
 Vantage Health Plan

# PATRONS

**\$1,000**  
**BRONZE**

CenturyLink  
 Derek and Jan Daniels

**\$2,000**  
**SILVER**

**\$3,000**  
**GOLD**

Dr. and Mrs. Louis  
 Gavioli

**\$5,000**  
**PLATINUM**

Dewey and Julie Weaver  
 Jean & Saul Mintz Foundation  
 Dr. and Mrs. Mark Napoli

# SCHOOL READINESS TAX CREDITS

School Readiness Tax Credits redirect business tax liabilities locally into quality early childhood experiences through training, coaching, equipment and partnerships.

## THERE WERE 113 DONORS IN THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR. THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

Aber Investments, LLC  
Adrian James Logging, Inc  
American Dreams of La, LLC  
Atkins Well Service, Inc  
BA Electrical, LLC  
Bamburg Consulting, Inc  
Barton Mowing Service  
Benny Hailey Consulting, Inc.  
Blake Wheelis Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Brad Pritchard Consulting, Inc  
Breard-Shore Associates, Inc  
Brent Bryant, LLC  
Brockner Business Ventures, LLC  
C3 Consulting, LLC  
CAP Properties of Louisiana, LLC  
Carr's Dirt Works & Pipeline Services  
CBS Interest, LLC  
CC Sampognaro  
Cruse Enterprises, Inc.  
Cub Creek Investments, Inc.  
Custom Call Center (formerly Key Tech)  
Custom Fabrication & Consulting, LLC  
D and L of Ouachita  
Darren Ford Insurance, Inc  
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Don Tant Logging Company, Inc.  
Dr. Linus Carroll  
Financial Institution Service Corporation  
Gaar Timber, LLC  
Glen Peppers Consulting, Inc.  
Gregoire Consulting, LLC  
Gulf Inland  
Gulf South Warehouse  
Hatten Tire Center  
Hinton Enterprises, LLC  
Holyfield Assests, LLC  
Holyfield Constuction, Inc.  
Holyfield Investments, LLC  
Holyfield, Inc.  
Ingles Timber Inc.  
J&K Drugs  
J4 Consultants, Inc  
JC Maxwell Consulting, Inc.  
JD's Repair  
JGH Architectural Interiors, Inc  
John S. Carroll, CPA  
Joseph lang Logging  
K&M Equipment, LLC  
Keahey Flying Service of Columbia, Inc.  
Larry Bratton Drilling Co, Inc  
Laura Wood Agency, LLC  
Lelon Kenney Farms  
Liles Parker, PLLC  
Louisiana Agricultural Corporation, LLC  
Louisiana Plastic Industries, Inc.  
Luke Bird Consulting  
Luther Corp Management  
Mark Johnson Plumbing  
Mark Napoli, MC APMC  
McFarland Timber Inc.  
McKeithen & Lewellyan, Professional Law Corp.  
McLawrence Food, LLC (Mack's Fresh Market #1)  
McLawrence Food, LLC (Mack's Fresh Market #2)  
McManus Timber Company, Inc.  
MCS TWO, LLC  
MD Smith Lumber Company  
Megan Dunn Agency, LLC  
Michael Franks Logging  
Mixon, Carroll & Frazier, PLLC  
MLP Enterprise, Inc.  
Moss Logging, Inc.  
Murphrey Consulting Services. Inc.  
Murphrey Oil Company, Inc.  
Northgate Development, LLC  
NV Francis Consulting, LLC  
Origin Bank  
P Two, LLC  
Parts and Service, Inc.  
PK Morris  
Progressive Bank  
RAL Interests, LLC  
Reeves Consulting Services, Inc  
Richard Gayle Consulting, Inc.  
Riverside Radio Group of LA, Inc.  
RO Wheeler Enterprises, LLC  
Robert Franks Logging, Inc.  
Ronald Brown Consulting, Inc.  
Ronnie Darden Farms  
Rosalie Estate, LLC  
Rowland Logging Inc.  
Rowland Timber Co, Inc.  
Scott Corporation, LLC  
Scott Equipment Company  
Scott Equipment Sales Co, LLC  
Scott Financial Services, LLC  
Sleepy Hollow Furniture  
Steven H. Gaar Logging, Inc  
Stott Transport, Inc.  
Stott Wood Company  
Strauss Properties, LLC  
Strauss Tallulah, LLC  
Super Sign Mart, Inc  
TV. Resources, Inc.  
The Kirksey Agency Inc  
The Orthopaedic Clinic of NELA  
Therapy Fields Farms  
Thomas and Farr Agency, Inc.  
Tim Simons Logging, LLC  
Tullos Auto & Industrial Supply, Inc.  
Vantage Health Plan  
Woodman Life/Woodman Financial Services

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**I went to our CPAs and I said, 'Does this thing really work like this? Can it be this simple?' And they assured me that, in fact, it was.**

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- Tom Nicholson,  
CEO of Strauss Interests

# UPCOMING IN 2017 – 2018

## SAVE THE DATE

SEPT 23

### **DIA DE LA FAMILIA**

10AM - 2PM  
Lake D'Arbonne State Park

OCT 3

### **MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST**

8:30AM - 9:30AM • Killbourne Hall  
Grace Episcopal Church, Monroe

OCT 25

### **"BULLYPROOF" BULLY AWARENESS DAY**

NOV 8

### **OUACHITA YOUTH SUMMIT**

University of Louisiana at Monroe

DEC 1

### **MOVE IN DAY AT OUR NEW OFFICE**

117 Hall Street, Monroe

DEC 31

### **SRTC DEADLINE**

JAN 17

### **RIBBON CUTTING/ OPEN HOUSE**

117 Hall Street, Monroe

MAR 21

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

APR 21

### **FAMILY FUN DAY**

Forsythe Park, Monroe

MAY 12

### **DRAGON BOAT RACES**

Loop Road and Forsythe Ave