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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NEW ORLEANS AWARDS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND GRANTS

Three area nonprofits to receive combined \$20,000

May 11, 2020 NEW ORLEANS, LA – The Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO) has awarded funding to three nonprofit organizations through its Community Assistance Fund (CAF) grant program. Bridge House/Grace House, Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadia, and Hotel Hope will receive a combined \$20,000.

“Granting funds to other organizations is one of the many ways JLNO supports the community,” said JLNO President Christine Vinson. “The CAF program allows us to reach constituents via programs that combine creativity and hard work for maximum impact.”

Grant recipients share JLNO’s focus of Advancing the Wellbeing of Women in one or more of the following ways:

- Improving economic opportunities for women and supporting women’s potential to seize those opportunities
- Providing needed family support to alleviate the burdens on women caregivers
- Promoting information and resources for women’s health, allowing them to live healthy and happy lives

Since 1985, JLNO has awarded over \$820,000 in CAF grants to organizations in the Greater New Orleans area.

About the CAF grant award winners:

Bridge House/Grace House

Bridge House Grace House is a long-term residential program for men (Bridge House) and women (Grace House) suffering from alcoholism and other addictions. Grace

House provides addiction treatment to women that specifically focuses on their unique needs, including providing them with health care in a very efficient manner that places a priority on meeting the needs of the clients in a respectful manner that addresses their needs. The grant money will be used to fund the Women's Clinic at Grace House which provides hundreds medical examinations for women recovering from addiction.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana

Founded in 1982 the Second Harvest Food Bank's mission is to lead the fight against hunger and build food security in South Louisiana by providing food access, advocacy, education and disaster response.

Second Harvest Food Bank is a well-recognized non-profit through the greater New Orleans area which provides meals to our most at need community members. This grant is going toward the Child Hunger Programs, which provides meals to be distributed at three different locations / cafes throughout the summer. The grant money will be used to fund the Child Hunger Program which provides thousands of meals for children at twenty-four summer feeding sites.

Hotel Hope

Hotel Hope is a nonprofit, interfaith organization that provides housing to women and their children in a safe and loving atmosphere while guiding them to self-sufficiency and self-empowerment through intensive case management. Hotel Hope was conceived in 2009 when people in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Harry Tompson Center met to address the lack of available shelter and services for homeless women and their children.

Hotel Hope offers opportunities for upward mobility through placement in permanent housing, childcare and employment. The grant money will be used to fund a new computer lab which will provide 5 computers, 2 printers, and computer protection software to over 180 residents.

The Junior League of New Orleans is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.