

[DECADES]

MAKE A DIFFERENCE PROJECTS

100% of what's given on Make A Difference Sunday, December 3, will be given away to our Make a Difference ministry partners. We have committed to giving away \$1m as part of our two-year Decades initiative.

Ministry moves at the speed of opportunity, leadership, and generosity. As God provides, the vision of transforming lives moves forward ... all in the name of Jesus.



ACADIANA: Because we are #ForAcadiana, we invest in Christ-centered community partners whose strategy is to offer a “hand-up,” rather than a “hand-out” to those most in need.

The Hub

Serving those living in chronic poverty through an empowering model that encourages earning and participation.

Project: The Lovewell Center: Final building renovations so the Lovewell can fully resource their 150+ community friends through week-day life-skill classes and the opening of four stores: the Eatwell (groceries), Stylewell (hair salon), Dresswell (clothing), and Smellwell (laundromat).

Project costs: Interior structural repairs (\$34,500), finish plumbing/electrical work for stores (\$32,000), expanded storage and classroom areas (\$34,500), improvements to outdoor gathering areas (\$20,000).

Total Funding Needed: \$121,000

The Refinery

Housing and discipling men transitioning from prison and homelessness.

Project: Fencing around the property (\$18,000), chapel flooring replacement (\$12,000), 3 used cars for reliable work transportation for residents (\$15,000).

Total Funding Needed: \$45,000

Love, INC

Helping local churches steward their benevolence resources well by vetting and connecting those living below the poverty line to a network of local churches.

Project: Continued funding for client/volunteer coordinator part-time staff for 2023.

Total Funding Needed: \$10,000

UL's Baptist Collegiate Ministry

Helping college students know and share the Gospel.

Project: Student outreach events: barbecue pit and supplies (\$4,000), sound system (\$6,000), student internship funding (\$4,000).

Total Funding Needed: \$14,000

Hope for Opelousas

Ministering to an at-risk community through educational support and neighborhood outreach.

Project: Renovate a recently purchased property adjacent to their current facility that will double their capacity to serve their community.

Total Funding Needed: \$60,000

Bridge Ministry

After-school tutoring and mentoring to elementary students in the under-resourced areas surrounding Holy Family and JW Faulk schools. Building Christ-centered relationships with students, families and building trust among local neighborhood residents.

Project: Underwriting student semester costs (curriculum, certified teachers, technology, nutrition).

Total Funding Needed: \$20,000
(50 students @ \$400 per student)

Foster Families

Each December we partner with the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services in hosting a Christmas drive-through party for foster kids and their parents. We also provide support for Foster the Love, a nonprofit that supports foster children and families navigating trauma.

Project 1: Funding for Christmas party serving 100 foster families (gifts and meal @ \$100 per child).

Project 2: Renovation of a space in Foster the Love's new facility to serve as a kid-friendly refuge (bedroom/bathroom) for children waiting for placement in a foster home (\$5,000).

Total Funding Needed: \$15,000

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A Pregnancy Center & Clinic

Providing a free medical clinic and educational resource center for pregnant women.

Project: Resources for expectant and new moms: prenatal and parenting curriculum (\$2,500), gift and gas cards for 100 women (\$3,500), clinic furnishings (\$500), critical supplies and support for moms after the birth of their baby (\$8,500).

Total Funding Needed: \$15,000

Harvest Learning Center

Mentoring kids in a high-crime/high-poverty neighborhood to reimagine their future and transform the community around them.

Project: After-school & summer enrichment programs (\$5,800), warm school clothes (\$800), after-school meals (\$4,200), building/staffing/educational resources (\$9,000).

Total Funding Needed: \$19,800



GLOBAL: Because we are called to make a difference in our country and beyond, we partner with national and international ministry organizations.

Alaska Missions

Transforming the hearts and lives of Alaska's native population with the message of Christ.

Project: Curriculum and kid-friendly Bibles for 200 kids at outreach camps (\$3,150), 20' shipping container for storage (\$7,400), meat processing kitchen equipment for evangelistic outdoorsmen camps (meat grinder \$400; vacuum sealer \$800).

Total Funding Needed: \$11,750

Reciprocal Ministries International

Transforming lives by facilitating and building church-to-church cross-cultural partnerships in Haiti.

Project: School expansion: supplies and labor to build 6 additional classrooms for the Hope for Kids school in Petit Trou (\$40,000), school-year hot lunch program for 400 students @ \$100 per child (\$4,000).

Total Funding Needed: \$44,000

Mission Housing Ministries

Equipping and resourcing indigenous leaders to share the Gospel with the Mam people in Guatemala.

Project: Necessary ministry resources: 2 motorcycles (\$4,000), computer (\$600).

Total Funding Needed: \$4,600

Make A Difference Target Update

(MARCH 1, 2022 - OCTOBER 31, 2023)

Decades Two-Year Goal: \$1M

GOAL
TO DATE:



\$833,333.33

ACTUAL GIVEN
TO DATE:



\$742,441.13

You can give online at

TheBayouChurch.org/Give

or in person during the services on Make a Difference Sunday, December 3.