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**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 experiencing homelessness and living in generational poverty.*

**Project:** Complete building renovations to The Lovewell Center to be open full-time by January 2023.  
**Total Funding Needed: \$65,000**

### The Refinery

*Housing and discipling men transitioning from prison and homelessness.*

**Project:** Furnishings for a new 54-bed facility slated to open soon, including two living room sets (\$5,750), two refrigerators (\$5,250), and 54 bed sets (\$3,000).  
**Total Funding Needed: \$13,700**

### A Pregnancy Center & Clinic

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

**Project:** Resources for expectant and new moms, including prenatal and parenting curriculum (\$2,500), grocery gift cards for 100 women (\$2,500), gas cards for 100 women (\$1,500), and 40 infant car seats (\$3,200). **Total Funding Needed: \$9,700**

### Hope for Opelousas

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

**Project:** This donation would fund the cost of a charter bus for 55 kids to attend a life-changing camp for under-resourced kids and training sessions for those who work with at-risk kids. Each student who participates raises \$150 toward camp tuition.  
**Total Funding Needed: \$11,000**

### Bridge Ministry

*After-school tutoring and Christ-centered mentoring to students at Holy Family School.*

**Project:** Funding for 25 under-resourced students for one semester. The cost per student for tutoring/mentoring staff, nutritional snacks, classroom materials is \$440. **Total Funding Needed: \$11,000**

### 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:** Funding for Christmas gift cards and a family meal for 100 foster families (\$10,000) and funding for Foster the Love's critical care resources (\$2,800).  
**Total Funding Needed: \$12,800**

### Harvest Learning Center

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

**Project:** Security fence (\$10,000) and above ground outdoor play area (\$1,800).  
**Total Funding Needed: \$11,800**

### 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: \$11,000**

### UL's Baptist Collegiate Ministry

*Helping college students know and share the Gospel.*

**Project:** Funding for building improvements and outreach events.  
**Total Funding Needed: \$5,000**

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**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:** Fund restoration and recovery in subsistence communities in the Bering strait region impacted by the September 2022 typhoon that devastated this area. Includes sheet metal for roofs and fishing nets for 150-200 families in Nome.

**Total Funding Needed: \$10,000**

### Mission Housing Ministries

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

**Project:** Provide five basic-shelter homes (\$2,600) and eight sets of bunk beds with mattresses (\$2,400).

**Total Funding Needed: \$5,000**

### Reciprocal Ministries International

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

**Project:** Supply 125 food boxes (\$5,000) and fund the lunch program for 400 Hope for Kidz school children (\$5,000).

**Total Funding Needed: \$10,000**

### Disaster Response

*Responding to weather related disasters and humanitarian crises in 2023.*

**Project:** Funding to respond to both natural and humanitarian disaster needs here in our community and beyond.

**Total Funding Needed: \$50,000**

**We continue to be committed to living and loving like Jesus by serving those most in need and investing in our community and global ministry partners.**

You can give online at  
**TheBayouChurch.org/Give**

or in person during the services on Make a Difference Sunday, December 4.