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President's Message

2016-17 President

E. Jane Sherman

It is my pleasure to report to you on the activities of the LBF and an eventful year.

In 2016, the LBF awarded \$6.3 million in grants, to more than 70 deserving non-profit organizations and public interest legal aid attorneys for social justice initiatives across the state. In April 2017, the Board approved grant funding for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. I am happy to tell you that the total amount of grants to be awarded will increase by approximately \$800,000.

Historically, state bar foundations, including the LBF, made grants to legal aid programs using funding exclusively from Interest on Lawyer's Trust Accounts (IOLTA). For example, in 2005, 80 percent of the LBF's \$2.1 million budget was from IOLTA funds. Between 2007 and 2011, IOLTA income declined by a dramatic 74 percent due to drastic reductions in interest rates. The LBF began working on innovative approaches to identify new funding sources to keep up with the growing need for civil legal aid services. This fiscal year, the LBF budget has grown to \$8.3 million with only 30 percent from IOLTA. The LBF is the largest state funder of civil legal aid.

In addition to IOLTA funding, the LBF has secured several new funding sources:

Child in Need of Care Program (CINC) – Beginning in 2009, the LBF began serving as administrator for the Louisiana Supreme Court's Child in Need of Care Program providing governance and oversight of funds for free legal representation to children in foster care. More than \$2 million is sub granted annually to the legal services corporations. The LBF continues to serve as administrator. Last year, the program provided representation to 3,384 children, made more than 15,162 court appearances on their behalf and participated in 1,459 family team conferences.

Cy Pres – In 2012, the Louisiana Supreme Court adopted Rule SLIII (43) naming the LBF a permissible recipient of Cy Pres funds and the only organization specifically identified in the rule. Over the past two years, the LBF has received nearly \$90,000 in Cy Pres funds from Orleans Parish Civil District Court judges.

Mortgage Servicing Settlement – In 2013, the LBF began serving as administrator of partial funding from the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General for the federal mortgage servicing settlement. In partnership with the legal services corporations, Louisiana Appleseed and the Louisiana Civil Justice Center, this program provided free legal representation to affected consumers for three years.

Pro Hac Vice Fees – In 2015, the LBF and the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board entered into an agreement regarding the increase of pro hac vice fees. The increased funds are directed to the LBF and then awarded to the legal services corporations. The funds generated \$132,000 in 2016 and that money was disbursed to the LSCs in February.

Unidentified Funds – In March, the Louisiana Supreme Court adopted an amendment to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.15 (Safekeeping Property) to help lawyers properly dispose of unidentified funds in their IOLTA accounts for at least one year and after diligent effort to document them as belonging to a client. The unidentified funds are remitted to the LBF for funding of civil legal services. Guidance and instructions for remitting unidentified funds are available on the LBF website.

Bank of America – In 2015 and 2016, the LBF received funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bank of America Settlement to continue helping families stay in their homes and out of foreclosure and bankruptcy. The funds are being used for increased grant awards, prioritizing direct legal services.

In addition to securing new funding, the LBF has worked to support new program areas. These include:

Advocacy – In 2008 the LBF began financial and in-kind support of Louisiana Appleseed, part of a national network of public interest justice centers that use volunteers who donate pro bono time to effect long-lasting, systemic change. In 2016, the LBF expanded support to Louisiana Appleseed to proactively increase advocacy on behalf of civil legal aid to bring systemic relief to the poor.

We also continue our partnership with Appleseed on the Fellows Class Project, a way for new Fellows to get involved and be a part of the LBF mission. The new Clear Title Project is currently underway and focuses on educating Louisiana residents about how to preserve home ownership.

Technology – In 2016 the LBF provided \$125,000 to the Louisiana Civil Justice Center for a statewide hotline to provide intake, brief service and referral to the legal service corporations and pro bono projects. Also in 2016, the LBF created a new funding category to help increase access through self-help centers and kiosks in the district courts. A total of \$79,000 was awarded to establish 9 programs across the state.

Flood Recovery – Following the March and August 2016 floods, the LBF established the Flood Recovery Fund with generous assistance from donors across the country. Total funding of \$200,000 was granted to the legal services corporations and pro bono projects in the affected areas to address victims’ legal needs including homeowner’s insurance, title clearing and federal aid eligibility utilizing community-based, clinic models in conjunction with FEMA’s disaster recovery centers.

Training –As part of the LBF’s commitment to strengthen grantee board leadership and the Louisiana civil legal aid network, the LBF began hosting board training for grantees in 2013. Training is designed to strengthen leadership by reviewing board member responsibilities, program and administration priorities for the organizations and evaluation of mission goals. The 2016 training was held in conjunction with the LSBA Justice Community Conference and was well attended by LBF grantee leadership.

Awareness – Through grants received in 2015 and 2016, the LBF is working to educate and engage the broader philanthropic community about the value of supporting civil legal aid and integrating civil legal aid services throughout their work. Through strategic partnerships with the Louisiana community foundations and the LBF Community Partnership Panels, these organizations are learning about the value of supporting civil legal aid. Together, we are working to introduce the community foundations to our grantees and are working to identify co-funding opportunities to enhance foundation support for civil legal aid.

Some other program updates -

The **Kid’s Chance Scholarship Program** provides scholarships to children of workers who are permanently and totally disabled or killed in a work-related accident. The LBF awarded \$67,000 in scholarships to 20 Louisiana students for the 2016-2017 school year.

Through the **Oral History Project**, the LBF produces a continuing series of oral histories of retiring judges, bar leaders and other legal personalities. We currently have a collection of nearly 100 oral histories on the LBF website that are available for use in classrooms, continuing legal education seminars.

The LBF’s nine, regional **Community Partnership Panels** work to identify areas of need for LBF funding and serve as our local eyes and ears. The panel members serve as liaisons to local grantees, foster collaboration with local stakeholders, respond to arising community needs and encourage local involvement in directing discretionary grant funds through a flexible process. The panels also

provide nominations for the LBF Board, nominations for the distinguished awards and help identify new LBF Fellows.

Social Return on Investment

At the request of the Louisiana Legislature and on behalf of the Access to Justice Commission, the LBF funded an Economic Impact and Social Return on Investment Analysis, or SROI, for fiscal year 2016. SROI is an internationally standardized and accepted process for measuring and understanding the financial impact of a social services organization. While SROI is built on the logic of cost/benefit analysis, it is different in that it measures the comparable value of organizations whose results cannot be easily measured in money. Nearly 40 civil legal aid organizations providing services in Louisiana participated in the Analysis.

The Analysis was completed in December and shows that dollars spent on Louisiana's civil legal aid providers are well spent and deliver unmistakable economic returns to the state. In fiscal year 2016, Louisiana's civil legal aid organizations provided assistance in **26,437** legal matters consisting of **over 100 types of civil legal problems** including family law, housing, healthcare, public benefits, consumer protection, community support issues, government and legal system issues. Other key findings include:

- The net economic impact value resulting from Louisiana civil legal activities during the year totaled **\$93,977,000**.
- The total net social return on investment for Louisiana's civil legal aid programs during the 2016 fiscal year was 873%.
- In other words, **for every \$1 invested in Louisiana's civil legal aid services, these programs deliver \$8.73 in immediate and long-term consequential financial benefits.**

These findings show that continued funds allocated to the civil legal aid providers will provide a substantial impact. Investing in civil legal aid is a powerful way to help people solve critical problems and prevent events that are harmful and expensive for our state. Schools, businesses, government agencies and the state as a whole benefit from resolving civil legal problems. We are working with the Access to Justice Commission to share the results of the study and better educate the public on the value of funding civil legal aid.

The LBF is committed to serving all Louisiana households in poverty. Investing in civil legal aid helps people solve critical problems and prevent events that are personally harmful and expensive for society. Civil legal needs have a ripple effect, not only affecting the families served, but the community at large. Schools, businesses, government agencies and the state as a whole benefit from resolving civil legal problems.

Our society improves when people understand the law and have equal access to justice. It is our job to continue to provide civil legal assistance to Louisiana's most vulnerable citizens because access to affordable legal services is critical in a society that depends on the rule of law. As our needs, resources and technology change, so must our approach to addressing the unmet civil legal needs of those in our state. Our profession must ensure that the justice system serves everyone and that the rule of law is preserved.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your President. I would like to extend special thanks to the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and the LBF staff. I have truly enjoyed working with you on our important mission to serve the most vulnerable in our communities. It is with sincere gratitude that I thank everyone who has supported the LBF during my year as president.

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Levels of Fellowship:

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Full-time federal or state judge, magistrate, commissioner, administrative law judge, or hearing officer

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31st Annual Fellows Gala and Awards



The Louisiana Bar Foundation celebrated the **31st Annual Fellows Gala** Friday, April 21, 2017. The gala and live auction was held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. Honored were the 2016 Distinguished Jurist **Jeannette Theriot Knoll**, Distinguished Attorney **Donna D. Fraiche**, Distinguished Attorney **Thomas M. Hayes III**, Distinguished Professor **Howard W. L'Enfant, Jr.**, and Calogero Justice Award recipient **Joseph R. Oelkers III**.

Hayes, Oelkers, LBF 2017-18 President Valerie Briggs Bargas, Fraiche, Knoll, L'Enfant *



Chuck Davoli received the 2017 President's Award at a Kids' Chance event on May 12. LBF 2016-17 President E. Jane Sherman presented Davoli the award in recognition of his outstanding support, volunteer service and dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. Davoli was instrumental in bringing the Kids' Chance Scholarship Program to Louisiana in 2004 and has served on the LBF Kids' Chance committee for 12 years. This year, Davoli led a special effort to have Governor John Bel Edwards officially proclaim Louisiana Kids' Chance Awareness week.

Sherman and Davoli



2016-17 LBF President E. Jane Sherman presented **Donna C. Cuneo** the 2017 President's Award during the Fellows Annual Meeting luncheon on April 21 in New Orleans. The President's Award was given to Cuneo in recognition of her outstanding support, dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. Cuneo has served the LBF for 22 years, the last 15 as Executive Director.

Cuneo and Sherman*



Emmett C. Sole, a member of the law firm Stockwell, Sievert, Viccellio, Clements & Shaddock, L.L.P. in Lake Charles received the 2017 LBF Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award during the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Annual Meeting in June in Destin, Florida. Sole received the award in recognition of his long-standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and for upholding the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants, and all counsel. \$1,000 has been donated in his name to The Southwest Louisiana Law Center in Lake Charles.

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Annual/Sustaining Funding \$3,923,330

Building Capital Development \$100,000

Awards grants up to \$25,000, on a matching basis, to current grantees with the purpose of assisting in the acquisition of an office building and/or property.

Innocence Project New Orleans	\$25,000
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$25,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$25,000

Children's Legal Services \$175,000

Helps to provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well-being, and future development.

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$37,500
First Grace Community Alliance	\$17,500
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$42,500
LouisianaChildren.org	\$10,000
T.E.A.M.S.	\$45,000
The Advocacy Center	\$22,500

Law-Related Education \$150,000

The LBF awards grants to entities for law-related educational programs benefitting children and/or the public.

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$35,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$13,000
Court Watch NOLA	\$6,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$9,500
Louisiana Center for Law & Civic Education	\$48,000
LSBA - Diversity Committee	\$3,500
LSBA - Young Lawyers Division	\$10,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$25,000

Domestic Violence Programs \$499,602

Essential services provided by these agencies are shelter, 24-hour crisis line, legal services, education of domestic/dating violence, and establishing collaborative relationships with law enforcement, judges, clerks of court, and prosecutors.

Beauregard Community Concerns, Inc.	\$38,237
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans/Project S.A.V.E.	\$41,008
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$68,400
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$35,030
Faith House, Inc.	\$29,081
Faith House, Inc./Family Justice Center of Central La.	\$15,174
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse	\$23,575
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$40,000
Oasis	\$22,200
Project Celebration, Inc.	\$40,000
Safe Harbor, Inc.	\$16,000
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$16,000
St. Bernard Battered Women's Program	\$25,000
The Haven, Inc.	\$37,897
The Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc.	\$52,000

Legal Service Corporations \$2,100,000

Eligible programs are funded by the LSC federal agency and provide civil legal services to the indigent in each parish of the state.

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$1,061,563
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$1,038,437

Other Legal Service Providers \$400,000

Through staff attorneys and paralegals, these programs provide legal services of a special nature such as mental health and child advocacy mediation.

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$33,000
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$22,500
Catholic Charities of North Louisiana	\$38,500
CrescentCare	\$10,000
Ella Project	\$11,000
Frontline Legal Services	\$40,000
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$120,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$5,000
Lower 9 th Ward Homeownership Association	\$10,000
Loyola University Workplace Justice Project	\$20,000
St. Frances Cabrini Immigration Law Center	\$50,000
The Advocacy Center	\$25,000
The Southwest Louisiana Law Center	\$15,000

Pro Bono Projects **\$350,000**

Often operated by the local bar association, these projects utilize the local private bar to handle cases for the poor pro bono in many legal areas.

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$70,000
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc.	\$29,500
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$68,900
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$46,700
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$24,900
The Pro Bono Project	\$110,000

Self-Represented Litigants Programs **\$66,600**

Help increase access through self-help centers and kiosks.

Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$5,000
Louisiana Civil Justice Center (East Carroll Parish)	\$10,000
Louisiana Civil Justice Center (Natchitoches Parish)	\$10,000
Louisiana Civil Justice Center (Tangipahoa Parish)	\$10,000
Louisiana Library Association	\$7,200
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (Lafourche Parish)	\$8,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (St. Tammany Parish)	\$8,400
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (St. Charles Parish)	\$8,000

Loan Repayment Assistance Program **\$82,128**

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program provides forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 per year to attorneys working at an organization supported by the LBF. Recipients identities are kept confidential.

Child in Need of Care **\$1,990,000**

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$1,355,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$635,000

Special Funding **\$510,050**

Collaboration with justice community stakeholders providing umbrella support services to several or all civil legal aid providers.

Access to Justice Commission	\$35,000
Access to Justice Fund Grants	\$50,000
Board Training for Grantees	\$10,000
Disaster Relief	
Lawhelps.org and Probono.net	\$12,650
Louisiana Appleseed	\$125,000
Louisiana Civil Justice Center	\$150,000
Oral Histories	\$2,000
Pelican Center for Children and Families	
Pro Hac Vice	\$125,400

Scholarships, Fellowships, and other funding projects **\$182,000**

Kids' Chance Scholarships	\$59,000
Scholar-in-Residence	\$3,000
Fellowships	\$120,000

Discretionary Funding **\$135,000**

Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants
Nine Community Partnership Panels act as regional chapters of the Foundation. These panels identify needs in their community and fund efforts to address those needs. Grants are awarded throughout the year. Grants listed are as of Jan. 2018.

Acadiana	
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$7,900

Bayou Region	
Friends of P.A.C.T. Place	\$4,986
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$1,250
Terrebonne Children's Advocacy Center	\$5,000
LBF Oral History Project	\$1,065

Capital Area	
Louisiana Youth Advisors	
DBA Livingston Parish SADD	\$8,000
SLLS	\$1,250

Greater Orleans	
SLLS	\$1,250
The Pro Bono Project	\$13,750

Northeast	
Pine Hills Children's Advocacy Center	\$10,000
LBF Oral History Project	\$500

Northshore	
Fresh Start Program	\$5,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$1,250
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services - Veterans Legal Clinics	\$7,913

Northwest	
Project Reclaim of Minden	\$5,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$10,000

Southwest	
Beauregard Community Concers	\$1,018
LBF Oral History Project	\$750

Since 1989, the LBF has distributed nearly \$78 million to address the legal needs of indigent citizens, provide a basic understanding of the law, and assist with improvements to the justice system.

Go online for descriptions of our Grantees.
<https://raisingthebar.org/what-we-do/list-of-grantees>

Foundation Programs and Projects



Access to Justice Commission

The Commission, with representatives from the Louisiana Supreme Court, LSBA, LBF and other stakeholders, is a statewide coordinated approach to assure continuity of policy and purpose in the collaboration between the private bar, the courts, and the civil justice community so as to further the goal of assuring that Louisianans, regardless of the economic circumstance, have access to the justice system.

Children in Need of Care (CINC)

The CINC program provides free legal representation to Louisiana children in foster care in partnership with the Louisiana legal service corporations, the Louisiana Department of Child and Family Services and the Louisiana Supreme Court. As administrator, the LBF provides governance and oversight of the funds and ensures program and financial compliance.

Child Welfare Fellowships

LBF Child Welfare Fellowships will work in 3 focus areas: Direct representation of children in child welfare proceedings; Engagement with key stakeholders on advocacy initiatives to improve services on behalf of children; and Work in collaboration with the LA Supreme Court Child Protection Representation Commission and the Pelican Center for Children and Families.

Fellows Class Project

The Fellows Class Project is an opportunity to perform pro bono service in an alternative way while working with colleagues who joined LBF during the calendar year.

Fellows Program

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Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts - IOLTA

A IOLTA program is a unique partnership between the banking and legal communities that enhances the LBF's ability to meet the growing need for free civil legal services to the poor.

Kids' Chance Scholarship Program

Kids' Chance provides higher education scholarships to children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently disabled.

Law Signature Schools Courtroom Project

The Law Signature Schools Courtroom Project is a bricks and mortar building program with Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education designated Law Signature Schools.

Louisiana Appleseed

Louisiana Appleseed is part of a network of public interest law centers in the U.S. and Mexico dedicated to building a just society through legal, legislative and institutional structural reform. Louisiana Appleseed asks top private practice lawyers, corporate counsel, law schools, civic leaders and other professionals to commit pro bono time to address problems at their root causes, producing practical, systemic solutions to effect change.

Louisiana Civil Justice Center

A non-profit that provides civil legal assistance for low-income, elderly, and disaster-affected residents of Louisiana through a toll-free hotline, court-based help desks, and community legal clinics.

Oral History Project

The LBF Education Committee produces a continuing series of oral histories. The series is a part of the Committee's plans to systematically broaden the LBF's work to preserve the history, culture and flavor of Louisiana Law.

Pelican Center for Children and Families

The Pelican Center for Children and Families is a nonprofit organization that serves as a comprehensive education and training resource to support effective practice among legal and other professionals serving Louisiana's most vulnerable children and families.

Scholar in Residence

During a two-year term, an LBF selected scholar produces an academic work.

Secret Santa

Needy children are paired with local attorneys who buy presents from a child's holiday wish list.



The Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program

Prime Partners

Prime Partners are financial institutions that are committed to ensuring the success of the IOLTA program and increased funding for legal aid.

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Eligible Institutions

Eligible institutions are financial institutions that meet the standards of the eligibility requirement as defined by IOLTA Rule 1.15. They are committed to the success of the IOLTA program and support legal aid.

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BancorpSouth Bank (Baton Rouge, Monroe, Shreveport)	Farmers-Merchants Bank & Trust Co. (Breaux Bridge)	Rayne State Bank & Trust Co. (Rayne)
Bank of Abbeville & Trust Co. (Abbeville)	First American Bank & Trust (Vacherie)	Red River Bank (Alexandria)
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Bank of Erath (Abbeville, Delcambre)	First Guaranty Bank (Hammond)	Resource Bank (Covington)
Bank of Gueydan (Gueydan)	First National Bank (DeRidder)	Richland State Bank (Rayville)
Bank of Louisiana (New Orleans)	First National Bank (Ruston)	Sabine State Bank (Many)
Bank of Montgomery (Montgomery)	First National Bank of Louisiana (Crowley)	St. Landry Bank & Trust Co. (Opelousas)
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Bank of St. Francisville (St. Francisville)	Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. (Delhi)	St. Martin Bank & Trust Co. (St. Martinville)
Bank of Winnfield & Trust Co. (Winnfield)	Gulf Coast Bank & Trust (New Orleans)	Shell New Orleans Federal Credit Union (New Orleans)
Bank of Zachary (Zachary)	Hancock Bank (Baton Rouge)	South Lafourche Bank (Larose)
Business First Bank (Baton Rouge)	Home Bank, N. A. (Lafayette)	South Louisiana Bank (Houma)
Campus Federal Credit Union (Baton Rouge)	Home Federal Savings & Loan (Shreveport)	Southern Heritage Bank (Jena)
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City Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches)	Kaplan State Bank (Kaplan)	The First National Bank of Jeanerette (Jeanerette)
City Savings Bank & Trust Co. (DeRidder)	Landmark Bank (Clinton)	The Union Bank (Marksville)
Commerce Community Bank (Oakgrove)	MBL Bank (Minden)	United Community Bank (Gonzales)
Community Bank of Louisiana (Mansfield)	MC Bank & Trust (Morgan City)	Washington State Bank (Washington)
Community First Bank (New Iberia)	Metairie Bank & Trust Co. (Metairie)	Whitney Bank (Statewide)
	Mississippi River Bank (Belle Chasse)	Winnsboro State Bank & Trust Co. (Winnsboro)
	Mutual Savings & Loan Association (Metairie)	
	Origin Bank (formerly Community Trust Bank) (Choudrant)	

(as of June 30, 2017)



Louisiana Bar Foundation



Kids' Chance awards scholarships to children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal workers' compensation act or law. In the 2016-17 academic year, \$67,000 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 20 deserving students.

2016-17 Kids' Chance Scholarship Recipients

Brittany Bailey, Deridder
Allana Gross, Marrero
Jessica Harper, Eros
Andre' Hebert, Lafayette
Heather Jones, New Orleans
Katelyn Kerner, Jefferson
Grant Klentzman, New Iberia
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Kids' Chance of Louisiana is a member of the national organization of Kids' Chance programs.



Michelle Sorrells, LBF Kids' Chance committee co-chair; Will Kentzman, father of a scholarship recipient; Quentin LeBlanc, scholarship recipient; Jane Sherman, LBF President.

Golf Tournament Benefits LBF Kids' Chance Program

The Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) held its annual golf tournament September 2016 donating all proceeds to the LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program. At a ceremony prior to the golf tournament, LBF Kids' Chance presented mock checks to scholarship recipients and a certificate of appreciation was presented to LWCC. The LBF Kids' Chance Program has been the recipient of the LWCC golf tournament proceeds for twelve years. All money raised goes to the scholarship fund.

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Michelle Sorrells, LBF Kids' Chance committee co-chair; Katelyn Kerner, LBF Kids' Chance recipient, Gov. John Bel Edwards; Jane Sherman, LBF President.

2nd Annual Kids' Chance Awareness Week November 14-18, 2016

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program celebrated a special National Kids' Chance Awareness Week when Gov. John Bel Edwards delivered a proclamation on behalf of the state of Louisiana at a special luncheon at Moore & Hebert in Baton Rouge.

The Baton Rouge Bar Association Workers' Comp Section rounded up the cooks and volunteers for a delicious BBQ chicken lunch. Thanks to the BRBA Workers' Comp Section and all the sponsors for creating such a memorable event.

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For more information on Kids' Chance or to find out how you can make a donation to the Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund, contact Dennette Young at (504) 561-1046 or dennette@raisingthebar.org or visit www.raisingthebar.org/kidschance.

Louisiana Bar Foundation
Statements of Financial Position

As of June 30,	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,357,275	\$ 6,886,482
Investments	5,615,974	4,417,609
Grants receivable	2,072,709	2,028,952
Prepaid expenses and deposits	11,210	15,420
Total current assets	12,057,168	13,348,463
Non-current assets		
Promises to give, long term - less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,750 and \$3,750	33,750	33,750
Total non-current assets	33,750	33,750
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 12,090,918	\$ 13,382,213
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 16,862	\$ 23,588
Grants payable	6,056,735	5,603,828
Total current liabilities	6,073,597	5,627,416
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred lease payable	37,768	53,151
Total non-current liabilities	37,768	53,151
Total liabilities	6,111,365	5,680,567
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	4,706,291	6,435,078
Temporarily restricted	717,221	711,777
Permanently restricted	556,041	554,791
Total net assets	5,979,553	7,701,646
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 12,090,918	\$ 13,382,213