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ST. ROSE COMMUNITY CENTER

The St. Rose Community Center is a neighborhood drop-in center located in the Preston Hollow subdivision providing community-based services for at-risk youth. Programs include an after school activity center, computer lab, summer enrichment program and specialized programs for citizens of St. Charles Parish, from toddlers to seniors.

Located at:
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Phone: (504) 305-5138

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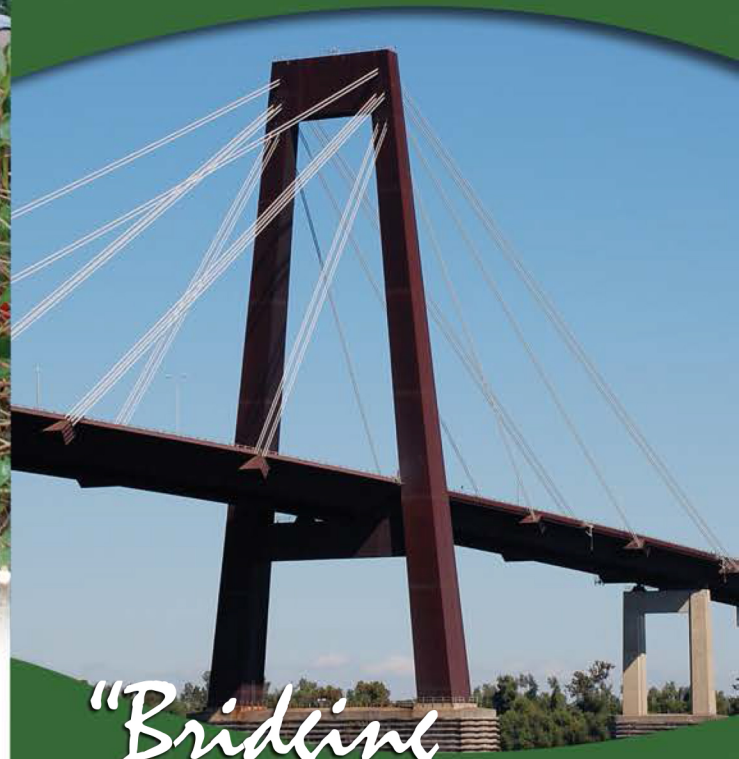

"Bridging OUR Communities"

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PROGRAMS WE OFFER

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

As a Community Action Agency, the Department of Community Services works through a partnership with the Louisiana Association of Community Action Programs (LACAP) with the goal of operating non-institutional and non-sectarian social action programs pertinent to:

- Assisting the poor and vulnerable populations in our community.
- Providing self-development opportunities.
- Spearheading housing improvements.
- Providing educational and social services support.

EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR

This program provides support for emergency home repairs for elderly, low income and single heads of households. Repairs are limited to $5,000.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Services are designed to provide emergency aid of a temporary nature to low income and unemployed families. One-time assistance with food, medicine, clothing, temporary shelter or rent / mortgage is available through this program.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and Atmos Share the Warmth funds are available to parish residents to assist them with home utility bills. Program guidelines are established by the Louisiana Housing Corporation.

SECOND HARVEST COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

The St. Charles Parish Department of Community Services serves as a crisis community food bank site for residents of St. Charles Parish. The food bank provides boxes of food to income-eligible families experiencing a food crisis up to once a month.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES PARTNER SITE

As a partner site, the department provides assistance with food stamp applications to clients.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE

The department provides lunch for children 18 and under and disabled adults who attend an accredited school in SCP at designated sites throughout the parish for six weeks.

H.O.M.E. PROGRAM

H.O.M.E. is a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development designed to assist low income and elderly homeowners with home repairs. Applicants must be qualified under HUD guidelines.

LIFE SKILLS

Life skills are the key to job readiness. The department offers sessions to young adults through the 'Tackling the Tough Skills' program designed to develop these skills.

HOLIDAY GIVING

This program provides support for to low income and unemployed families during Thanksgiving and Christmas through special projects in partnership with the community. The department distributes food baskets with the contents of a typical Thanksgiving dinner during the week of Thanksgiving and toys to low income families during Christmas.

HOME MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

The department provides down payment/closing cost assistance to qualified low to moderate income individuals and families toward the purchase of a single family home in SCP. Applicants must meet all requirements to qualify for a conventional/ FHA/USDA home loan.

*** The department also provides information and referral service for those needing additional assistance.**