



# Community Development and Services

## City of Lake Charles

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### **DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

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Welcome to our first issue of the Community Development and Services Newsletter. Each month, we will highlight **SOME** of the many services that we offer. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

#### **CHDOs**

The CHDOs for the City of Lake Charles are Project Build A Future and Greater Southwest CHDO, Inc.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Public Service Providers**

The Community Development Department would like to welcome our newest Public Service Providers: Habitat for Humanity, New Covenant Faith Community Development Corporation (CDC), and Open Door . We also work with Family and Youth Services, Catholic Charities, and the Volunteer Center for the HMIS Program.

#### **DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE**

The City of Lake Charles has a Down Payment/Closing Assistance Program that awards first-time homebuyers a \$5000 grant towards their down payment and closing.

#### **HOME PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

The City of Lake Charles has a HOME Program that provides a Reconstruction Program that reconstructs homes for low/moderate income households.

#### **IMPACT LAKE CHARLES AMERICORPS**

Impact Lake Charles AmeriCorps has changed their program focus to Healthy Futures because unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death. Impact Lake Charles AmeriCorps has worked with students within the following three elementary schools: John J. Johnson, Barbe, and Fairview.

### **MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

The Mayor's Commission on Disability will host the 2016 Biennial Conference on Thursday, April 14, 2016 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Lake Charles Civic Center in the Contraband Room.

### **SAFE KIDS LAKE CHARLES COALITION**

A group of non-profits, social services organizations, and law enforcement are implementing the program to help teach and train our children and parents on safe kids initiatives.

### **SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM**

The City of Lake Charles has recently implemented the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Small Business Opportunity Program.

### **SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**

The Summer Food Service Program is now accepting applications for 2016 and will end on March 16, 2016. The program will begin in June.

### **SWIA RE-ENTRY ALLIANCE AND VISTA GRANT**

In the following months you will be hearing more about this endeavor.

### **TEAM GREEN**

Team Green, organized July 1, 1982, is Lake Charles' premier recycling program that investigates and develops plans for improving the sanitation, cleanliness, and beautification of the city.

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