KEEP YOUR EMPLOYEES HEALTHY AND HAPPY

The TGMC Wellness for Life team will work with you to keep your greatest asset, your employees, healthy and happy! Our Corporate Wellness Program will help control rising healthcare costs by improving your employees overall health, which leads to a more productive workforce and a boost in morale. Having a wellness program in place has also been proven to reduce absenteeism, injury and illness. Onsite wellness screenings could be covered by your health insurance at 100% with NO OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE! Think differently about employee health and happiness.

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MAY 2020:

5/4  12th Annual Chamber Golf Classic
EVENT POSTPONED!

5/5  Chamber Development Committee Meeting
Chamber office | 12:00 Noon

5/6  FREE WEBINAR with Louisiana Small Business Development Center
“Manage Your Business Remotely in Times of Uncertainty”
Jimmy Nguyen with Louisiana Small Business Development Center
Online | 11:00am to 12:00pm | visit www.houmachamber.com for details

5/13  Chamber Finance Committee Meeting
Chamber office | 7:30am

5/13  Chamber Executive Committee Meeting
Chamber office | 8:00am

5/13  Chamber Government Activities & Economic Development/Infrastructure Committees Meeting
Chamber office | 12:00 Noon

5/19  Chamber Board of Directors Meeting
Chamber office | 8:00am

5/26  General Membership Luncheon
Louisiana State Treasurer John Schroder
Courtyard by Marriott | 11:30am to 1:00pm

For more information about Chamber Events call (985) 876-5600 or Email: info@houmachamber.com
Events in red denotes Chamber events

On the Cover:
We’re here for our Chamber members and business community.
We’ve reached out to our members to see how they’re coping during the COVID-19 quarantine to see how they’re managing to operate during a time of social distancing.
In this issue, check out photos of some members and check them out on our social media platforms as well! #quarantine2020

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The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocated $350 billion to help small businesses keep workers employed amidst the pandemic and economic downturn. Known as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the initiative provides 100% federally guaranteed loans to small businesses. Importantly, these loans may be forgiven if borrowers maintain their payrolls during the crisis or restore their payrolls afterward. The administration has released initial guidelines; they are available at www.treasury.gov.

You can apply through any existing SBA 7(a) lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm Credit System institution that is participating. Other regulated lenders will be available to make these loans once they are approved and enrolled in the program. You should consult with your local lender as to whether it is participating. While the program is open until June 30, 2020, the government is advising borrowers to apply as soon as possible given the loan cap on the program.

Am I Eligible? You are eligible if you are: • A small business with fewer than 500 employees • A small business that otherwise meets the SBA’s size standard • A 501(c)(3) with fewer than 500 employees • An individual who operates as a sole proprietor • An individual who is self-employed who regularly carries on any trade or business • A Tribal business concern that meets the SBA size standard • A 501(c)(19) Veterans Organization that meets the SBA size standard

In addition, some special rules may make you eligible: • If you are in the accommodation and food services sector (NAICS 72), the 500-employee rule is applied on a per physical location basis • If you are operating as a franchise or receive financial assistance from an approved Small Business Investment Company the normal affiliation rules do not apply

REMEMBER: The 500-employee threshold includes all employees: full-time, part-time, and any other status.

For more information on CARES Act, please visit our website houmachamber.com “Resources.”
Bayou Business Grant Program Launches Today
Grant program aims to support Terrebonne Small Businesses

CHUCK WEAVER JR.
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HOUMA, LA - Today Terrebonne Economic Development Foundation is launching the Bayou Business Grant Program. The program, in coordination with Terrebonne Parish President Gordon Dove and a $500,000 contribution from BHP, is aimed at getting money to businesses quickly and easily. The Bayou Business Grant Programs will be targeted grants up to $10,000 to help Terrebonne Parish businesses with specific unmet needs from the federal and state programs available.

“On behalf of the people of Terrebonne Parish, we would like to thank BHP for its significant contribution that will be used to help small businesses in Terrebonne Parish,” said Terrebonne Parish President Gordon Dove. “I would also like to thank Matt Rookard and the TEDA Board for following through on this endeavor and expeditiously assisting the people of Terrebonne Parish.”

“BHP and Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government saw a specific need during our business outreach and assessment of the economic impacts of the COVID-19 response,” said Matt Rookard, CEO of Terrebonne Economic Development Authority. “There are businesses that are not getting what they need as quickly as they need it to survive. We are aiming to help businesses create a path back to sustainability.”

Myron Protz, BHP Gulf of Mexico General Manager, said, “BHP provides the critical energy resources that the world relies on. In turn, we rely on local and small businesses to help us deliver these resources. These small businesses also play an important role in the fabric of our economy, underpinning the livelihoods for our workforce, and the South Louisiana community at large. BHP is pleased to partner with Terrebonne Parish and the Terrebonne Economic Development Authority to offer immediate relief to these businesses. We want to ensure the companies we count as partners have the means to continue on, especially during this time of great uncertainty.”

TEDFo is also pleased to announce that we are partnering with the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce and South Central Industrial Association to market and administer this program. This partnership will allow us to work closely with the business community in Terrebonne Parish to identify, assess, and solve business needs quickly as the economic situation evolves during this unprecedented event.

Applications for the Bayou Business Grant Program will be online and available immediately. Applications will be taken starting today, Monday, April 13.

Interested businesses can go to www.TPEDA.org/bayoubusinessgrants to find out more and download the application. Additionally, staff is available through TEDA’s business response hotline by calling (985) 633-1887 or by emailing bizresponse@tpeda.org.

About Terrebonne Economic Development Foundation
Terrebonne Economic Development Foundation is a non-profit economic development organization whose mission is to grow and diversify the economy of Terrebonne Parish through business retention, business expansion, and business recruitment efforts.

About BHP
BHP is a leading global resources company. Its purpose is to bring people and resources together to build a better world. BHP’s Petroleum business comprises conventional oil and gas operations, and includes exploration, development and production activities. Its production operations consist of conventional assets located in the US Gulf of Mexico, Australia, and Trinidad and Tobago. BHP aims to maximize the social and economic benefits of its operations, contribute to economic development and minimize its environmental footprint through innovation, productivity and technology.
New Member Spotlight — Teresa King, Esquire, LLC

This month, we sat down with Teresa King, Attorney and owner, and David King, Office Manager, of one of our new members, Teresa King, Esquire, LLC to get to know them a little better!

Teresa King moved to the bayou region from Oakdale, Louisiana to pursue her college education at Nicholls State University. After graduating top in her class in both high school and college, she decided to work for the Road Home Program after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit where she worked with a title company responsible for disbursing hundreds of thousands of Road Home grant funds. It was there she had the unique opportunity to meet several attorneys and she knew she was capable of being an effective research attorney. That’s when she decided to pursue a career as a public interest lawyer and focus on serving indigent clients in criminal court.

Teresa King has been a practicing attorney for nearly ten years. She opened her business in downtown Houma in 2016 practicing primarily criminal law and says she has had the pleasure of meeting people from all walks of life as an attorney with the Office of the District Public Defender. To add more to her repertoire, she provides pro-bono services for the poor and offers reduced legal fees for uncontested custody matters. She visits inmates at the local jail, commonly referred to as ‘Ashland.’ She says she spends many days in court advocating for her clients and many nights researching the law in order to advance her clients’ positions.

She said “the best and most rewarding part of my job is having my clients feel heard and understood. I have a unique ability to communicate, and effectively reason with, clients and attorneys alike. Teresa said that her customers appreciate her hard work and dedication to the rule of law, especially with regards to constitutional rights. She said her hope is that her clients will leave knowing that they had the opportunity to be heard and that she respectfully, and professionally, represented them throughout their case.

Teresa King said “I have joined the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce in order to grow my practice and my customer reach. I am excited about increasing my name recognition in the area and I hope to serve all areas of the parish. As with any organization, the Chamber can only succeed with the active and intentional participation of its members. I am seen by my peers as a leader and an independent thinker. I will be an active member of the Chamber and participate in social events, networking and learning opportunities. I envision my role in the chamber being an essential component of my business strategy. The Chamber has already served my company and my family as it has welcomed my husband and me and offered several member benefits.” Thank you for joining the Chamber family and we look forward to working with you!
You Asked, We Listened!
Houma Chamber to start a new mentorship program

Many people contact the Houma Chamber for business advice, and likely so! We have countless experts within our membership and leadership to guide you through those business rough patches. Our Chamber Development Committee has worked hard on a mentorship program, ‘Ask the Pros’, for nearly a year and we would love for you, our members, to take part in this new initiative!

Ask the Pros is a new mentorship program to help you trust the Chamber even more with your success. The Ask the Pros initiative is simple: if you have a business-related question, we have professionals that have volunteered to assist you! There is a new webpage under the Resources tab on the Chamber website (www.houmachamber.com) that allows you to choose from 12 categories. These categories are Legal, Accounting/Taxes, Banking/Financial, Technology, Social Media/Advertising, Marketing/Public Relations, Employee Benefits, Human Resources, Insurance, Real Estate, Permits and Risk Management/Safety/Environmental. Have a question outside of those categories? No worries! We'll have a chance for you to submit your questions and we'll try our best to find the answers.

If your question deems personal or confidential, that’s okay too. You can stay anonymous and have an option to keep your questions out of the FAQ section. Your questions will be delegated to the allocated professional in which they will respond to you within two business days (48 Hours) unless the question is more involved. Please note that this is a member exclusive benefit and the webpage is password protected. You can access the link on your member sign in home page, call the Chamber office at (985) 876-5600 or email info@houmachamber.com. Happy asking!

We’re Proud That You’re Part of The Chamber Family
Show your Chamber Support with New Logo!

Did you know that consumers are 63% more likely to buy goods and services from a company that is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce (The Shapiro Group)? That’s 63% more business for you, plus it doesn’t hurt that we reference member businesses when countless people call the Chamber for recommendations. That’s double the exposure! We are very proud of our members and want a way for our members to show consumers that they are legitimate and successful businesses part of a thriving community. We have two brand new logos for Chamber members to use to display on websites and advertisements to showcase their association with the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce. This allows you to show just how proud you are of being part of the community while letting consumers get affirmation of your success! Want to be a part of the new Chamber partnership by displaying a proud member logo? Simply log into your member login (login button is on the www.houmachamber.com home page) and click ‘Proud Member Logo’ under the Links tab on the left side menu. If you need any assistance with your member login or would rather have the logos emailed to you, email info@houmachamber.com.
The Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce is member-driven and our members are our number one priority! We have reached out to our members to see how they are coping during #quarantine2020 and they have responded! Please check out our website at www.houmachamber.com to read full entries and our social media platforms for #quarantine2020 posts! Read below to see how we’re staying #chamberstrong and #houmastrong!

**AFLAC**

“At Aflac we #choosetocare we’re working from home but still here for you!” Pictured is Hiedi Hughes (AFLAC) works remotely during #quarantine2020. For any questions regarding loans, or if you need any services, email h_hughes@us.aflac.com, or call (985) 346-6367.

**American Cancer Society**

“Making the decision to close our Hope Lodge facilities to cancer patients in the wake of the #covid19 pandemic was extremely difficult. But our beds won’t stay empty. We’re making more than 1,100 rooms available to healthcare heroes on the frontline to rest overnight or between shifts - free of charge. Helping now and #stillattackingcancer at the American Cancer Society.”

**Bayou Terrebonne Distillers**

Bayou Terrebonne Distillers, LLC continued business as usual along with something a little extra; hand sanitizer! Thank you for helping in a time of shortage! Visit their website at btdistillers.com.

**Brown & Brown Insurance**

“For the health and welfare of our teammates and customers, our office is prepared to respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation calmly, thoughtfully, and in a manner that is grounded in fact. As we continue to monitor the impact of the virus, we are open for business. Our office has implemented flexible work schedules and remote work plans to continue serving customers and partners without interruption. During these challenging times, Brown & Brown is here to help! Call 985-360-4862 or visit bbgulfstates.com for assistance and additional resources.”

**Buquet Distributing Company**

“Working safely to be there for you. We’re in this together.” Buquet Distributing Company continues to provide product to customers while wearing masks to help ‘flatten the curve.’ Visit their website at www.buquetdistributing.com to view their products!

**CASA**

“Volunteers Carol Bergeron and Penny Hebert along with their advocate supervisor Val Verdin discussing the case the volunteers are currently advocating on. Those in foster care are still a vulnerable population and our volunteers are working hard to stay connected to the children CASA serves.”
David Chauvin’s Seafood Co.

“At David Chauvin’s Seafood Company, we are steadily selling Louisiana Shrimp to our customers. We have adapted by taking orders and delivering on Friday to consumers, along with keeping our Shrimp Shop open for business for those going fishing and those wanting big shrimp.” Call 985.257.1200 to order some fresh Louisiana seafood today!

First American Bank and Trust

“First American Bank and Trust is working through the pandemic & serving our customers safely. Drive up only for deposit customers & loan customers are being handled through email & phone calls. Stay Safe!” Call (985) 223-8753 for help today!

ISR Physical Therapy of Houma, LLC

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Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers

“Chicken, Chicken, which combo are you pickin’?!” All 3 Bayou Region Raising Cane’s locations are operating in a Drive Through only capacity, working hard to serve the Perfect Box to every Customer as FAST as we can! We are grateful to be considered an essential business and are focused on keeping our Crew working hard and having fun!’

Sealevel Construction, Inc.

“Sealevel Construction has been deemed an essential business during the COVID-19 pandemic, as we build essential flood control infrastructure to prepare the southern portion of our state for the inevitable flooding during hurricane season. While our office staff works from home, our field personnel continues working at job sites, building flood control structures, lock systems, pump stations and levees to protect the people and property of Terrebonne parish along with the surrounding communities. Following the CDC guidelines, we have implemented several procedures and policies to keep our employees and subcontractors safe from the spread of coronavirus. We continue to monitor the situation and will continue developing a plan of action in the event more is required. May God Bless us All.”

Stratify, LLC

“When your setup with the right equipment, you can attend virtual meetings and check email.”  Jason Bergeron, Stratify, LLC CEO, works at home to help and guide clients through this unprecedented time. Visit www.rustratified.com or call 985.266.1011 today!

Transamerica Agency Network

We are still open for business. Our Transamerica Agency Network Representatives are taking and handling business as normal as one can be during these trying times. We are all doing this work from our homes. We call several clients on a daily basis to check in with them and see if they are doing well and if there is something we can do to try to assist where possible. We have clients and prospective clients calling to see if we are still able to provide family protection by writing a new application for them or someone in the family. Some also question, are we still able to handle other financial needs? The answer is yes, as long as one meets the requirements for what they are applying for. We are doing this through virtual platforms such as Zoom, GoTo Meetings, phone calls etc. We are still handling service work in the way of Beneficiary, Policy Owner Changes, Claims forms, etc. We can be contacted at 985 872 9103. We and our community are all in this together, and together we will get through this. Wishing everyone good health as we all do our part in staying safe during this current situation!

Teresa King, Esquire, LLC

“I am using video conferencing software to visit with other attorneys, clients, and judges. Our office has complied with social distancing measures by limiting public access to the office, using remote work options such as Zoom video conferencing and encouraging employees to work from home.” Call (985) 333-4016 if you’re in need for her services!

Trapp Cadillac-Chevrolet, Inc.

COVID19 has drastically changed our way of doing business and how we operate. We are an essential business. We have upped our standards for safety in a number of different manners. Social distancing, reduced staff, increased hand washing and hand sanitizers, reduced hours of operation, wiping down and sanitizing as best we can all service vehicles, trade - ins, and new inventory. Also, all staff members are working on a voluntary basis and are encouraged to practice all safety measures for themselves and for our clients. With regards to staffing, we are rotating our sales team each day ( each team works 2 days/week ), our Service and Body techs are working as needed. Our biggest concern is SAFETY first for everyone.

Terrebonne Parish Library System

The Terrebonne Parish Library is operational by digital access through the library’s website, mytpl.org, facebook page, and email. Citizens can apply for a temporary card on the website to access e-books, magazines, streaming services, and databases. The library staff is making face mask extenders on the library’s 3D Printer and have made the extenders for departments at TGMC.

We’re proud of our membership!
Thank you for being a part of the Chamber family!
Fletcher Signs Multiple Agreements with Nicholls State University

Fletcher Technical Community College welcomed leaders from Nicholls State University to campus on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, to sign multiple agreements that will make it easier for the educational goals of many to be reached in the bayou region.

A new partnership was celebrated between Fletcher’s Associate of Science degree in Care and Development of Young Children (CDYC) and Nicholls State University’s Bachelor of Science degree in Birth to Five/Early Interventionist Education.

An updated agreement between Fletcher’s Integrated Production Technologies (IPT) Associate of Applied Science and Nicholls’ Petroleum Services Bachelor’s degree, and an updated cross-enrollment agreement for shared courses between Nicholls State University and Fletcher were also signed.

“I am so pleased to see the Fletcher and Nicholls relationship continue to expand upon the strong foundation set over the years,” commented Fletcher Chancellor, Dr. Kristine Strickland. “Statewide, the partnership that exists between Fletcher and Nicholls has been noted as a model for cooperation in higher education and we are proud to continue this long-standing tradition. The signing of these agreements will provide expanded opportunities for all students in our community to work toward gaining the training and education they need to be successful in the workforce in our region.”

American Cancer Society; COVID-19: What We’re Doing in Louisiana

An estimated 26,480 Louisianans will learn they have cancer this year. Many of them will hear the news even as they’re dealing with COVID-19. That’s why now more than ever, we’re committed to attacking cancer from every angle. Here are just a few examples of what we’re doing in Louisiana and beyond:

• **24/7 Hotline**: Virtual human contact is critical during this time of social distancing. Cancer information specialists are here to help day and night at 800-227-2345, including assistance with navigating health insurance systems.
• **Cancer.org**: Knowledge is power. We’re continually updating our website, cancer.org, with the latest information and guidance on COVID-19 for cancer patients from our public health experts.
• **Transportation Assistance**: Awarding $541,592 to Louisiana health systems to help overcome transportation barriers. Each system will determine how to best utilize the funds to address the unmet transportation needs of their cancer patients.
• **Hope Lodge**: We are offering up the Patrick F. Taylor Hope Lodge on River Rd as a temporary housing facility for healthcare workers on the front lines fighting COVID-19.
• **Virtual Patient Navigator**: Our Patient Navigator at University Medical Center is continuing to meet with and assist patients virtually over the phone.
• **Research**: Lifesaving research continues through 749 active research grants, totaling more than $420 million.
• **Advocacy**: The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network joined 28 patient advocacy organizations in signing a letter urging Congress to enact the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which was signed by the President.
• **Collecting Supplies**: We are mobilizing our volunteers to support local health systems by securing vital medical supplies they need, including masks, wipes, and hand sanitizer.
• **Giving Back**: Working to be a 360-degree community partner by encouraging our supporters to support local donors who have given so much to us.
• **Reach To Recovery**: We’ve shifted our Reach To Recovery one-on-one support program to 100% virtual, linking new breast cancer patients with survivors who have had a similar diagnosis and treatment plan.
• **Wig Coupons**: A coupon for $70 towards a wig from our “tlc” catalog is available to Louisiana patients through our local health system partners.

Support Our Healthcare Professionals and First Responders!

Today Healthcare Professionals and First Responders provide our first line of defense in this battle against Covid-19. They deserve our support and encouragement throughout this trying ordeal. We placed Yellow Ribbons on trees during the Gulf War to show support for our military. This is an effort to show similar support today’s frontline combatants...Healthcare Professionals and First Responders.

Please share this image or print it and post it where it can be seen by those who have sacrificed the most for us during these trying times. Show your Support! (Special thanks to Chris Marroy for donating his time to create the Awareness Ribbon)
**CASA of Terrebonne Names March Spotlight**

The mission of a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Terrebonne is to be an independent and objective presence in the courts to speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children of Terrebonne Parish. CASAs are trained volunteers who are appointed by a judge to provide one-on-one advocacy for a child who has been placed in State’s custody because of neglect and/or abuse.

Our ‘Spotlight’ for March is Terissa Boquet. She was sworn in as a CASA in May of 2012. She served as a CASA until 2015 and then took a leave of absence. Upon her return at the end of 2019 she has once again embraced her role as a voice for the foster children on her case. She strives her best to advocate for the children’s best interests. We are so excited to have Terissa back as an active volunteer.

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of an abused and/or neglected child from Terrebonne Parish, fill out the online application at www.casaofterrebonne.org.


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**Danos Foundation Awards Funding to 13 Non-Profit Groups**

The Danos Foundation announced 13 non-profit organizations will be awarded funding as part of its 2020 Danos GIVES program. In total, the Foundation will distribute $52,745 to the various groups located in New Orleans, Houma and Lafayette, Louisiana, as well as New Braunfels and Lubbock, Texas.

“Our company purpose is ‘Honor God. Develop great people to solve big challenges for our customers and communities,’” said company Owner Mark Danos. “The Danos Foundation allows us to live out that purpose by providing financial assistance to groups who are solving some of the many challenges our communities face.”

Launched in 2017, this is the third year the Foundation has awarded grants to non-profit organizations through Danos GIVES, the Foundation’s grant giving program. To date, more than $150,000 has been distributed to nonprofits throughout south Louisiana, west Texas and Pennsylvania, areas where the company has operations.

Receiving funding for 2020 are: Boys Hope Girls Hope of Greater New Orleans; Catholic Community Center of Houma; Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation of New Braunfels; Dulac Community Center; Free NOLA, Inc.; Hope Extreme of Houma; New Orleans Mission, Inc.; Refuge Services of Lubbock; Second Harvest Food Bank of South Louisiana; St. Mary Outreach of Morgan City; The Famcore Foundation of New Orleans; The Salvation Army of Houma; and The Salvation Army of Lafayette.

Danos GIVES accepts applications from 501(c)3 or 170(b) nonprofit organizations that benefit education, healthcare, environmental or welfare initiatives in areas where the company conducts business. Special consideration is given to projects targeting community welfare needs. Applications are due by August 31. Employee and company contributions provide funding for Danos GIVES, as well as Danos WORKS, a program that contributes money to qualified organizations where Danos employees volunteer their time. To learn more about the Danos Foundation, visit www.danos.com/foundation.

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**Submitting Your Articles for Member News**

Our Member News section of the Focus is a great way for Chamber members to promote your event or project, and to announce special awards or certifications. Word Document articles of 250 words or less may be submitted to info@houmachamber.com by the 1st of each month for publication in the following month’s newsletter, space permitting.

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**Join Us!**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, May 26 • 11:30am - 1:00pm**

Courtyard by Marriott, 142 Library Drive

**Guest Speaker: Louisiana State Treasurer John Schroder**

**Sponsorship is still available!**

Admission is $25 per person with payment required in advance.

The deadline for pre-reservations and cancellations is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20.

You will need your company’s login and password to register online at www.houmachamber.com. You may call the Chamber office at 876-5600 to request your login and password or to register by phone.
Give to Local Nonprofits on BayouGives Emergency Relief Website

Bayou Community Foundation (BCF) has transformed the BayouGives online community giving event into the BayouGives Emergency Relief campaign to help raise critical operational funding for Lafourche, Terrebonne and Grand Isle nonprofits during the current crisis. The secure giving website, www.BayouGives.org, opened Wednesday, April 15 and will remain open for as long as there is a need.

“Never before has our call to ‘Give Where You Live,’ been as important as it is today during this health and economic crisis and during our recovery,” said BCF Executive Director Jennifer Armand.

“Nonprofits around our Bayou Region have had to cancel significant fundraising events that generate critical revenue for operations and vital services. Others are pouring their limited resources into filling increased demands for their services while they struggle to pay staff and rent, and keep the lights on. Nonprofit work never stops, and the nonprofits who help us all now need our help,” Armand said.

“We encourage residents throughout Terrebonne, Lafourche and Grand Isle to visit www.BayouGives.org and give to one or many participating nonprofits to help them survive this difficult time,” she said.

Giving is easy! You can view the full list of all BayouGives participating nonprofits at www.BayouGives.org. This list will be updated continuously as new organizations register. Donors can make tax-deductible gifts of $10 or more online at www.BayouGives.org by credit card, debit card, or e-check, and donors can give to one or to multiple nonprofits with one secure transaction.

For more information about Bayou Community Foundation, visit www.BayouCF.org or email Executive Director Jennifer Armand at armandj@bayoucf.org.

Attorney Rachel South Boquet Earns Estate Planning Certification

She is one of only two Board Certified Estate Planning and Administration Specialists in the area.

The law firm of Duval, Funderburk, Sundbery, Richard and Watkins in Houma, Louisiana, is pleased to announce that partner Rachel South Boquet has earned the distinction of Board Certified Estate Planning and Administration Specialist from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization.

She is one of only two attorneys in Terrebonne, Lafourche and St. Mary Parishes who have earned this respected certification after completing additional specialized continuing legal education and a rigorous written examination.

A life-long Houma resident and attorney for over 15 years, Boquet specializes in estate planning, successions, special needs trusts, and continuing tutorships for individuals and families at the Duval firm.

“Estate planning can be quite complicated with the risk that a particular plan or transaction that satisfies the client or his or her family in the interim could cause unfavorable consequences later,” Boquet explains.

“As a Board Certified Estate Planning and Administration Specialist, I can offer my clients a broader picture of their estate planning options now and at the time the estate plan is executed. I also provide a more detailed analysis of the costs and benefits of these options and offer my expertise to craft a plan that meets their expectations now and in the future,” Boquet explains. More information about Boquet and the firm’s areas of practice can be found at www.duvallawfirm.com.

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CARES Act Information

PAYMENTS & RELIEF FOR INDIVIDUALS:
• Direct payments to taxpayers equal to $1,200 per individual ($2,400 joint return) plus $500 per child.
• Phased out for incomes above $75,000 ($150,000 joint).
• Penalty-free COVID-19-related distributions up to $100,000 and loan amount increases and modifications to individuals from tax-favored retirement plans.
• Waiver of required minimum distributions from retirement plans and IRAs for 2020.
• Tax exclusion for people who are receiving student loan repayment from their employer.

UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS:
• Extend unemployment insurance by 13 weeks and include a four-month enhancement of benefits
• Unemployment compensation is available for those not eligible for regular UI, including those who may have exhausted benefits.
• An individual must provide certification that he or she is able and available to work, but is unemployed or underemployed due to:
  o Coronavirus diagnosis or presentation of symptoms and seeking medical attention.
  o A household member with coronavirus diagnosis.
  o Caring for a family member who has been diagnosed.
  o School or daycare closures and the individual is the primary child caregiver.
  o Workplace lock-down.
  o Advise from a health care provider to self-quarantine.
  o The individual was about to start a job that is no longer available because of coronavirus.
  o The individual is now the breadwinner of a household because someone has died from coronavirus.
  o The individual had to quit because of a circumstance resulting from coronavirus.
  o The individual’s place of work is closed because of coronavirus.
• These provisions do not apply to an individual who can telework with pay.
• These provisions do not cover someone getting paid sick or paid family leave.
• The unemployment provisions run from January 27 to December 31, 2020.
• Receipt of assistance under the unemployment provisions shall not exceed 39 weeks unless otherwise extended.
• No one week waiting period.
• The federal government will pick up 100% of the cost.
• Upon agreement between a state, an additional $600 per worker per week unemployment compensation payment is available.
• This compensation is 100% covered by the federal government.
• The additional payment sunsets on July 31.
• The federal government will pick up the cost for any states that waive the one-week waiting period. This sunsets on December 31, 2020.

OMS is here to answer your Coronavirus concerns

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Bayou Business Grant Application

Business Name: ________________________________________________________________

Contact Name: ____________________________ Title: ____________________________

Street Address: ____________________________  City: ____________________ State: ______

Zip Code: ______________ Parish: ____________________ Email: ______________________

Phone Number: _____________  Cell Number: _____________  Fax Number: ______________

Occupational License #: ____________________  Federal Tax ID#:_____________________

Month & Year Business Established: ___________________

Business’ Legal Entity:  ____ Sole Proprietorship  ____ Corporation  ____ Partnership ____ LLC

____ S-Corporation  ____ Other (specify) ________________________

Business considered in a preferred category: Check if 51% or more ownership is by any of the following.

□ Minority-owned business  □ Women-owned business  □ Veteran-owned business

Employee Count Current:    ____ Total:      ____  Full Time      ____ Part Time

Employee Count Before March 16:   ____ Total:      ____  Full Time      ____ Part Time

Industry Sector: Check sector that best applies to your business.

□ Accommodations or Hospitality  □ Health Care  □ Retail Trade
□ Administrative and Support Services  □ Information Technology  □ Support for Mining Activities
□ Arts and Culture  □ Leisure and Hospitality  □ Transportation and Warehousing
□ Construction  □ Manufacturing  □ Utilities
□ Educational Services  □ Oil and Gas Extraction  □ Waste Management and Remediation
□ Financial Services  □ Professional and Technical Services  □ Wholesale Trade
□ Fishing  □ Real Estate/Rental/Leasing  □ Other
□ Farming/Agriculture  □ Restaurant Services and Drinking Places

I hereby attest that all the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that individuals and/or businesses found to be providing fraudulent information may be prosecuted.

Applicant Signature: ________________________________________ Date: _________________
We’re In This Together.

The safety and well-being of patients, staff and the community continues to be a top priority at Thibodaux Regional. You can take comfort in knowing that we remain steadfast and are experienced at navigating through the most difficult circumstances. During this uncertain time, our commitment to provide the same safe, high quality care that you have come to trust will not waver.

Together, we will get through this.

To learn more: Thibodaux.com/news/coronavirus