

St. Charles Parish

Department of Community Services
August 10, 2026

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Director



Department Mission



- Safety Net for individuals and families through the provision of a comprehensive array of services and supports
- Work in collaboration with community partners to respond to the needs of low-income individuals and families in crisis
- Programs for youth at risk in targeted communities
- Assistance with Homeowner occupied housing repairs

Program Areas

- Emergency Assistance
 - Utilities
 - Rent
 - Food
 - Shelter
- Year-round community-based programs for youth at risk
- Summer Food
- Homeowner occupied home repairs



Emergency Assistance: 2025 LIHEAP

Program	Number Served	Amount
Seasonal Support	629	\$300,050
Crisis-Disconnect	103	\$35,410
Total Served	732	



Emergency Assistance: CSBG/Local/HUD

Program	Number Served	Amount
CSBG: Utilities and Rent	30	7,966
Local: Utilities, Rent, Medical, Shelter	166	\$54,356
HUD: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	86	\$81,125
Atmos: Share the Warmth	21	\$7,908

Emergency Food Assistance

Program	Number Served
Second Harvest Food Bank	734 bags of food
Thanksgiving Baskets	375 baskets
Center Program Snacks (3 Sites)	30,000 snacks
2026 Summer Food Program	7,000 lunches



Home Repair Programs

HUD HOME

- 1 projects completed

Local Health and Safety

- 40 projects completed

USDA

- 5 projects completed

United Way Ramp Program

- 7 ramps built



Homeowner Occupied Repairs

Program	Amount
HUD HOME Program	\$38,296
Health and Safety Program	\$68,368
USDA Rural Development-HPG	\$38220
United Way Ramp program	\$36,522



HEALTH & SAFETY PROGRAM:

Volunteers from St. Charles Borromeo Labor of Love Ministry continued to assist the department's carpenter with jobs.

- 13) – Building/ replacing steps
- (12) – Building/ replacing a deck
- (1) – Replacing a storm door and lock set
- (3) – Installed an exterior door and lock set
- (3) – Built/ repaired a ramp
- (1) – Installed a handicap toilet
- (1) – Installed railings on a deck/ stairs
- (2) – Installed a smoke detector
- (1) – Installed handicap modifications
- (1) – Tarped a roof
- (1) – Replaced a leaning porch column



Community Center Programs

Killona –St. Rose – Boutte Outreach

- **Summer Enrichment**
 - 35 kids per site average
- **St. Rose AM Drop-In**
 - 60 unduplicated
- **Afterschool Drop-In (all sites)**
 - Average Daily Attendance of 20-35
- **Adult Specialty Programs**
- **Information and Referral**
- **Tutoring**





Community Center Special Programs

ADULT CENTER ACTIVITIES

MARCH 2026

WED MAR 4	11:00 AM 12:00 PM	Work Out Wednesday A dynamic chair exercise routine designed to boost your heart rate and get you moving.
TUE MAR 10	11:30 AM 1:30 PM	Lunch & Learn Treat yourself to a nutritious midday meal while learning 60 Spring Activities to Do as a Family.
WED MAR 18	11:00 AM 12:00 PM	Library Outreach Craft A fun, creative, one-hour craft session led by the St. Charles Parish Library staff, designed for adults in the community.
TUE MAR 24	11:00 AM 1:00 PM	Adult Tea Social Put on your hats and gloves and join us for mid-morning tea and games—a relaxed space to socialize and tune in to yourself.

ST. ROSE
COMMUNITY SERVICES

608 MOCKINGBIRD LANE, ST. ROSE, LA 70087
PHONE: 504-305-5138

2026
New Year's
Lunch & Learn

TOPIC:
QUESTIONS FOR A NEW YEAR REGARDING:
PERSONAL GROWTH, PHYSICAL HEALTH,
MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE, GOALS FOR YOUR
CHILDREN, MONEY MATTERS, RELATIONSHIPS
OUTSIDE THE FAMILY, AND MAIN PRIORITIES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

KILLONA COMMUNITY CENTER
210 LA Highway 3141, Killona, LA 70057
Phone: 985-331-3030

Lunch & Learn

TOPIC:
HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY

Department of Children & Family Services
2-1-1
CALL 211 FOR COMMUNITY RESOURCES

MAY 15TH, 2025
11:30 - 1:00

KILLONA
COMMUNITY CENTER

201 LA HWY 3141
KILLONA, LA 70057
985.331.3030

LUNCH
& LEARN

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026
11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Topic: 56 Non-Candy Easter Basket Ideas

Boutte Community
Outreach Program, Inc.
119 Magnolia Ridge Road
Boutte, LA 70039
Phone: 504-250-0076

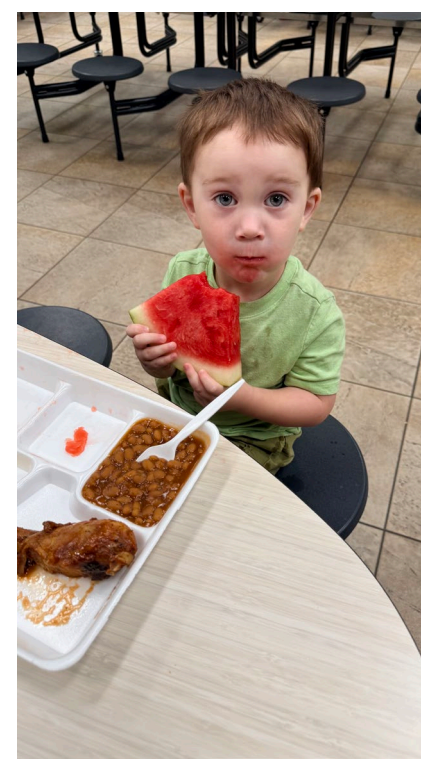
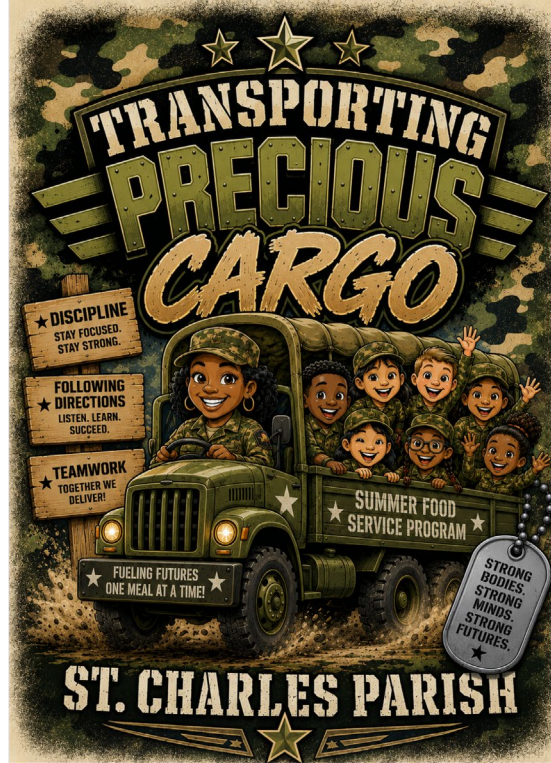


2026 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Department of Community Services

Sponsored by  UNITED WAY
OF LAUREL

June 1st-July 9th, 2026
Monday-Thursday
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



For Smith Middle School 101 Judge Edward Dubose Park, Little
Henry Mount Middle School 101 Road Runner Lane, Christiansburg

- All St. Charles Parish children under 18 years old are eligible with special needs attending a state-mandated school
- Bus transportation to both sites will be provided, but parents may bring their child.
- There is no registration fee.

For more information call community services (504) 885-1111 or (504) 885-1112



Community Partnerships

Resources Responding to the Need

Catholic Charities

St. Charles Social Concerns

DCFS

A Safe Space

Second Harvest Food Bank

Corporate Partnerships



Working Together to Bring Quality Services to our Community

