In August 2017, cities and towns across Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana were hit by historical flooding in the wake of Hurricane Harvey who we can all agree long overstayed his welcome. Thousands of people lost everything; their homes, possessions, and jobs destroyed in a two-day span. This tragedy is something that our communities will spend months, even years, coming back, but; as always, we will come back from it stronger as a community.

It is often said, “You do not see the good in something until you have seen the bad.” The aftermath of Harvey, and the recovery efforts that followed, brought to light the giving nature of individuals and the corporate responsiveness of businesses in our communities. When it was most needed, our community once again came together to help our neighbors and our friends overcome and recover.

Southwest Louisiana is a community full of individuals and businesses who believe that investing in the community you call home is the best way to make it a community worth living and working in. Giving USA reported in 2016 that charitable donations by corporations across America grew by 3.5% and individual charitable donations grew 4%.

Hurricane Harvey was not the first time our community came together. In 2005, Hurricane Rita wreaked havoc on Southwest Louisiana. Our community immediately answered the needs of our residents, forming the Human Response Institute (HSRI) at Family and Youth Counseling Agency to help those affected by the storm. Individuals and corporations invested in HSRI to help establish a hurricane response center to connect individuals to the recovery efforts they needed.

Southwest Louisiana has a long history of individuals and organizations coming together in support of initiatives that benefit our community. In 1970, the Junior League of Lake Charles, hearing these needs and answering, established a human services organization that would later become Family and Youth Counseling Agency. For forty-seven years, individuals and corporations, through endowments, donations, and partnerships, have supported and invested in the programs at Family and Youth to ensure their continued legacy and ability to reach those in our community who depend on the services provided.

As we move into the future of our community and continue to bring in businesses and individuals who will call Southwest Louisiana home, we hope that this history of supporting the community, seeing a need and answering the
call will inspire our new neighbors to continue the legacy of philanthropy in Southwest Louisiana has always enjoyed.

One of the ways that many individuals and corporations have invested in our community has been by investing in the Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana and Family & Youth. By investing in the Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana our donors have invested in the future, preserving the services provided by Family and Youth. Individuals and corporations alike have created a legacy so that future generations will have the tools necessary to solve their own challenges and live full and healthy lives. Because of their dedication to our community, abused and neglected children will always have a safe haven to tell their stories, youth will always have a place to learn how to become the leaders of tomorrow, and when disaster strikes again, someone will be there to help the community recover.

We are thankful for the support that individuals and corporations in our community have given to programs and initiatives such as those provided by Family and Youth. Generation after generation, the residents of our region have worked towards building a better Southwest Louisiana and invest in the quality of life for their communities. Together, we will continue to make Southwest Louisiana a wonderful place to live and work.

Ben Marriner
2017 Chairman

Julio Galan
President and CEO

Visit www.fyca.org/capital-donation to make a pledge in support of the Capital Campaign and Family & Youth Counseling Agency.
2018 Philanthropists

The Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana (Family Foundation), the endowment arm of Family & Youth counseling Agency (Family & Youth), honored Employees of Lake Charles LNG, Southwest Beverage Co., Inc., and Tim and Tammy Andreas for giving their time, talent, and treasure for the betterment of Southwest Louisiana during the Philanthropy Celebration and Awards Breakfast, presented by Entergy, at L’Auberge Casino Resort on Thursday November 15, 2018.

Employees of Lake Charles LNG

Lake Charles LNG, previously known as Trunkline LNG, is being developed here in Lake Charles, LA by Energy Transfer. Since their establishment in the community they, along with their dedicated employees, have shown a commitment to give back and serve the community and environment where they are located and where their employees and their families live. It is the employees of Lake Charles LNG who we honor today with the Philanthropist of the Year award.

Over the years the employees of Lake Charles LNG have given their time, talent, and treasure to better Southwest Louisiana. They have shown themselves to be environmental stewards through habitat restoration projects at the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge as well as maintaining an environmentally friendly and compliant facility.

In 2016, Lake Charles LNG and their employees provided funds to the Calcasieu Parish School Board to develop a safe drop-off and pick-up for Prien Lake Elementary, allowing children to get to and from school away from Nelson Road.

They have partnered with SOWELA Technical Community College to.introduce industry related skills classes for students who are dual enrolled through the Lake Charles Boston Academy. This initiative has provided students graduating high school with an Industry based credential that allows them to jump start their future careers.

The employees of Lake Charles LNG have also been firm supporters of Family & Youth. For two years, they have been a Leading Sponsor of the Connections Count! Professional Development Conference, supporting education for professionals across Louisiana so that they may continue to serve children, youth, and families.

In addition, they have supported the Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) by participating as a ‘hole sponsor’ during the Shine Flournoy Golf Tournament, providing vital funds in support of children who have alleged to have been sexually and/or severely abused and have gone to the CAC for services.

They have supported The Leadership Center for Youth’s Career Exploration initiative. The Career Exploration initiative gives high school aged youth the opportunity to experience various careers in our community first-hand with facility tours, professional speakers, and experiential activities.

The Employees of Lake Charles LNG established an endowment with Family Foundation that continues to grow because of the consistent employee contribution, and the generous agreement of Lake Charles LNG to match all contributions. Together, employees and company have created a significant legacy for the future of family services in Southwest Louisiana.
We are thankful for the employees of Lake Charles LNG’s dedication to Southwest Louisiana and their support of Family & Youth.

**Southwest Beverage Co, Inc.**

Southwest Beverage began in 1954 and holds the firm belief that a thriving community is vital to success. Because of this belief, they provide community support throughout Lake Charles, Alexandria, and Leesville where they are located. They collaborate with dozens of organizations in these areas to support safe and enjoyable events.

Southwest Beverage has provided support for local organizations such as the Imperial Calcasieu Museum, Lake Charles Symphony, Project Build a Future, Iowa Rabbit Festival, Junior Women’s Conference, SWLA Mardi Gras Association, USS Orleck Naval Museum, and Episcopal Day School to name a few of the many, many organizations and causes they support. They are also a strong supporter of McNeese State University, providing support to various initiatives and establishing a scholarship at McNeese for students pursuing a degree in engineering.

Ben Marriner began his career with the family business in 1982, taking on the role of President in 2004. Later, they moved into a new location on Broad St. as the business had grown out of its old location. Ben serves on numerous boards in the community including the McNeese Foundation and the Board of Trustees for the Family Foundation where he is currently serving as Chair.

Southwest Beverage has invested their support in Family and Youth for numerous years, providing support for fundraising events including Tasting on the Terrace, and Derby for Dollars. In the past, they supported the Family Festival and Dinner at Mi CASA. They also open their facility for The Leadership Center for Youth’s Career Exploration initiative. Ben and his wife Molly have established an endowment with Family Foundation to perpetuate the programs and services that Family and Youth provides. They have also invested in the future of Family and Youth by providing their support to the Capital Campaign to expand services in our community.

**Tim & Tammy Andreas**

Tim and Tammy Andreas are the owners of Andreas Global Asset Management here in Lake Charles. They established the business in 2013 with the determination to put clients and personal relationships back at the forefront of business, they have dedicated themselves to supporting and serving the community.

Tim has been a financial advisor since 2001. He is a member of the Louisiana Chemical Industry Alliance and The Chamber of Southwest Louisiana. Tammy has over 20 years of Human Resources and Client Relations experience, bringing her personal touch to the business they have built together. Together, they have co-chaired the American Heart Association’s 2009 Heart Gala, and they are both active in their church, Christian World Ministries.

They’ve supported numerous organizations and events in the community including; the SWLA Heart Ball, the Carlos Beltran Baseball Academy Foundation, National Day of Prayer, Smile Moore Gatsby Gala, Suites of Hope Sporting Clays, the Phillips 66 Annual Golf Tournament, Shoot for a Cure, for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the Lake Area Charity Horse Show in support of the Leader in Me program.

Many of the causes they support have a special place in their hearts. After having a grandchild who was born premature in 2016, they were happy to support the 2017 Fashion Gives back event put on by Mimosa Boutique. Funds raised from the event benefitted the Hand to Hold Organization, dedicated to supporting families during difficult times such as premature births.

In addition to these events, Tim and Tammy have been a top sponsor at the Triple Crown Sponsor level for two years at the Derby for Dollars event, which supports the Grief Initiative of the Shannon Cox Counseling Center. The grief initiative provides counseling and resources to children who have lost a significant loved one.

They not only give their treasure to this cause, but have given their time as well. When they meet a child in need of the vital services offered by the Shannon Cox Counseling Center, they will bring them to the facility for services themselves, truly embodying the belief of taking change into your own hands.

They have provided support to the Autism Support Alliance, a division of Family and Youth, for counseling and skills development for children affected by autism or a social skill deficit.

In 2017, Tim & Tammy came to Family and Youth with the desire to put on a Volleyball Clinic and Dinner, with all funds raised supporting The Leadership Center for Youth. Team USA Olympians Nick Lucena and Phil Dalhausser attended a private dinner for event sponsors and then lead a day-long clinic for high school volleyball players in the community. Because of their support, Tim and Tammy raised vital funds to support Leadership Development, Career Exploration, and Civic Engagement initiatives for youth in Southwest Louisiana.

As if their dedication to other non-profits and worthy causes is not enough, they established a non-profit entitled ‘The Local Heart Foundation’ here in Southwest Louisiana. Experiencing the horrific effects of heart disease first hand, Tim and Tammy established the Foundation to support local heart patients with their needs, reducing some of the burden felt during such a difficult time. The Foundation held its first event “One Hot Havana Night” to great success.
It is estimated that 20% of a community’s population lives in distress. This means that one in five people do not have access to the resources or comforts many individuals take for granted. In Southwest Louisiana our economy and our population is rapidly growing and we anticipate an expected increase of 22,000 residents over the next five years, of this increase an estimated 4,400 will be living in distress.

Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana (Family Foundation) understands that this need must be met. We want to ensure that the necessary resources exist for Family & Youth to welcome and serve everyone in our community, providing an opportunity for all individuals to live full and healthy lives. Family and Youth has been a part of our community for 47 years providing services to our children, our neighbors, and our friends. With the support of Family Foundation, and individual donors in our community, Family & Youth can look forward to many more years of supporting family life and building a better community in Southwest Louisiana.

To meet this need, Family Foundation has established a Capital Campaign to fund the expansion of Family & Youth’s current facilities. A new wing and the restructuring of some existing space will provide Family & Youth the capability to enhance and increase, as well as continue the excellent professional services already provided in Southwest Louisiana.

“A renowned Austrian artist once said, “When we dream alone it is only a dream, but when many dream together, it is the beginning of a new reality.” Family Foundation and Family & Youth, along with our donors, are looking forward to making this dream a reality.

Southwest Louisiana is growing, the need for human services is increasing…but the completion of this project will help take care of the additional need for the services provided by Family & Youth. It is with your kindness and generosity that we will accomplish this goal.

Consider a gift; and have your name forever etched into the history of Family & Youth. A variety of giving options are available, some with naming opportunities; and we would be happy to create a custom sponsorship package upon your request.

Family Foundation is investing in the future of our community, and we invite you to invest as well.
Investing in the Future of Our Community

Roxanne Fontenot Camara, Vice President of Family Foundation of SWLA

**THE IMPACT OF INCREASING NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY**

- **20%**  
  Up to 20% of a community’s population live in distress.

- **400**  
  The number of children in SWLA in foster care.

- **22,000**  
  SWLA’s growing population is expected to increase by 22,000 over the next 5 years. The demand for our services will increase proportionally.

- **4,400**  
  With 20% of a community living in distress, that means up to 4,400 additional people will be in need of assistance.

**HOW WE’RE GROWING OUR REACH**

- We currently have 10 therapists on staff. After our expansion, 5 more therapists will come on board to better serve the needs of our community.

- More therapists means we will expand our current 100 adult sessions per day to 130 adult sessions per day.

- We’re **doubling our reach** for children. We currently counsel 20 children per day and will now have the ability to counsel 40 per day.

- We’re **adding 12 new private therapy offices** to our existing 10 offices. With 22 total private therapy offices, we will better serve the need in our area.

- **Our 50-square-foot play center is increasing to 90 square feet.**

- **Two additional training rooms** will be added to the new facility. With 3 total rooms, training will become more efficient.

- **40,000**  
  people benefit from Family & Youth services each year.

- **5,000**  
  additional individuals will benefit from our services with our new expanded facility.
Thank you to our supporters who have established endowments with the Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana. Through support such as yours we are able to guarantee the life and stability of the services offered by Family & Youth. The mission of Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana is to connect donors to the priorities that enhance the quality of family and community life for generations to come. If you are interested in establishing your own endowment or would like more information please visit www.fyca.org or call 337-436-9533.
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