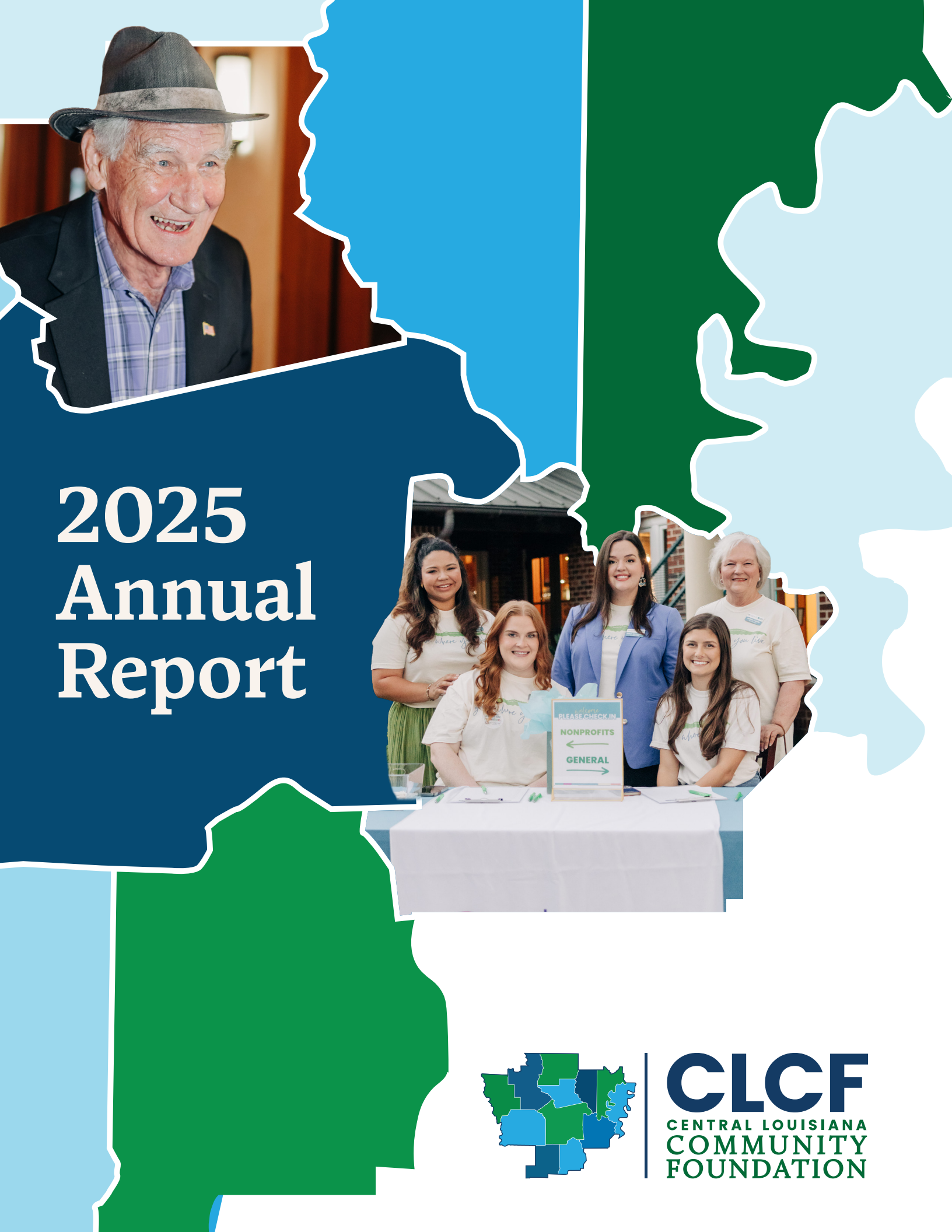
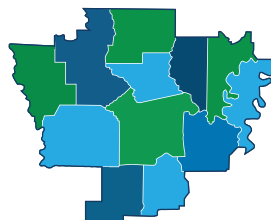
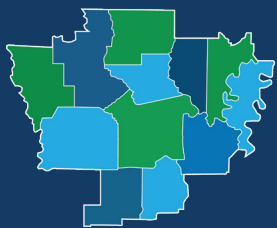




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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Partners in Philanthropy,

As we begin a new fiscal year, thank you for the generosity and trust that continue to shape the Central Louisiana Community Foundation.

This past year has been a strong one. After transitioning our investments to Goldman Sachs, we've seen solid performance that better positions us to support the community, both now and in the long term. It's encouraging to know we're building a foundation that's not only impactful, but sustainable.

We also launched Share Cenla this year, and it was great to see so many of you at the launch party. That initiative is all about highlighting the good happening across our region and making philanthropy more visible. There's a lot to celebrate in Central Louisiana, and Share Cenla helps us tell those stories.

Looking ahead, we are focused on creating more opportunities for you to see the impact of your giving firsthand. Behind the scenes, the foundation team is hard at work to ensure philanthropy is visible, accessible, and meaningful.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for being part of this work. What we are building together matters, and we look forward to the year ahead.

With appreciation,



Thomas David III
BOARD CHAIR, CLCF



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**Philanthropy is alive
and well in Central
Louisiana, and it's
growing in ways that
are both meaningful
and lasting.**



CEO Update

I see it every day. In the donors who are choosing to invest in long-term impact. In the nonprofits doing the hard, often unseen work. In the partnerships forming across sectors to move our community forward. There is momentum here, and it's worth paying attention to.

At the Foundation, we are focused on building on that momentum. Not just by supporting great work, but by making philanthropy more visible, more connected, and more accessible. Through Share CENLA and new opportunities for engagement, we are shining a light on the good happening across our region and inviting more people to be part of it.

I'm especially excited about what's ahead. Moving into a permanent home for the Foundation is a significant step forward. It's more than a building... it's a signal of where we're going. A place to bring people together, to strengthen partnerships, and to continue growing a culture of generosity in Central Louisiana.

This work is about the long game. It's about what we are building together: stronger nonprofits, more engaged donors, and a community that continues to show up for itself.

Thank you for being part of it. I'm grateful to be part of this work with you, and even more excited about where we're headed!



Emily McGruder

PRESIDENT & CEO

Central Louisiana Community Foundation



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PRESIDENT & CEO



Debbie Jarred
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Stephanie Lemoine
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\$4.2M

in Impact

In 2025, CLCF granted \$4,171,902.47 to 318 organizations, fueling critical programs and initiatives that strengthen our region.

COMPETITIVE GRANT RECIPIENTS 2025

JANUARY

Junior League of Alexandria
Diaper Bank
\$75,000

Junior League of Alexandria
Care Closets
\$2,000

Children's Advocacy Network
Caregiver Support Group
\$2,000

Starfish Ministries of CENLA
Community Technology Hub
\$1,250

Glass Act Recycling
Curbside Bin Awareness Campaign
\$750

APRIL

Emma Robinson Williams Education Foundation
The ERWEF Family Literacy Program
\$2,000

PFLAG Alexandria
Pride In Care: Empowerment Essentials in Hygiene
\$1,500

Rapides Parish Police Jury
Youth Education and Workforce Training
\$1,500

River Oaks Square Arts Center
Expressive Art Therapy for Children and Teens in Foster Care
\$1,000



JULY

**Martin Park
Elementary**
Bookworms Boost
\$1,500

**Avoyelles Parish
Sheriff's Office**
Project V.I.P.
\$1,500

Evangeline Parish 4-H
Robotics in
Classroom
\$1,000

**Women's Resource
Center**
Rooted & Rising
Parenting Education
Series
\$1,000

**Hope House of
Central Louisiana**
Wired for Hope
\$1,000

OCTOBER

**The Broom Tree
Caregiver Café**
\$1,000

**Evergreen Life
Services**
Evergreen CARES
\$2,000

Timmy's Toys
Hope Chest
\$2,000

Concordia Paws
Reducing Dog
Overpopulation
\$1,000

NOVEMBER

Troop Cenla
\$45,749.49

**Court Appointed
Special Advocates**
\$54,250.51



Types of Funds at CLCF

Together, these funds demonstrate what is possible when donors invest in people: futures are changed, potential is unlocked, and a legacy continues far beyond a single lifetime.

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Field of Interest

Established to support unspecified programs or organizations in a general field of interest important to the donor.



Donor Advised

Allow the donor to make recommendations for charitable distributions (grants) from the fund.



Agency Fund

Established by a nonprofit organization to provide an annual source of income to support the organization's mission.



Scholarship Funds *Legacy in Action*

A scholarship fund is more than financial support, it is a lasting expression of purpose. It honors a life, extends a legacy, and creates opportunity for students shaping the future of Central Louisiana.



Fund Spotlights

WIEN DENLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

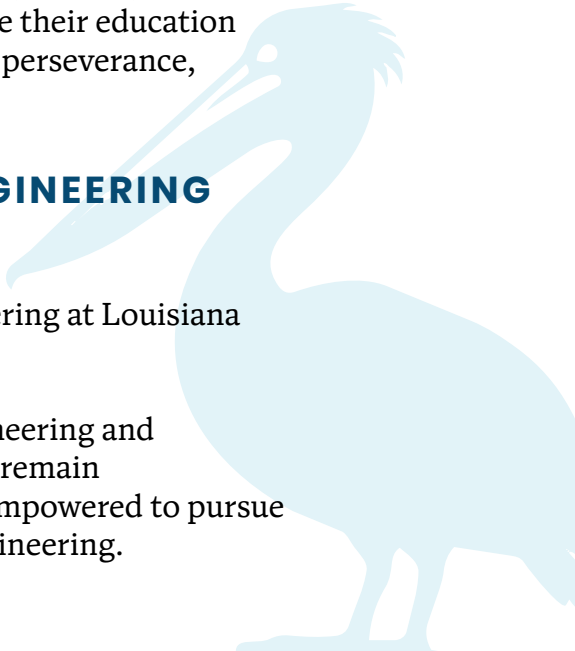
Established by the family of a proud Bolton High School alumnus, this fund honors Wien Denley's life, legacy, and commitment to education and community.

The scholarship supports Bolton Academy graduates and seniors pursuing higher education locally, including institutions such as LSUA, CLTCC, and LCU. By investing in these students, the fund helps them continue their education in Central Louisiana while carrying forward Wien's spirit of perseverance, leadership, and service.

CHERYL M. DANIELS WOMEN IN PRE-ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund supports women pursuing studies in Pre-Engineering at Louisiana State University of Alexandria.

It reflects a commitment to expanding opportunity in engineering and encouraging academic achievement in a field where women remain underrepresented. Through this scholarship, students are empowered to pursue their goals and take meaningful steps toward careers in engineering.





Share Cenla

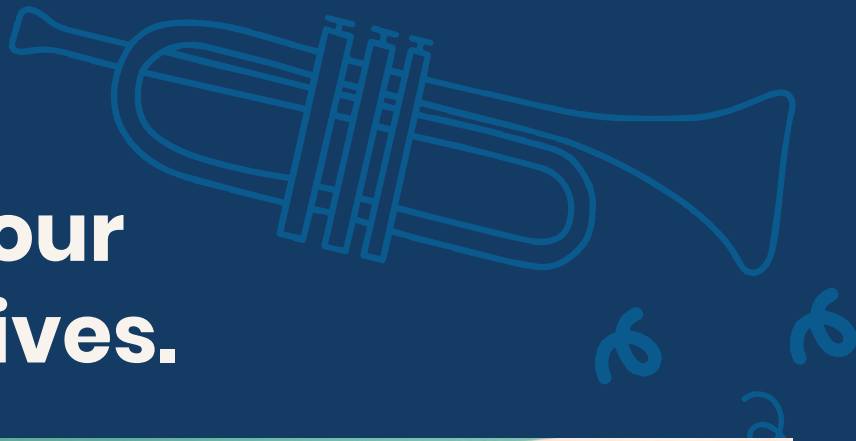
In 2025, the Central Louisiana Community Foundation launched Share Cenla, a year-round platform designed to make giving simple and accessible for everyone.

Built to connect the community with the needs of local nonprofits, Share Cenla makes it easy to step in and make a difference.

We celebrated this milestone at our launch party, where more than 120 community members gathered to support the organizations that work tirelessly to care for those in need.



When we *give where we live*, our community thrives.



VOLUNTEER



**SHOP
FOR GOOD**



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EVENTS**



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Connect for Good

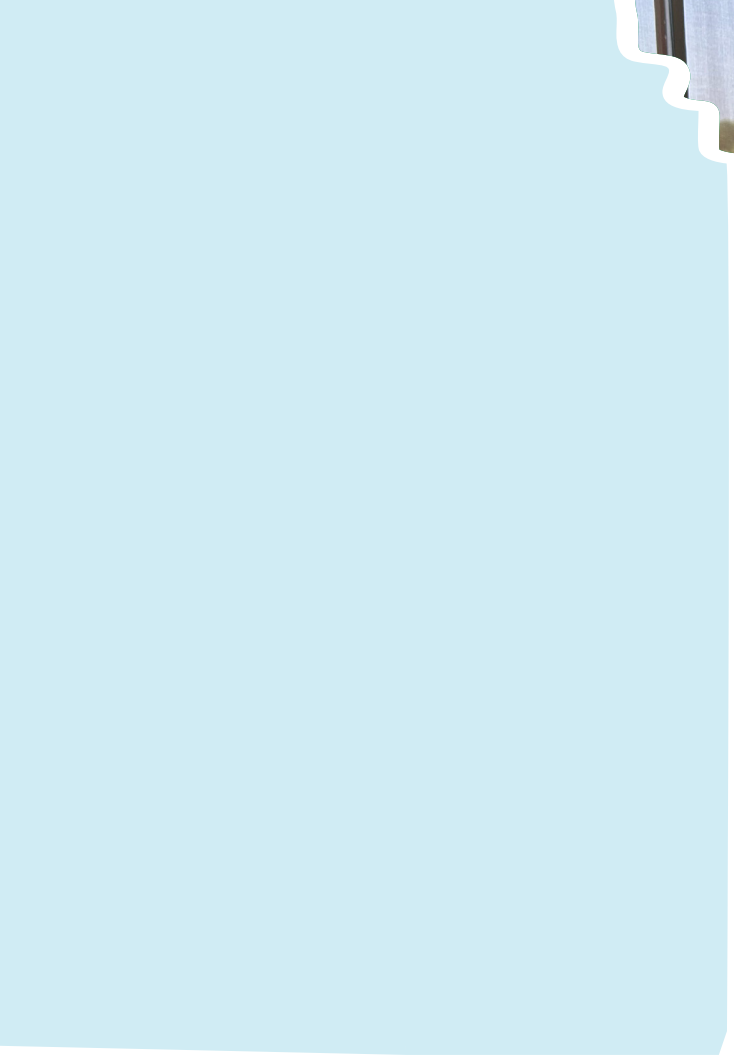
THIS YEAR, WE LAUNCHED CONNECT FOR GOOD, A SERIES OF EVENTS DESIGNED TO FURTHER SUPPORT OUR NONPROFITS.

Through this initiative, our goal is to bring local nonprofit leaders together in one space to learn, connect, and leave feeling energized and equipped to further their mission and strengthen our communities.

From networking sessions and marketing panels to guest speakers on burnout prevention and fostering collaboration, each gathering is designed to respond to the needs of those we serve.

As this series continues to grow, we plan to expand topics, deepen engagement, and shape future sessions based on feedback from our nonprofit partners. Our goal is to ensure Connect for Good evolves alongside the needs of our local nonprofit community.







Looking Forward

AS WE LOOK AHEAD, WE ARE REIMAGINING HOW INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES CONNECT WITH PHILANTHROPY.

Through four key pillars, we are creating more meaningful, hands-on ways to engage with the work happening across our region.



Learn

We will expand opportunities for hands-on training and nonprofit support, equipping both donors and nonprofit leaders with the knowledge and tools to make a greater impact.



Connect

We will foster more intentional connections between donors and nonprofits through opportunities like site visits and service experiences, creating deeper understanding and stronger relationships.



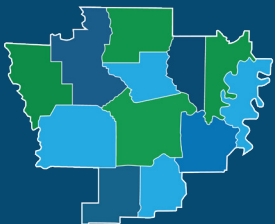
Engage

Through giving circles and immersive experiences, we will create new ways for individuals to actively participate in philanthropy and be part of collective impact.



Invest

We will continue to invest in our region by stewarding resources wisely and directing support where it can make the greatest impact, strengthening communities today while building for the future.



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