

BASIC NEEDS

Community Overview:

- Louisiana has the highest number of children in the country under the age of 5 who are hungry.
- On any given day, 1,108 people live in a shelter, temporary housing, or on the street.
- 1,800 students in East Baton Rouge are homeless.
- Every 19 hours, a house fire is reported.
- In 2008, calls to United Way 2-1-1 drastically increased to 82,000 from the 23,000 calls reported in 2007. 24,000 of those calls were reported around the timeframe of Hurricane Gustav.

How United Way is Helping People – Improving Communities:

- Every day, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank feeds nearly enough people to fill LSU’s baseball stadium (around 7,300).
- Shelters provided by our Agencies:
 - **American Red Cross – Louisiana Capital Area Chapter** provides temporary emergency shelter for displaced people due to a disaster. (example: fire or hurricane)
 - **Baton Rouge Area Alcohol & Drug Center** provides detoxification for homeless individuals, with 30, 60, or 90 day programs to get clean and counseled. The client is then directed to next level rehab services.
 - **O’Brien House** is an inpatient, addictive-disorder rehab center, where clients live during their counseling and recovery period.
 - **Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center** provides temporary shelter for battered women and children.
 - **Mental Health Association of Greater Baton Rouge** provides a transitional living home for those people with addictive disorder and mental health issues.
 - **Salvation Army of Greater Baton Rouge** provides homeless shelter and addiction recovery programs.
 - **Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge** provides transitional living and housing solutions for the needy. Reilly Center is a facility for abused children.
- United Way 2-1-1 helps people find answers when they feel most alone. It is a free call available 24 hours a day to provide answers whether the emergency is personal or area wide.

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