Guide to Area
Service Providers
Clubs, Organizations, & Support Groups
Using the Directory

Entries are listed alphabetically by the name supplied by the agency or organization or as found in various publications. Addresses, websites, telephone number, email address, contact person(s), and a description of services provided are listed when available.

As much information as could be obtained has been included.

Questions, comments, and suggestions are welcome and should be directed to:

Ascension Parish Library
708 South Irma Boulevard
Gonzales, LA 70737
Phone: (225) 647-3955 Fax: (225) 644-0063

The directory is also available online at

www.myapl.org

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A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana
P.O. Box 541
St. Amant, LA 70774
www.abateoflouisiana.org
laddiee@eatel.net
- Contact: Ollie G Elkins, Jr. (225)698-9070 laddiee@eatel.net
- Contact: Scott McCarter (888)892-2669 smcgus@msn.com
- Contact: Laddie Elkins (225)698-9070 laddiee@eatel.net
Physical Address: 16989 Kinchen Road, Livingston, LA 70754
Promote motorcycle safety, motorcycle awareness, and realistic motorcycle legislation. Sponsors motorcycle events, legislative lobbying, training, and voter registration information, bi-monthly newsletter, latest motorcycle rights information. Membership $30/yr. Meets every 2nd Sunday of the month, 10:00 a.m. Meets at Gail’s Diner, 17354 Airline Hwy., Prairieville, LA 70769.

Adult Literacy Advocates
460 N. 11th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
info@adultliteracyadvocates.org
- Contact: Pam Creighton Executive Director (225)383-1090 (225)387-5999
Promote and foster literacy among adults who have the potential to increase skills in basic literacy through individualized literacy instruction. Seeks to enable adults with limited literacy proficiencies achieve personal, job-related, and family goals. Basic literacy, Pre-GED, GED, and High School diploma program. Eligibility: Adult 18 years of age and older. Office hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. An accredited affiliate of ProLiteracy Worldwide.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
www.AA/louisiana.org
(225)644-0330
(225)474-5177

Allons Parler Cadien (Let’s Speak Cajun)
43491 Black Bayou Road
Gonzales, LA 70737
- Contact: Bart Lessard (225)644-0216 (225)924-2838
- Contact: Angie Lessard (225)647-3967
To learn and promote the Cajun language in Ascension, this group meets and speaks Cajun French every Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Ascension Parish Library, Galvez. Anyone wishing to learn to speak Cajun French is welcome. No fees

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. P.O. Box 24
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Audrey Preston (225)473-7969
The focus is to render service locally, nationally, and internationally. Awards scholarships and aids families in the community who are in need of help; provides school supplies to students in Africa.
Alzheimer’s Association South/West Louisiana Ch. Support Group
3772 North Blvd., Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
www.alzbr.org
Contact: Pam Moore Outreach Coordinator (800)548-1211 pmoore@alzbr.org
Contact: Gwen Moore Program Director (225)334-7494
Funds are available to pay for sitters. Provides the “Safe Return” bracelet free.

American Heart Association
4962 Florida Blvd., Suite 402
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
www.americanheart.org
Contact: Bonita Malbrew (225)248-7700 (225)248-7701 BonitaMalbrew@heart.org
Mission is to reduce death and disability from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Provides risk-reduction education in the community through the following programs: Heart Power! Jump Rope for Heart, Hoops for Heart, Operation Heart Beat; supplies brochures upon request.
Hours: 8:30 - a.m. - 12 noon; 1:00 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 98
P.O. Box 1533
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Anna Lee Gautreau President (225)473-8966
Contact: Mas Dugas Vice President (225)473-7473

American Legion Auxiliary, Gautreaux-Williams Post #81
421 E. City Park
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Patricia Brannagan (225)647-9457
Contact: Adeline Guedry
Community oriented; help service personnel and their families. Eligibility: family member who was in service. Dues: $15/yr. Meet first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Babin-Haynes Unit 98
Post Office Box 777
75 Mississippi Street
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Maurice Gautreau Chaplin (225)473-8966

American Legion Gautreau-Williams Post # 81
421 E. City Park St.
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Todd Wallace Commander (225)644-1978
Community oriented; help service personnel and their families. Eligibility: family member who was in service. Dues: $20/yr. Meet first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
American Red Cross - Louisiana Capital Area Chapter
10201 Mayfair Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Contact: Bill Salmeron Emergency Services Director (800)256-4733 (225)612-9806 bsalmeron@lcarc.org
Contact: Vic Howell CEO (225)291-4533 (225)292-4692 vhowell@lcarc.org
Armed Forces Emergency services, Biomedical services, Disaster services, Health and Safety services, International services, Nursing, Youth Involvement, and Volunteering.

American Sportsmen Against Poachers
208 E. Cornerview Road
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Joe Wiley Secretary (225)647-2155 (225)644-6788 jwiley@eatel.net
Louisiana Hunters Against Poachers is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of hunting and outdoor heritage through education and vigorous enforcement of wildlife protection laws Offers informational services for poaching cases. Open memberships; $5.00/yr. for individuals.

Amite River Basin Drainage & Water Conservation Dist.
3535 S. Sherwood Forest, Ste. 135
Baton Rouge, LA 70816-2255
www.amitebasin.org
Contact: Deitmar Rietshier Executive Director (225)296-4900 (225)296-4990 drietschier@amitebasin.org
Basin wide approach towards the flooding in the Amite River Basin. Offers assistance to local governments and citizens on matters of drainage and flood protection. Eligibility: Citizens and local governments within the Amite River Basin. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon; 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Amite River Cloggers
17588 Summerfield Road North
Prairieville, LA 70769
Contact: Mary Fielder (225)644-1902
Promotes clogging by teaching anyone interested, and by entertaining at church fairs, schools, nursing homes. A non-profit organization, the club can bring music and dancers to entertain at most functions. No charge for entertaining; members of club pay no dues. Meet Monday 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Art Guild of Gonzales
P.O. Box 915
Gonzales, LA 70707-0915
Contact: Muriel Prejean (225)622-2547
Promotes art in Ascension Parish and gives artists a place to show their work. Group painting every Friday. Membership dues are $20/yr. Hours: Monday - Friday.
**Ascension Adult Education & GED Testing Center.**

9697 Airline Hwy.
Sorrento, LA 70778

Contact: G Weber Supervisor (225)621-2300 weberg@apsb.org
Contact: K Hebert Teacher (212)567-5397 hebertkk@apsb.org

Housed at the La. Technical College - Ascension Campus, the center provides anyone 17 years or older, not enrolled in regular school, an opportunity to get a high school equivalency diploma or GED (16 year olds can only enroll with special permission from the superintendent of Ascension Parish Schools. The student must ask his school guidance counselor for details.) The center offers literacy instruction, adult basic education, and GED preparation and testing, English as a second language, prison programs, and is a testing center. It also offers enrichment classes for those who may already have a high school diploma or GED, but would like to improve their academic skills. Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Ascension Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

12438 Forrest Braud Lane
Gonzales, LA 70737

Contact: Al Taillon, President (225) 450-6505 aarc@ascensionarc.org
http://www.ascensionarc.org

**Ascension Chamber of Commerce**

1006 W. Hwy. 30
P.O. Box 1204
Gonzales, LA 70707-1204

www.ascensionchamber.com

Contact: Sherry Despino President/CEO (225)647-7487 (225)647-5124

The mission of the Ascension Chamber of Commerce is to provide leadership for and dynamic support of commerce in Ascension Parish, and to generate and promote economic growth.

**Ascension College**

320 E. Ascension Street
Gonzales, LA 70737

www.ascensioncollege.org

Contact: Dennis Kerr (225)644-6609 (225)644-0066 (800)276-2953
dkerrascen@eatel.net

**Ascension Community Theater - ACT**

823 Felicity Street
Gonzales, LA 70737
acttheatre@eatel.net

Contact: A J Cloutre President (225)647-6738 (225)647-9607

Purpose is to provide theatrical stage productions in a mutually supportive and positive environment in which every individual has the opportunity to develop performance, stage craft, and theatrical support skills. Eligibility is open to individuals who contribute time and effort to the productions of the organization.
**Ascension Cougars Youth Sports Organization, Inc.**
12379 Oakfields Dr.
Geismar, LA 70734
Contact: Leon Blouin (225)673-2066 (225)324-0582 (800)448-2633

**Ascension Council on Aging**
Post Office Box 412
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
ascencoa@eatel.net
Contact: Jeanette Reuter (225)621-5750 (225)647-1517
Contact: Grace Garon (225)473-3789 (225)473-1387
Physical Address: 536 S. Irma Blvd, Gonzales / 101 Bocage Drive, Donaldsonville
Provide directly or coordinate the full range of services available to the elderly of the parish. Outreach, information and assistance, meals on wheels, congregate meals, recreation, Medicaid enrollments transportation, and homemaker, medical alert units, utility assistance. Eligibility: Ascension Parish residents 60 and above; some in home services such as homemaker and personal care. No fees required; donations gratefully accepted. Medical alert system charge of $20. Hours: Monday - Friday; 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Ascension Heritage Association (ASHA)**
P.O. Box 404
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Barbara Ourso Board Member (225)473-7371 (225)746-9627
Contact: Pam Gregoire President (225)473-8285
Cultural organization involved with efforts to retain the historic homes, businesses, and churches of Donaldsonville, along with beautification projects. Eligibility: none Dues: $10 per year. Meet: 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon.

**Ascension Hospital**
615 E. Worthey Rd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.geocities.com/Ascension_Hospital
Contact: Ann Bell RN/Bus. Dcv. (225)621-1242 (225)621-1419 eapshsd01@eatel.net
Contact: Julie Millet RHIA (225)621-1274 (225)621-1297 eapshsd02@eatel.net
Long term acute care hospital and psychiatric unit. Provide medical service to patients suffering from pneumonia, ventilator weaning, and complicated wound care, pulmonary rehabilitation for asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic obstruction pulmonary disease, and congestive heart failure. Long Term Acute Care / Psychiatric Unit. Eligibility determined by case management; (225) 621-1200. Medicare, Medicaid, and most major medical insurances accepted. Business hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

**Ascension Lodge #251 F. & A.M.**
P.O. Box 1211
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Floyd Witt (225)687-4469
Contact: John A. Landry (225)473-4890
Physical Address: 122 Railroad Ave., Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Masonic lodge for all masons or men interested in joining.
Ascension Parish CAER Committee
P.O. Box 2284
Gonzales, LA 707072284
www.ascension-caer.org
Contact: John Cobb (225)339-2369

Community Awareness Emergency Response Committee is comprised of representatives from 13 chemical companies and the Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness. Designed to inform the community about the chemical industry, what it manufactures, and what chemicals are used in the plants. The CAER Committee provides up-to-date information about chemical emissions, inventories, and emergency procedures. Local telephone directory has list of members and phone numbers. CAER also sponsors the “Wally Wise Guy” shelter-in-place program and the Playmakers Summer tour.

Ascension Parish Farm Bureau
418 Mississippi Street
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Maurice Gautreau, Jr. (225)473-4721 (225)473-3276

Farm organization

Ascension Parish Farm Bureau Women’s Committee
418 Mississippi Street
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Pamela Gautreau (225)473-4721 (225)473-3276

Ascension Parish FINS (Families in Need of Services)
611-4 N. Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Lyn Hassenboehler Director (225)621-8515 (225)644-5170 lhassenb@eatel.net

FINS is a delinquency prevention/early intervention program offered by the Ascension Parish juvenile court. FINS provides screening and assessment, case management, gathers resources, and provides other services to troubled children/adolescents and their families in an effort to halt problem behavior before it progresses to criminal behavior. Development and monitoring of a plan to address the needs of the family, family strengthening groups, anger management groups, intensive in-home counseling, and a variety of other services as needed. Eligibility: Referral based on behavior of child/adolescent and/or caretaker according to Title VII of Children’s Code. Fees: None. Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Services are provided throughout the day and evening.
Ascension Parish Head Start
P.O. Box 152
603 Lee Avenue
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Christine Matassa (225)474-2750 (225)474-2752
Contact: Edith Sullivan
Physical Address: 603 Lee Ave., Baton Rouge, LA
Site 1: 603 Lee Ave., Donaldsonville; Site 2: 518 W. Oak Street, Gonzales; Site 2: 16200 Hwy. 929, Prairieville; Site 4: 44365 Hwy 429, St. Amant; Site 5: 13046 Hwy 73, Geismar. Provide comprehensive services for pre-school children and their families. Enrollment slots: 251 for parish. Offers developmentally appropriate curriculum, health screenings, parenting classes, mental wellness and disability services when appropriate. Income Eligibility; Ages 3 - 5 years of age; must have proof of current immunizations; must allow 10% of enrollment slots to be available for children with disabilities. No fees. Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Ascension Parish Kiwanis Club
4041 Government Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Contact: Kathy Desadier President (225)673-2398 A058701@allstate.com
Contact: Amanda Pelligrin Secretary (225)408-3333 snellingins@yahoo.com
Meets Tuesday’s at noon at Porky’s barbeque on Airline Hwy; last Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Vivo’s Italian Restaurant.

Ascension Parish Library
708 S. Irma Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.ascension.lib.la.us/apl
Contact: Angelle M. Deshautelles Library Director (225)647-8924 (225)644-0063
Contact: Larie J. Myers Assistant Library Director (225)647-8924 (225)644-0063
Contact: John L. Stelly Assistant Library Director (225)647-8924 (225)644-0063
Public library system that makes available to all citizens of the parish books and other materials for education, information, and recreation. Locations in Donaldsonville, Gonzales, and Prairieville. Reference questions, comments, or suggestions may be e-mailed to the library at the following address:

Ascension Parish Local Emergency Preparedness Comm. (LEPC)
828 S. Irma Blvd., Building 3
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Jim Wilks Director (225)621-8360 (225)621-8362

Directory of Community Services
Ascension Parish Notary Commission
P.O. Box 1096
Gonzales, LA 70707-1096
Contact: Robert Percy III (225)621-8522
Provides information about obtaining commission as a notary public for the parish of Ascension, information on area courses offered for notary study and parish notary exam for candidates

Ascension Parish Retired Educators Association
P.O. Box 24
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Audrey Preston (225)473-7969 Audreypreston@aol.com
Service organization which keeps abreast of the proceedings of the retirement community by providing activities through workshops, visiting nursing homes, and aiding in the testing done in schools. Retired teachers are eligible to join.

Ascension Parish Retired Teachers Association
P.O. Box 4
Prairieville, LA 70769
Contact: Belia Phillips President (225)673-8412
To keep area teachers informed on matters of cost of living increases, insurance changes; pro and con. Volunteer in hospitals, award one scholarship per semester to Ascension Parish graduate, and perform other forms of community service through volunteers. Meet 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon third Tuesday of the month.

Ascension Parish Section 8 Rental Assistance Program
Robert Macedo & Associates
213 East Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
ramandassoc@mindspring.com
Contact: Ann Cazes
Contact: Sheila Rills (225)344-7129 (225)344-7129
Administers Section 8 rental assistance for extremely and very low-income applicants. Also State and Federal Grants (LCDBG) for Ascension Parish. This is an administrative firm. Applications for rental assistance can only be taken when ad appears in official journal for Ascension Parish. Funds are limited. No fee to apply. Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ascension Parish Seniors and Lawmen Together (SALT)
828 S. Irma Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Pam Richardson Deputy (225)621-8364
Contact: Jo Roux SALT Chairperson (225)621-8322
Physical Address: 1060 Worthey Road, Gonzales, LA 70737
Cooperative effort between seniors and lawmen to maintain and improve quality of life for senior citizens in Ascension Parish. Addresses crime concerns, preventative programs, and improving emergency response to elderly. RUOK Telephone reassurance program, blue light program, smoke detector program, refrigerator (medical) cards, small home repair services, annual crime expo. Eligibility: Senior citizen status over 60 years of age. Most services are free. Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.
Ascension Parish Utility Council (APUC)
913 S. Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Brent Saltzman (225)621-3635 (225)647-4400 brents@eatel.com
Serves as a communication source among Ascension Parish utility companies; and discusses relevant issues that affect the industry. Eligibility: Any utility company is welcome. Fees: $100/yr. Meet the Thursday of each month following the second Wednesday at Department of Public Works building on Churchpoint Road, Gonzales, Louisiana.

Ascension Pet Animal Welfare Society (APAWS)
Post Office Box 781
Prairieville, LA 70769
www.apaws.petfinder.org
apawspets@yahoo.com
Contact: Mary Joslin President (225)754-1088
Contact: Amy Rutherford Board Member (225)647-6127
Investigates animal abuse or neglect; provides education on pet ownership; Rescues animals and arranges adoptions to permanent homes. Goal is to have a facility to house and process adoptions. Adoptions currently at PetSmart on Seigen Lane Saturdays 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Baton Rouge Historical Miniatures Gaming Society
41031 Busy Needles Road
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Don Odom (225)644-5524
Contact: Bob Kelso (225)751-8916
Recreate historical battles with miniature figurines.

Boy Scouts of America - Istrouma Area Council
P.O. Box 66676
Baton Rouge, LA 70896
www.iac-bsa.org
jeiermann@iac-bsa.org
Contact: Jason Eiermann (225)677-8206 (225)803-4968 jeiermann@iac-bsa.org
Physical Address: 9644 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70896
Youth service organization providing value based programs for elementary, middle and high school aged.

C.D.P. (Community Development Project)
P.O. Box 2411
Gonzales, LA 707071124
Contact: Kathi Hambrick
Contact: Janice Brown (225)473-9545 (225)473-9545
To rebuild the community with community awareness activities.
C.H.E.F. of Baton Rouge Home School Group
9575 N. Parkview Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70815
www.chefbr.org
editor@chefbr.org
   Contact: Lisa Bengal (225)474-6576 plbengal@iamerica.net
   Contact: Janet Vosburg (225)673-3249 kurtandjanet@yahoo.com
   Contact: Julie Wilson (225)647-6509 djswlg@etigers.net
Christian home schooling group offering activities and support to new and veteran Christian homeschoolers. Christian Home Educators Fellowship.

Cajun Country Quilters
38394 Hwy 621
Gonzales, LA 70737
   Contact: Marie Anderson
   Contact: Betty Breaux (225)673-4145
   Contact: Judy Holly (225)275-5965 THOO7JK@aol.com
Non-profit organization promoting the art of, and education about quilting. Donate lap robes, walker bags, and bibs to area nursing homes and War Veterans Home, quilts to children with cancer through St. Jude’s at Our Lady of the Lake in Baton Rouge, donated materials, patterns and books to Women’s Prison, made preemie quilts and isolet covers, donated Ascension Parish Quilt to Ascension Parish. Also participate in quilt shows and displays at museums and libraries. Membership is open to anyone interested in learning more about quilting; dues are $10/yr. Meet second Thursday of the month, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Burnside Ave., Gonzales, Louisiana.

Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge / Ascension Parish
550 Lobdell
Baton Rouge, LA 708066316
www.cancerservices.org
admin@cancerservices.org
   Contact: Susan Moreland (225)927-2273 (225)927-1468
   Contact: Judy Moon (225)927-2273
Mission is to improve the quality of life for those who live with cancer through direct patient services, support groups, and education. Provide food supplements, financial assistance with transportation and prescriptions, medical library, home visits, sick room equipment. No fees. Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.
Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center
P.O. Box 52809
Baton Rouge, LA 70892
ascbwp@eatel.net
Contact: Roberta Patino (800)541-9706 (225)644-4916
Contact: Mollie Nobile (800)541-9706
Dedicated to ending domestic violence through serving the victims, educating the public, and eliminating conditions and attitudes that contribute to domestic violence. Free and confidential counseling, support groups, court advocacy, 24 hour emergency shelter, financial assistance, and empowerment for victims of domestic abuse and their children. No fees. Please call for either location.

Capital Area Human Services District (CAHSD)
4615 Government Street, Bldg. 1 & 2
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
www.CAHSD.org
Contact: Debbie Cartwright, LCSW Community Program Coordinator (225)925-4093 (225)925-1987
Contact: Jan Kasofsky, Ph.D. Executive Director (225)922-2700 (225)925-1987
jkasofsk@dhh.state.la.us

Child Net, Region II
P.O. Box 1130
Livingston, LA 70754
Contact: Debbie Proctner (225)216-7474
Contact: Nancy Ross (225)667-2096
Infant/Toddler project for children, birth to 3 years, who have disabilities. Ascension Parish is one of the eleven parishes Child Net works in. (Ascension Families of Children with Special Needs.)

Community Opportunities of East Ascension COEA
1122 S. E.A. Complex Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
communityopportunities.com
opportunities@eatel.net
Contact: Phlicia D. Mollere, BS Development Director (225)621-2022
Contact: Mark Thomas Executive Director (225)621-2000 (225)621-2022
COEA provides support services to individuals with cognitive, intellectual, and development disabilities throughout Ascension and East Baton Rouge Parishes. Services include Supported Independent Living, Diversified Employment Services (vocational training), Supported Employment, Respite, PCA, Long Term Care/Personal Care Services, Elderly/Disabled Adult Waiver Services, and a Summer Inclusive Recreation Program. Hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. 24 hour emergency line.
Crohn’s and Colitis Support Group-Baton Rouge Area
13140 Lamar Moran Road
St. Amant, LA 70774
www.ccfa.org
Contact: Jan Cooper (225)275-6041
Contact: Connie Frederic (225)644-6363 cnfred@eatel.net
Physical Address: 8585 Picardy Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
To offer support to patients and families who suffer from Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis.
Conducts support groups, educational meetings, bowl-a-thon, and golf tournaments. No fees.
Meet second Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Baton Rouge General Health Center, Conference Room 1. A youth meeting (ages 12-20) is held same time /same place.

Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 45
P.O. Box 208
Gonzales, LA 70707-0208

Donaldsonville AARP, Chapter #4552
P.O. Box 790
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Barbara Ourso President (225)473-7371 (225)473-4376
Contact: Frances Morris Vice President (225)473-8520
Physical Address: 114 Nicholls Street, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Purpose is to help others. Fundraisers are held throughout the year. Group supports the 4-H livestock shows, distributes baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Support community activities, award scholarships to students at area high schools that have the highest grade point average. Eligibility: Must belong to National AARP organization to qualify for membership in local chapter. Age 50 and over $3.00 /yr membership. Meet once a month (4th Monday) at 6:00 p.m.

Donaldsonville Adult Learning Center
P.O. Box 444
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Edna C. Latino (225)474-2710 (225)474-8172
Physical Address: 1201 Maginnis Street, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Adult education program offers anyone sixteen years of age or older the opportunity to receive an equivalency high school diploma. One can also prepare for technical college, career opportunities, and a better job. Life coping skills and work skills are also included in the curriculum. GED, basic computer skills, job applications, résumés, job interviews, and five curriculum areas; reading, language arts, math, social studies and science. Eligibility: 16 years or older; must have dropped from a K-12 school system. $12 fees. Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Monday & Wednesday nights, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Donaldsonville Area Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.
Post Office Box 624
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
daarc@eatel.net
Contact: Marlene Domingue Director (225)473-4516 (225)473-4517 daarc@eatel.net
Physical Address: 1030 Clay Street, Donaldsonville, LA 70736
Adult day program, community services, offers persons with disabilities real vocational opportunities in integrated settings. Adult day program on-site service offers persons simulated work experience and vocational training in a sheltered environment. Residential services offers 24-hr. service for persons in various skill areas, such as social, self help, money management, cooking, etc. to enable them to function as independently as possible. Eligibility: Mental retardation; developmentally disabled, 22 years or older, Medicaid eligible. No fees. Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Donaldsonville Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 646
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
dvillecoc@eatel.net
Contact: Becky Katz (225)473-4814 (225)473-4817
Contact: Nicole Crawford
Physical Address: 714 Railroad Avenue, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Business organization with over 140 members whose focus is the social and economic growth of Donaldsonville. Eligibility: Business, concerned citizen, or organization. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Donaldsonville Business and Professional Women
P.O. Box 1455
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Wanda Ishmael President (225)473-4170
Improve the quality of life of all women, professionally, politically, and personally. Provide programs of general interest, scholarship, educational loans, credit cards, insurance. Eligibility: above high school age; student attending any college or university, any working person. Membership dues: $73.00/yr.

Donaldsonville Marketing Team
P.O. Box 780
714 Railroad Ave.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Barbara Ourso Chairman (225)473-7371 (225)473-7371
Encourage businesses to locate here and assist businesses. Meeting held at Donaldsonville Chamber of Commerce offices.
Donaldsonville Mental Health Outreach Clinic
P.O. Box 1725
Gonzales, LA 70707
Contact: Ken LeBlanc Manager (225)621-5770 (225)474-2055 kleblan2@dhh.la.gov
Physical Address: 419 Memorial Drive, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Provide psychiatric services to persons living in Ascension Parish who have a chronic or severe mental illness Full range of psychiatric services including individual, group, and family counseling, psychiatric evaluation for treatment purposes, and medication regulation.
Eligibility: Meet the criteria for chronically or severely mentally ill or in a psychiatric emergency. Age 6 years or older; resident of Ascension Parish. Fees: Sliding scale, Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance. Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Donaldsonville Music Club
317 Jackson Street
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Pam Gregoire (225)473-8285
To promote and to stimulate the love and knowledge of music in all its branches. To encourage the study of music, and its appreciation and enjoyment. Group meets regularly once a month September through May; provide scholarship to the music department at Nicholls State University; encourage performance of junior musicians through programs and festivals.
Eligibility: One must be interested in the advancement of music to be eligible for membership; number of members is limited because meetings are held in private homes often; guest programs once or twice annually. Dues are $25.00/yr. Part of Louisiana Federation of Music Clubs and of National Federation of Music Clubs. Monthly meetings at 4:00; programs otherwise are at various times.

Donaldsonville Tourist Commission
PO Box 307
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
www.tourdonaldsonville.org
tourism@donaldsonville.br Coxmail.com
Contact: Veronique Gipson, Tourism Specialist (225)473-4247 (225)473-0630
Physical Address: 609 Railroad Avenue, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
To promote tourism in the city of Donaldsonville.

Donaldsonville, City of
P.O. Box 470
609 Railroad Ave
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Leroy Sullivan Mayor (225)473-4247
Office hours: Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Ducks Unlimited - Gonzales Chapter
12519 C. Gautreau Road
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Gayle Robert (225)644-4886
Contact: Carol Gautreau (225)644-2922
Preservation of wetlands for ducks.
Dutchtown Youth Sports Organization
15442 Ryan Avenue
Prairieville, LA 70769
(no contacts at this time)
Program for youth sports in Ascension Parish

Early Bird Homemakers
930 N. Janice Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
  Contact: Ruth Bailey (225)644-5107

East Ascension Genealogical and Historical Society
P.O. Box 1006
Gonzales, LA 70707-1006
  Contact: David Powers (225)644-1869 dpowers@eatel.net
Genealogical research. EAGHS Library location: 13324 Etienne Road Gonzales, LA 70737. Library hours: Tuesdays - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Workshops: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. EAGHS Library

East Ascension Sportsman’s League, Inc.
P.O. Box 446
Gonzales, LA 70707-0446
www.easlonline.org
  Contact: Greg Sedotal 1st Vice President (225)622-6385 sgced@eatel.net
  Contact: Jim Hebert President (225)647-1975 jimhel@cox.net
Purpose of the EASL, a local non-profit organization, is to work with other sportsmen to help protect the right to hunt and fish, conserve and properly manage natural resources for future generations, learn more about wildlife, its problems and management, provide fun family activities for the community. Provides a monthly newsletter, family outings, sponsorship of numerous other conservation organizations, wildlife and conservation projects, monthly and annual contests and activities. Eligibility: Anyone may join; voting members must be 16 years old or greater but children of all ages are welcome. Fees: $10.00/yr. (16 years and up) which includes membership in the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Prairieville Fire Department with a guest speaker and meal.

Elks Club - Lodge 1153
113 Railroad Avenue
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Chuck LeBlanc (225)473-8282

Elks Club Auxiliary - Ladies of the Elks, Lodge 1153
113 Railroad Ave.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Chuck LeBlanc (225)473-8282

Directory of Community Services
F.A.C.T.S. (Fibromyalgia Support Group)
39011 Shelly Haydel Lane
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Kathie Lankford Executive Director (225)647-4186 jlankat@cs.com
Contact: Della Pressler (225)752-3162
Contact: Sebrea Hulin Chapter Leader
Support and information for those challenged with fibromyalgia, CFIDS, MS, Lupus, and other autoimmune diseases. Provide information, support, workshops, guest speakers, stress workshops, information on medications, doctors, nutrition, coping skills, etc. Eligibility: Anyone wanting to learn more about chronic illness. All meetings open to the public. Fees: none. Meetings are held by several different chapters in state and out.

Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge
778 Chevelle Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
www.fhfla.org/fhfgbr
fhfgbr@msn.com
Contact: Deborah Prockner Executive Director (225)216-7474 (225)216-7977 (888)216-7474
Non-profit, family directed resource center for individuals with disabilities and their families; educational assistance for parents of children with disabilities; technical assistance with rights, laws, and empowerment for parents. Eligibility: Any parent requesting help; not income based. No fees.

Fort Butler Foundation
P.O. Box 32
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
www.fortbutler.org
Contact: Glenn Falgoust (225)473-6880
Contact: Chris Pana (985)447-9221
Contact: Jimmy Johnson (225)622-6944
Contact: Andrew Capone (225)473-8180 acapone@eatel.net
Goal of foundation is to have Fort Butler, a Civil War era fort, recognized as a state commemorative area.

Foxy Trotters
17588 Summerfield Road North
Prairieville, LA 70769
Contact: Mary Fielder (225)622-1902
Physical Address: 536 S. Irma Blvd., Gonzales, LA 70737
A line dance group sponsored by the Council on Aging. This group can entertain and welcomes new members. Meets at 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday at the Council on Aging in Gonzales. There is no charge.
**Friends of Ascension**

1125 W. Hwy. 30  
Gonzales, LA 70737  
Contact: Sara Tureau Laiche Human Resources Representative (225)647-5381  
(225)647-7408 stureau@steh.com  
Friends of Ascension a growing, not-for-profit association dedicated to promoting health and wellness for adults 50 and over. Social events, trips, screening, monthly meetings and more. Eligibility: 50 years of age or older. Membership fee is $15.00 per person or $25.00 per couple.

**Girl Scouts-Audubon Council, Inc.**

545 Colonial Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
info@girlscoutsaudubon.org  
Contact: Melissa Jandura (800)852-8421 (225)927-8402  
Girl scouting is a movement that gives girls from all segments of American life a chance to develop their potential, to make friends, and to become a vital part of their community. Based on ethical values, it opens up a world of opportunity for girls, working in partnership with adult volunteers. Girl Scout program is a continuous adventure in learning that offers every girl a broad range of activities that address both her current interests and her future role as a woman. Girls participate in troop and group activities designed by, and especially for them. Annual membership fee: $7.00.

**Gonzales Boat Club**

P.O. Box 2266  
Gonzales, LA 70707  
gonzalesboatclub@yahoo.com  
Contact: Rocky Frederic (225)622-2462 petrock70737@yahoo.com  
Contact: Joe Harris President (225)622-3902  
Contact: Terri Brannigan Secretary (225)698-1875  
Organized to serve the interests of recreational boaters, and to promote boat and water safety/education. Clubhouse and docking facilities located at 13311 Diversion Canal Road, Maurepas, LA 70449.

**Gonzales Committee on Cultural Affairs**

120 S. Irma Blvd.  
Gonzales, LA 70737  
Contact: Gonzales City Hall (225)644-2841  
Exchange group between Gonzales and Meylan, France.
Gonzales Fire Department
120 S. Irma Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
[Website: www.gonzalesfd.com]
Contact: Butch Browning Fire Chief (225)644-5307 (225)644-2035 chief@gonzalesfd.com
Provide fire suppression, prevention, rescue, EMS, and related activities to the City of Gonzales and surrounding areas. Full time staff and also supplements operations by volunteers from the community.

Gonzales Garden Club
11355 Greenside
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Conchita Richey (225)647-3498
Contact: Ellen Richmond President (225)644-8293 ehrich@eatel.net
Contact: Myra Mire (225)647-0363

Gonzales Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 1725
1122 S. E. Ascension Complex Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70707
Contact: Ken LeBlanc Manager (225)621-5770 (225)644-3208 kleblan2@dhh.la.gov
Provide psychiatric services to persons living in Ascension Parish who have a chronic or severe mental illness. Full range of psychiatric services including individual, group, and family counseling, psychiatric evaluation for treatment purposes, and medication regulation. Eligibility: Meet the criteria for chronically or severely mentally ill or in a psychiatric emergency. Age 6 years or older; resident of Ascension Parish. Fees: sliding scale; Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance. Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Gonzales Soccer Club
P.O. Box 1406
Gonzales, LA 70707
[Website: eteamz.com/gscsoccer]
gsc2002@cox.net
Contact: (225)673-2904
Youth Soccer - Boys and girls: ages under 5 through under 19. Amateur soccer - men and women open to over 30 years; Co-Ed open to over 30 years.

Gonzales Work Force Center
1715 South Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
[Website: www.lwia20.org]
Contact: Brendalynn Scott (225)647-7394 (225)647-9350 bscott@lwia20.org
Workforce development, employment training program. Job search, career exploration, career counseling, occupational training, resumés, information and referral on supportive services. Eligibility guidelines for some programs. Fees: None. Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 a.m.

Directory of Community Services
Gonzales, City of
120 S. Irma Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Barney Arceneaux Mayor (225)647-2841

Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank
P.O. Box 2996
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2996
brfoodbank@aol.com
Contact: Michael G. Manning Executive Director (225)359-9940 (225)355-1445
mike@brfoodbank.org
Physical Address: 5546 Choctaw Drive
The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank serves as a clearinghouse that collects, stores, and
distributes more than 8 million pounds of food annually to a network of over 100 member
agencies in a 12 parish area. The Food Bank assists more than 4200 people each day.
Eligibility: Federal poverty guidelines. Fees: none. Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30
p.m.; Friday & Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

Greater Baton Rouge Mocha Moms
12064Cypress Ridge Drive
Geismar, LA 70734
http://gbrmochamoms.org
GBRMochaMoms@yahoo.com
Contact: Staci Hazeur (225) 673-0441
Looking to meet other Stay at Home Moms of Color?
Welcome to the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter of Mocha Moms. Inc.! Established in 1997,
Mocha Moms, Inc. is a national organization for mothers of color who have chosen not to work
full-time outside of the home in order to devote more time to their families. Don't miss an
excellent opportunity to connect with other mothers, exchange information, form new
friendships, and encourage one another in our roles as wives, mothers, and business women.
Mocha Moms Support Group Meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Our growing
chapter enjoys visiting many points of interest in and around Baton Rouge and engage in lots of
fun including Children's Playdates, Mom's Night Out, Family Night Out, and Community Service
events. Mocha Moms, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, gender,
socio-economic level, education, or religion. Anyone who supports the mission & purpose of
Mocha Moms, Inc. **including full-time working moms** is welcome to join. If you want to join
the Mocha Mom family, feel free to contact us immediately at GBRMochaMoms@yahoo.com
Greater Baton Rouge Mothers of Twins Club
P.O. Box 86379
Baton Rouge, LA 70874
www.bellsouthpwp.net/w/e/weeks1/
gbromotc@bellsouth.net
Contact: Karen Matthews (225)756-4493
Educate and support parents, teachers, and others having direct responsibility and interest in the special aspects of child development that relate especially to twins. Cooperate with and participate in projects conducted by researchers and doctors in medical and psychological research with twins and/or siblings. Make available educational and research data to members and interested persons. Eligibility: Parent of twins or higher order multiples. Fees: $35.00/yr. covers local and national organization dues. Meet third Tuesday of the month at Women’s Hospital.

Jambalaya Chapter, I.A.A.P.
P O Box 500
Geismar, LA 70734
Contact: Peggy Walker, CPS President (225)621-6213 Peggy-Walker@shell.com
Premiere international professional organization for office managers, secretaries and office professionals. Offers continuing education, networking opportunities, and professional development for all administrative professionals. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at noon at the Holiday Inn, Hwy.30, Gonzales, LA.

Jambalaya Festival Association
P.O. Box 1243
Gonzales, LA 70707
www.jambalayafestival.org
Contact: Wally Taillon, Past President (225)647-2937 (800)680-3208
Non-profit organization comprised of representatives from various social and civic organizations throughout Ascension Parish whose purpose is to promote Gonzales and Ascension Parish and the surrounding area as the Jambalaya Capital of the World. The JFA sponsors the annual Jambalaya Festival. Association cooks jambalaya for tourism, civic, and charity events.

Jasmine Civic and Social Club
1519 America St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Deloris J. Scieneaux (225)473-9630
Contact: Javella Williamson (225)473-3610
Awards annual $250.00 scholarship to needy students, sponsors an annual Calendar Girl pageant, donates to charitable organizations, sponsors vacation/educational trips, hosts “Club of the Year,” participates in local parade, performs community services upon request, buys fruit for nursing home, and promotes family values.

Directory of Community Services
Knights of Columbus Ascension Council # 1087
P.O. Box 848
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Physical Address: 304 Memorial Drive, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
A Catholic fraternal service and charitable organization. Bingo each Thursday night at the council’s home. Eligibility: 18 years of age, practicing Catholic. Membership dues are $20.00/yr. Meet second Wednesday of each month.

Knights of Columbus # 1087 Auxiliary - Ascension Kaycees
304 Memorial Drive
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Marie Denise Sagona President (225)473-9837
Contact: Judy D. LeBlanc (225)473-3483
Catholic service organization. Eligibility: All wives, daughters, or sisters of Knights of Columbus members. Dues are $6.00/yr. Meet second Wednesday of each month.

Knights of Columbus Council # 2657
1106 E. Rome Street
Gonzales, LA 70737-4320
Contact: Felix G. Mendoza, Jr. Building Manager (225)644-4170
(225)647-2021
Physical Address: 230 S. Irma Blvd., Gonzales, LA 70737
Catholic fraternal organization.

Knights of Columbus Council 6389
46068 S. Hwy. 936
St. Amant, LA 70774
www.kc6389.org
Contact: Michael Heath Grand Knight (225)675-5406
Physical Address: 43472 Black Bayou Road, Gonzales, LA 70737

La Leche League
10426 Stringer Bridge Rd.
St. Amant, LA 70774
Contact: Ganetta Savoy (225)647-5696 ganetta@eatel.net
Contact: Lisa McAlister (225)675-8759 lisamcalister@eatel.net
Contact: Melissa Stevens (225)644-2797 orlando241@cox.net
Mother-to-mother support, and encouragement to mothers who choose to breastfeed their babies. Provide telephone counseling; information is available at meetings on breastfeeding, pregnancy, birth, and other child rearing aspects. Eligibility: All mothers, mothers-to-be, and breastfeeding mothers as well as their children are invited to attend meetings. Memberships are available for $36.00, but are not necessary to participate. Meetings are held monthly and are approximately 2 hours in length. Telephone counseling for breastfeeding concerns available 24 hours.
Lions Club - Gonzales
P.O. Box 1036
Gonzales, LA 70707-0852
    Contact: Barney Hutchinson President (225)644-3385
    Contact: Rodney Logarbo (225)381-7617
Purchase eyeglasses for the needy; help Boy Scouts, senior citizens, Special Olympics, food pantry, Lions camp in Leesville, Eye Foundation in New Orleans. Eligibility: Invitation to join by attending meetings. Fees: Annual dues are $75.00. Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month.

Lions Club - Sorrento
P.O. Box 207
44242 Joseph Street
Sorrento, LA 70778
    Contact: Camile Trabeau (225)675-6718
    Contact: Greg Lambert (225)647-9966
Service organization; also sponsor of the Sorrento Boucherie Festival. Provide eye examination and eyeglasses to the needy; support the Louisiana Crippled Children’s Camp and Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation among other civic and humanitarian activities.

Los Isleños de Galvez Heritage & Cultural Society
7437 Meadowbrook Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70810-2014
    Contact: Dennis Delaney (601)798-8384
    Contact: Deanna Carbo (225)769-9456 tippilou2@aol.com
Descendants of the Canary Islands; promotes history, culture, and genealogy of the people of the area and across the world. Educational focus.

Louisiana Army National Guard
412 S. Irma Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.charlie769th.com
Contact: Marty Longa, SFC (225)644-7607 (225)644-7607 martin.longa@us.army.mil

Louisiana Cajun Needlers of Ascension
10079 Vera Lane
Gonzales, LA 70737
    Contact: Libby Riley (225)675-5909 Libby_Riley@yahoo.com
    Contact: Marie Reine (225)675-5163 splitlog@eatel.net
Louisiana Cajun Needlers of Ascension promote interest in and teach the art of crochet. Provide support to Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge by donating useful items, i.e. lap robes, afghans, hats, and many other various handcrafted gifts. Eligibility open to anyone who knows how to crochet, and / or those who aspire to learn. Meet at Council on Aging Gonzales, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. every third Friday of the month.

Directory of Community Services
Louisiana Department of Labor - Gonzales Job Service
P.O. Box 609
721-D S. Burnside Ave.
1712-D South Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70707-0609
www.laworks.net
Contact: Gayle D. Fisher Manager (225)644-0335 gfisher@ldol.state.la.us
One stop center providing information on local job market, public labor exchange, claims for unemployment insurance, and available training. Services free to employers or job seekers. Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs
P.O. Box 1227
828 S. Irma Blvd., Suite 106
Gonzales, LA 70707
Contact: Don Falcon (225)644-7475 (225)647-6917
Counseling and assistance with claims. Eligibility: Veteran or surviving spouse and /or children. Veterans must have a discharge that is other than dishonorable. Some benefits are available only to wartime veterans. Fees: none. Hours: Office opens in Gonzales on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Office in Donaldsonville opens on Thursday.

Louisiana National Guard - Youth Challenge Program,
Gillis W. Long Center
5445 Point Clair Road
Carville, LA 70721
Contact: Colonel (Ret) Tom Kirkpatrick Director (800)243-0911 (225)319-4645
(800)226-7543 (225)319-4626
Youth Challenge Program is a five-month military style residential school targeting at risk youth; teaches self-discipline, leadership, and responsibility; increases academic skills and work toward earning a GED; no cost to participate; no military obligation; 12 months post-residential program with mentor and follow-up. Eligibility: 16-18 year olds, male or female; high school dropouts, Louisiana residents, must be drug free and have no felony convictions, most volunteer for enrollment.

Louisiana State University Agriculture Center,
Ascension Parish
P.O. Box 579
Gonzales, LA 70707
ascension@agctr.lsu.edu
Contact: Sheri Richard Fair, Home Economist (225)621-5796 srichard@agctr.lsu.edu
Physical Address: 9039 St. Landry Road, Building G, Suite 2, Gonzales, LA 70737 The mission of the Ascension Parish Extension program, LSU Ag Center, is to help the people of Ascension Parish improve their lives through an educational process that uses research-based knowledge focused on needs and issues. Provide educational, agricultural, 4-H youth programs, home economics programs. Open to the public. Fees: none or minimal.
Louisiana Technical College - Ascension Campus
9697 Airline Hwy.
Sorrento, LA 70778
www.AscensionCampus.edu
  Contact: Mel D. Bush (225)675-5397 (225)675-6607 mbush@theltc.net
  Contact: Cleveland J. Marchand, Jr. Director (225)675-5397 (225)675-6007
cmarchand@theltc.net
Technical training for occupations in demand, remediation in the areas of math, reading and
language, career / financial / personal counseling, and G.E.D. preparation. Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fees: vary

March of Dimes - Louisiana Chapter
12015 Justice Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
www.marchofdimes.com
  Contact: Capi A.Landreneau, MSW (225)295-0655 (225)295-0677
clandreneau@marchofdimes.com
  Contact: Memrie McDonald (225)295-0655 (225)295-0677
mmcdonald@marchofdimes.com
The mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality.
Services provided include a community grant program, advocacy, professional education, public
education, information and referrals. Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Friday,
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

Mary Marcombe Home
P.O. Box 624
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
  Contact: Marlene Domingue (225)473-4516
Physical Address: 35291 Carroll Drive, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Group home for mentally handicapped female adults.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
5700 Florida Boulevard, Suite 604
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
www.madd.org
madd_louisiana@yahoo.com
  Contact: Cathy Morgan Childers (225)926-0807 (225)926-3842
Mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of violent crime, and prevent underage
drinking. Assist victims, monitor DWI cases, send out brochures for reports; public awareness,
speaking engagements, youth programs. Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

National Association of University Women
P.O. Box 24
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
  Contact: Audrey H. Preston (225)473-7969 audreyhpreston@aol.com
Render community service and promote the improvement of education. Award scholarships to
students and promote character building programs for youth. Eligibility: College graduate. Meet
third Monday at 6:00 p.m.
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
4613 Fairfield Street
Suite 101
Metairie, LA 70006
www.nationalmssociety.org
Contact: Crystal Smith Programs Director (800)346-7323 (504)831-7188 (504)832-4013
crystal.smith@lam.nmss.org
The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to end the devastating effects of MS. The chapter provides programs to over 2,800 individuals with MS living in Louisiana including support groups, information and referral education programs, quarterly newsletter, equipment loan and assistance. The chapter also funds international research into the cause and cure and treatments for MS. Eligibility: Those with MS, families, friends and professionals in the medical and social work communities. Fees: $25.00 annual membership; fee waived for individuals with MS who are unable to contribute. Hours: 9:00 – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

National Wild Turkey Federation - Blind River Boss Gobblers & Sassy Hens
717 E. Ascension St.
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.nwtf.org
Contact: Tom Core, (225)647-2151 (225)644-1131 tom.core.b3en@statefarm.com
Contact: Dr John Dupont President (225)647-3301
Contact: Joe Cagnolatti (225)937-6804
The conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of the turkey hunting tradition. Eligibility open to children, men and women of all ages. Fees: Yearly membership fees from $5- $35.

New River Rangers U.D.C., Chapter 2514
38356 Hwy. 74
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Ruth Hanson, President (225)673-8434
War veterans, history, education, genealogy and field trips.

Office of Community Services Foster/ Adoptive Home Recruitment
15322 Emmett Moore Drive
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Darcie Moore (225)622-0704 (225)622-0704 darcienotes@yahoo.com
Recruit foster and adoptive care homes for children ages birth to 18 years old in the Ascension Parish area.
Office of Family Support
P O Box 1920
1078 E. Worthey Road
Gonzales, LA 70737
ofsascen@dss.state.la.us
Contact: Gbenga Bello, FSPM (225)644-0484 (225)647-9013 gbello@dss.state.la.us

Office of Student Services (DARE)
611-2 N. Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Linda Lamendola (225)621-2526

On Track Community Mental Health Services
305 South Burnside Ave
Gonzales, LA 70737
silveroptionsontrack@hotmail.com
Contact: Sharon Lala Program Director (225)621-2760 (225)621-2760
Provides mental health services to all ages in order to either prevent a person from being hospitalized on a behavioral health unit or assist a person transitioning to independent living after being discharged from an inpatient behavioral health unit. Provide group and individual therapy - Groups consist of focus such as communication, anger management, psychotherapy; Individuals consist of one-to-one and family therapy. Eligibility: Anyone can be assessed for services. Medicare reimburses partial services; all other services are reimbursed through additional pay or sources. Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with 24 hour on call service.

Parish of Ascension - Animal Control Department
9894 Airline Hwy
Sorrento, LA 70778
Contact: Sherry Keller Shelter Manager (225)675-6557 (225)675-5810 skeller@ascension.par.la.gov
Contact: Bunnel Medine Supervisor (225)675-6557 (225)675-5810 bmedine@ascension.par.la.gov
The Ascension Parish Animal Shelter provides shelter for strays and unwanted cats and dogs. The shelter strives to place animals in new homes where they are better suited as companion animals. The shelter tries to educate the citizenry of Ascension Parish to be responsible pet owners by keeping tags and vaccinations up to date and by spaying and neutering their pets. We take complaints by phone Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays please contact the Sheriff’s office. For emergency complaints call Ascension Parish Sheriff’s Office at 621-8300. We are establishing a Pet Adoption Program Please contact us if you are interested in adopting a pet. Parish of Ascension
Counseling and Substance Abuse Center
1112 S.E. Ascension Complex Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.ascesnionparish.net
Contact: Celeste Kocke (225)621-5775 (225)644-2846 ckocke@apgov.us
Contact: Stacey Moreau (225)621-5775 (225)644-2846 smoreau@apgov.us
Provide outpatient counseling to children and youth, and family counseling as needed. Provide outpatient substance abuse treatment to teens and adults as well as assessment for inpatient referral. Individual and family counseling, psychiatric services, medication monitoring, substance abuse assessment: outpatient group treatment, aftercare services, referral to inpatient treatment. Eligibility: Must be a resident of Ascension Parish. Fees: sliding fee scale; insurance accepted. Hours: Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

Parish of Ascension - Gonzales Health Unit
1024 S.E. Ascension Complex Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.ascensionparish.net
Contact: Kenny Matassa Health Department Manager (225)644-7718 (225)644-3635 kmatassa@apgov.us
Provides a variety of health related services to residents of Ascension Parish. WIC (Women and Infant Care), prenatal care, immunizations, family planning, mosquito and animal control. Eligibility varies according to state and/or federal guidelines. Medicaid. Hours: Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Call for appointments, services and fees.

Parish of Ascension - Health Unit - Sanitation Department
1024 S.E. Ascension Complex Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Morris Miller (225)644-5916
Issuance of sewerage permits, testing of water systems, inspection of restaurants, bars, stores, snowball stands, etc. Handle complaints for sewerage, premises, and food services. Fees: $100.00 for health letter and / or water test for private property owners. All permits and inspections free of charge. Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Parish of Ascension - Keep Ascension Beautiful Advisory Committee
P.O. Box 1659
Gonzales, LA 70707-1659
tirvin@ascension.par.la.gov
Contact: Terance Irvin Coordinator (225)621-9610 tirvin@eatel.net
Parish of Ascension - Mental Health & Addictive Disorders Clinic
Gonzales office: 1112 S.E. Ascension Complex Ave., Gonzales, LA 70737
Donaldsonville office: 419 Memorial Drive, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
www.ascensionparish.net
To make an appointment: (225) 621-5775 or (225) 473-8342 (from Donaldsonville)
Contact: Susan Mittendorf (225) 621-5775; fax (225) 644-2846; smittendorf@apgov.us
Ascension Parish Mental Health and Addictive Disorders Clinic is a parish agency that provides outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment to Ascension residents. The agency is funded by a parish property tax and accepts Medicaid, insurance, and individual payment. Fees are assessed according to family income and number of dependants based on a sliding scale that begins at $2. Offices are located in Gonzales and Donaldsonville. Eligibility: Must be a resident of Ascension parish. Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Friday; 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Parish of Ascension - Mosquito Control
45404 Stringer Bridge Road
St Amant, LA 70774
www.ascensionparish.net
Contact: David Matassa Director (225)621-5744 (225)621-5711 dmatassa@apgov.us
The Mosquito Control Department treats Parish ditches for mosquito larva to control mosquito production. The Department advises the general public of possible breeding sites, and how to avoid them.

Parish of Ascension - Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP); Emergency Operations Center (EOC) &
828 S. Irma Blvd., Suite 105
Gonzales, LA 70737
ascoep@eatel.net
Contact: Tori Spiears (225)621-8360 (225)621-8362 ascoep@eatel.net
Responsible for the coordination of all emergency preparedness matters and related activities. Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; and during emergencies.

Parish of Ascension - President’s Office
P.O. Box 1659
Gonzales, LA 70707-1659
www.ascensionparish.net
administration@apgov.us
Physical Address: 208 E. Railroad Ave., Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Tommy Martinez Parish President (225)621-5709

Directory of Community Services
Parish of Ascension - Recreation and Culture (PARC)
9608 Airline Hwy 61
Sorrento, LA 70778
Contact: Sherri Kinchen Director (225)621-9661
PARC manages parish owned recreational buildings and parks, provides recreational and competitive sports activities, including baseball, softball, t-ball, soccer, and basketball programs. Recreation and culture, drama and the arts, national alliance for youth sports, alternative programs, recreation youth advisory committee. Fees: $10.00 registration fee.

Parish of Ascension - Registrar of Voters
828 S. Irma Blvd. Courthouse Annex Room 103
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Robert Poche Registrar (225)621-5780 (225)621-5783 (225)473-7906
Conducts voter registration. Picture ID, proof of residency in the parish such as bill of sale, phone bill, or other utilities required to register. Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Parish of Ascension - Youth Council
38103 Hwy 621
Gonzales, LA 70737
88vivian@cox.net
Contact: Vivian Wilkerson Administrator (225)673-4157 (225)673-2032
Work to empower and equip the youth of the parish to be leaders who can actively get involved in the decisions and projects which impact their lives and the lives of their peers in Ascension Parish. Offer leadership training, community projects to enhance the surroundings, and mentoring youth.

Poisondex Chemical Hotline
1125 W. Hwy. 30
St. Elizabeth Hospital
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Coordinator (225)647-8080

Power House Services
715 W. Worthey Rd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.powerhouseprograms.com
soberup@powerhouseprograms.com
Contact: Mark Broussard (225)647-8277 (225)647-2446
Halfway house for adult males with substance abuse issues. Group and individual therapy provided. Fees: $2,775 Hours: 24 hrs per day.
Prairieville Broncos Football Organization
17084 East Willow Drive
Prairieville, LA 70769
www.SLYFA.com
Contact: Patricia Dees President (225)677-7825 pattyd@etigers.net
Tackle football. Southern Louisiana Youth Football Association

Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana
733 E. Airport, Suite 101
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
www.pcal.org
info@pcal.org
(800)244-5373
Contact: Amanda Brunson Director of Program Outreach (225)925-9520 (225)926-1319
abrunson@pcal.org

Prevost Memorial Hospital
301 Memorial Drive
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Vince Cataldo Administrator (225)473-7931 (225)474-2138

PYLI (Prudential Youth Leadership Institute)
605 E. Worthey Road
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.ascensionapris.net
Contact: Jacqueline Richardo (225)644-1533 appyli@hotmail.com
Contact: Vivian Wilkerson (225)673-4157 88vivianw@cox.net
Promotes the development of leadership and community service for youth through leadership, education, problem solving exercises, team building, responsible behavior, and volunteerism. Individuals who graduate from PYLI are eligible to serve on the Youth Council. Eligibility: Any adolescent who resides in Ascension Parish and who is between the ages of 14 - 17 years. Fees: none. Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon for phone calls.

Quad Area Community Action Agency/Donaldsonville
P.O. Box 1156
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
quadarea@eatel.net
Contact: David Singletary Director (225)473-8361 (225)473-8361
Physical Address: 1100 Clay Street, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Emergency food/ shelter. Homeless women’s shelter, weatherization, low income energy assistance, commodities, referral services, Medicaid application center, assistance to low income, handicapped & elderly families. Fees: none. Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Directory of Community Services
Quad Area Community Action Agency/Gonzales
1222 E Cornerview Road, Suite 9
Gonzales, LA 70737
quadarea@eatel.net

Contact: Shirley Michel Director (225)644-8532 (225)644-0109 quadarea@eatel.net

Emergency food/shelter. Homeless women’s shelter, weatherization, low income energy assistance, referral services, Medicaid application center, assistance to low income, handicapped & elderly families. Educational classes including GED. Fees; none. Hours; Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Revive New River
P.O. Box 1948
Gonzales, LA 70707
www.revivenewriver.org
info@revivenewriver.org

Contact: Russ Bourgeois Vice President (225)644-7198 (225)647-7814
Contact: Julie Landreneau President (225)647-4527 (225)647-7814 jlandreneau@aol.com

Promote beautification and preservation of New River as a natural bayou. Membership is open to general public. Membership fee: $5.00 and above

River Parishes Community College
P.O. Box 310
7384 John LeBlanc Blvd. (Hwy 22)
Sorrento, LA 70778
http://rpcc.cc.la.us

Contact: Donna Seale Institutional Advancement Officer (225)675-8270 (225)675-6394 dseale@rpcc.la.us

River Parishes Community College is a two-year institution of higher learning that serves the river parishes and surrounding parishes. Students who attend can earn associate degrees, or transfer credits to a four-year institution. The college also offers continuing education courses and contract training, upon request, for industry. Tuition varies.

River Region Art Association
1835 N. Magnolia St
6470 Hwy. 22 Sorrento, LA
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.artgumbo.org

Contact: Jan Hebert (225)622-6593 (225)675-6485 bjhebert@eatel.net
Contact: Donna Braud (225)673-6816 (225)673-6816 donnadidit@cox.net

Non-profit formed with the purpose of allowing artists from all disciplines to work together to improve public awareness of all art forms. Goal is to promote art and celebrate creativity in the community. Various workshops; over 75 members are offered a place to display and sell their work. Art classes, art field trips for children, art competitions, art entertainment free and open to the public. Organization is open to all races, genders, and ages that either are artists or supporters of the arts. All art forms are recognized. Membership fee $40.00 annually for adults; $20.00 annually for students. Art Gallery is open Tuesday - Sunday, 11a.m. - 5:00 p.m., operated by member volunteers.
River Region Cancer Screening and Early Detection Center
P.O. Box 335
Sorrento, LA 70778
rrcseddr@eatel.net

Contact: Ruth Humphrey (225)675-6896 (225)675-5724
Physical Address: 9606 Airline Hwy., Sorrento, LA 70778
Early detection of cancer; cancer screening for cervical, breast, prostate, and colorectal cancer. Skin and oral screening. NO cost. Clinic Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment.

River Road African American Museum & Gallery
P.O. Box 266
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
www.africanamericanmuseum.org
aamuseum@bellsouth.net

Contact: Kathe Hambrick Museum Director (225)474-5553 aamuseum@bellsouth.net
Physical Address: 406 Charles, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Museum dedicated to the preservation, interpretation, and collection of African and African American art and artifacts as it relates to the River Parish communities. Offer storytelling, research, artist workshops and performances, and historical exhibits. Tours available. $4.00 admission. Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Rotary Club of Donaldsonville
P.O. Box 646
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
dvillecoc@eatel.net

Contact: Becky Katz President (225)473-4814
Contact: Harold Capello Vice President (225)473-8452

Rotary Club of East Ascension
P.O. Box 308
Gonzales, LA 70707-0308

Contact: Mert Smiley Membership/Charter Member (225)622-1134
Business leaders promoting fellowship, community service and international relations. Meetings are every Tuesday morning, 7:30 a.m. at Picadilly Cafeteria in Gonzales.

Rotary Club of Gonzales
526 South Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737

Contact: Olin Berthelot President (225)644-8688
Contact: Mike Hebert (225)647-0400
Safe & Drug Free Schools and Communities
611-2 N. Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
Contact: Linda C. Lamendola (225)621-2526 (225)647-3784 lamendol@apsb.org
Contact: Josette Guillery (225)621-2526 (225)647-3784 guillory@apsb.org
Substance abuse prevention awareness programs for all students, K-12, school personnel, parents, and the community. Provides intervention, counseling, and referral services to students who are experiencing academic, behavior and/or home difficulties. Students are referred by teachers, principals, guidance counselors, and parents. Fees: None. Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sorrento Volunteer Fire Department and Ascension Fire Dist. 1
P O Box 250
8096 Main Street
Sorrento, LA 70778
Contact: Mike Lambert Fire Chief (225)675-8668 mrl201@eatel.net
Volunteer fire department.

Sorrento, Town of
P O Box 65
8173 Main Street
Sorrento, LA 70778
sorrentotn@eatel.net
Contact: Brenda Melancon Mayor (225)675-5337 (225)675-8745

St Elizabeth Hospital
1125 West Hwy 30
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.steh.com
(225)647-5000
Contact: Jon Hirsch (225)647-5068 (225)621-2937 jjhirsh@steh.com
Community hospital

St. Theresa Food Bank
1022 N. Burnside Avenue
Gonzales, LA 70737
(225)647-2803
Sunrise Human Development Agency

P.O. Box 628
411 Railroad Avenue
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
shda0363@bellsouth.net

  Contact: Felicia Cushenberry Business Manager (225)474-0363 (225)474-0360
  Contact: Lawrence Gipson Executive Director (225)474-0363 (225)474-0360

Physical Address: 411 Railroad Ave, Donaldsonville, LA 70346

A non-profit corporation established to promote and enhance the social, educational, and economic welfare of the general population of its service areas. Sunrise offers four different programs: Homemaker’s Services/Medicaid application center, Parenting Skills, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Education/Literacy (after-school tutorial), and Family Strengthening program. Eligibility is open to anyone residing in the service area: parishes of Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, St. James and St. John. Fees: None. Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunshine Festival Association

P.O. Box 646
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
www.donaldsonville.org

  Contact: Becky Katz (225)473-4814

Major fundraiser for Chamber of Commerce. Held the first full weekend in November. Carnival rides, cook-off, music, street dancing.

T.O.P.S. #LA 422 Prairieville

Prairieville, LA 70769
  Contact: Vivian (225)622-2114

T.O.P.S. LA # 68

Gonzales, LA 70737
  Contact: Doris Melancon (225)673-8536
  Contact: Vivian (225)622-2114

Support group to aid the overweight in attaining and maintaining their physician prescribed weight goals. Meets Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Black Bayou Road.

Tee-Joe Gonzales Museum

217 West Main Street
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.gonzalesla.com

  Contact: Betty Latuso (225)647-2841 (225)647-9557

The museum is housed in the former home of the founding father of the City of Gonzales, Joseph, "Tee-Joe," Gonzales. It contains a permanent display of artifacts from Ascension Parish that dates from the 1800’s and rotating displays depicting various aspects of life in Ascension Parish. Please contact City Hall for museum hours. Closed major holidays. Please call ahead for group tours.
**The Fellowship Center**
813 S. Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
  Contact: Veda Stringer Assistant Director (225)644-4342 (225)644-2710
  Contact: Beth Gautreau Operations Manager (225)644-2711
*Provides assistance with food, clothing, medicine, help with electric bills and transportation to doctor visits to low income families, fire victims, and disaster victims, elderly, disabled, and unemployed. Provide food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We accept donations of clothing, shoes & accessories, toys, house ware items, etc. All monies made from the sale of these items go toward providing assistance.*

**The Salvation Army**
218 East Bayou Narcisse Road
Gonzales, LA 70737
  Contact: (225)644-2807 (225)647-2805
*The Salvation Army is an international movement, an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its purpose is to meet human needs in Jesus’ name without discrimination. Emergency services, emergency assistance, and disaster relief in the form of clothing and medication. Hours: Monday thru Friday 8 a. m. - 4 p. m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

**True Friends Hall Association**
P.O. Box 566
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
  Contact: Janet Francis (225)473-2848

**Veterans Memorial Park Committee**
42644 Hwy. 42
Prairieville, LA 70769
  Contact: Gordon C. Knapp (225)622-2851

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #3693**
P.O. Box 683
Gonzales, LA 70707-0683
  Contact: Pamela Ard Treasurer (225)673-6935
  Contact: Lois Croom President (225)622-4704
*Purpose is to help all fellow veterans and their families, community service work, and conduct Americanism programs in schools.*
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gonzales Memorial Post # 3693 Auxiliary
P.O. Box 683
Gonzales, LA 70707
vfwp3693@eatel.net
Contact: Lois Croom Auxiliary President (225)622-4704
Contact: Pamela Ard Treasurer (225)673-6935
Physical Address: 42430 Church Point Road, Gonzales, LA 70737
Purpose is to help all fellow veterans and their families, community service work, and conduct Americanism programs in schools.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Montalbano-Sentilles Post # 3766
2222 Fontana Rd.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Julien Trepagnier (225)473-7458
Contact: James Haynes Quartermaster (225)473-7494
Contact: Maurice A. Gautreau Commander
Physical Address: 300 Mississippi Street, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Informs and helps all veterans with civil and community activities. For all veterans who served overseas in time of war. Donate to Council on Aging, DAARC, UPLINK, Cancer Services, the Coffee Shop Outpatient Clinic and veterans. Monday night Bingo. Membership is $15.00/yr. Meet: First Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteer Ascension
P.O. Box 1564
Gonzales, LA 70707-1564
volas@eatel.net
Contact: Audrey Boudreaux, Executive Director (225)644-7655 (225)644-8071
Physical Address: 908 Airline Hwy, 2nd Floor, Gonzales, LA 70737
Volunteer Ascension is a volunteer center which strives to positively impact the needs of Ascension Parish by promoting and developing volunteerism. Programs include: Volunteer of the Year Awards, School Tools, Uniform Drive, and Connectees, Make a Difference Day, Mentoring Ascension, and Volunteer Community Services.

West Ascension Southern University Alumni Association
P.O. Box 1404
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
Contact: Janet Francis (225)473-2848
Contact: Wilbert Huey (225)473-7589

Whatever It Takes (W.I.T)
10517 Buxton St.
St. Amant, LA 70774
Contact: Monique Madere (225)675-6728
Contact: Ivy Tullier (225)675-8367
Woodmen of the World / Omaha Woodman Life Insurance Society, Lodge #18
205 Gardenia Drive
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
www.woodman.org
service@woodman.com
Contact: Avalon J. Leader (225)356-9886
Contact: Brett Landry, Secretary. (800)225-3108
Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society is a fraternal beneficiary non-profit civic society dating back to 1890; members join by purchasing life insurance policies with woodmen. Organized through a series of community lodges that stress local volunteerism, aid to charitable and non-profit organizations. Eligibility: variable upon purchase of life insurance policy with woodmen. Fees: variable. Local lodge staffed by volunteers; meet monthly at various locations.

YWCA of Greater Baton Rouge
3955 Government Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70806-0575
www.ywca-br.org
info@ywca.org
Contact: (225)383-0681 (225)383-5733 maddenywca@bellsouth.net
Mission of the YWCA is the empowerment of women and the elimination of racism. ENCORE plus (breast and cervical health education and screening for medically underserved women); you and me and HIV (promotes HIV/AIDS prevention among young people); racial justice and public policy programs. Eligibility: Open to all women and girls in the Greater Baton Rouge area. Men may be associate members. Fees: Annual dues are $30.00 and up.
Notes