



Press Release

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EVANGELINE PARISH FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES EDUCATION FUND BY RECOGNIZING TEACHERS

Ville Platte, LA - Evangeline Parish Foundation (EPF), an affiliate of Community Foundation of Acadiana (CFA), is recognizing and honoring teachers in an effort to raise funds to support education throughout Evangeline Parish.

The public is encouraged to show appreciation of their favorite teachers, past or present, by making a tax-deductible, minimum \$100 donation or more to the EPF Education Fund for each teacher to be recognized. Donations can be made “in memory” or “in honor” of teachers regardless of when or where they taught. Teachers who are honored will be acknowledged and publicized through traditional and social media outlets and on the Evangeline Parish Foundation’s website.

Donations can be made online at www.cfacadiana.org/epfeducationfund or by check mailed to Community Foundation of Acadiana, memo: EPF Education Fund, 1035 Camellia Boulevard, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA 70508. You must name the teacher(s) you are recognizing and the school where they taught or are currently teaching in order for them to be acknowledged.

“We feel strongly that education is a key to personal success,” said Dr. Gwen Fontenot, an EPF Board of Director and Associate Professor of Marketing at UL Lafayette. “This campaign is an opportunity to thank and recognize all the teachers, from pre-K through college, who have had a personal or professional impact on our lives.”

Donations to the teacher appreciation campaign will help establish the endowed EPF Education Fund. Earnings from the fund will be distributed to schools, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or churches through an annual competitive grant process to enhance public and private education and instruction throughout Evangeline Parish. Grants can be used for training sessions, schools supplies and equipment, classroom resources, awards for principals and teachers, and scholarships.

Established in 2017, EPF is a nonprofit foundation who supports arts, education, community development projects, and improving the local culture through grants to enhance the quality of life for Evangeline Parish residents.

Community Foundation of Acadiana (CFA) is a donor-centric, entrepreneurial foundation whose core purpose is building legacies and improving communities by connecting generous people to the causes they care about. Since inception in 2000, individuals, families, companies and government agencies have entrusted CFA more than \$230 million in cumulative gifts and more than \$121 in cumulative grants. CFA's primary service area includes eight (8) Acadiana Parishes of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion.

For more information on the Evangeline Parish Education Fund or the Evangeline Parish Foundation, email epf@cfacadiana.org or call Dr. Gwen Fontenot (337-831-0852) or Anita Fontenot (337-258-0731).



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