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Whole Enchihuahua Give for Good Day Fiesta hosted at Marilynn's Place in 2015.

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Community is giving for a good cause

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**G**et ready to party, wine and dine with a charitable heart. The third annual Give for Good Day of Giving presented by The Community Foundation of North Louisiana is Tuesday and will last for 24 hours — beginning at midnight Tuesday — for the 180 participating local nonprofit organizations.

Donors may give from anywhere they can access The Foundation's website, GiveforGoodNLA.org. But many nonprofits will host personal parties for the public to meet the people behind the organization and join in fun activities, including sports,



Chad Hauser

games, cookouts and happy hours. "My wife and I enjoy supporting organizations with a mission to serve our community," said Chad Hauser, who plans to attend The Philadelphia Center's "Tres de Mayo!" event at Ki Mexico. "It's all the easier to participate when other organizations, (like Ki Mexico, host the fundraiser. I mean, have you had the Gringa taco?"

Donations start at \$10 and there are no restrictions.

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tions on how much can be donated. Organizations can earn any of the available \$235,000 in bonus funds and prizes during the 24 hours if certain goals are met.

The overall goal for Give for Good 2016 is \$2 million. Last year, the Day of Giving generated more than \$1.7 million during the 24-hour drive. The public can watch the donations grow throughout the community via an online, real-time Leaderboard at GiveforGoodNLA.org.

Many causes from arts, culture, and education to health, social service and more will be represented.

Locals share their reasons for deciding to participate in this year's Day of Giving:

"The reason I would support the Give for Good (Day) is because I remember when Sister Margaret was doing the same type of programs in the early 80s and 90s she would



Johnny Antwine

help whole communities with food, clothing, rent — whatever you needed help with. We could see the difference in people willing to help. I believe in nonprofits and donations because a lot of the time people need help right now and can't wait on the government's help. Christian Services played a big part in my life as a kid and a lot of others who lived in that community. Christian Services helps a lot of recovering addicts or families who may have parents who have lost their jobs. It is a great nonprofit service if you are considering helping because they do what needs to be done with the money. Sister Margaret would have a telethon to raise money in the group. I was proud to be apart in giving back to our communities!"

— Johnny Antwine, music producer

"Supporting local nonprofits is vital to the improvement of our community. They do so much and it causes a ripple effect of betterment that can be felt on all levels. I feel like everyone contributes to their environments. Without each other, things fall apart. I chose to contribute, even if it's just a small amount, so I can see and be apart of the positive change that so many

strive for in the SBC." — Kimberly McKinney, student/artist

"I enjoy Give for Good Day because it gives everyone a chance to learn



Cory Goodwin

about the amazing non-profit organizations Shreveport and Bossier (City) offer. I love to give to the organizations I volunteer with or those that help children/young adults. I know giving back to the community, whether it be by volunteering or donations, makes me think of my grandmother, Ginny (Virginia K. Shehee). She had always said that if you give to your community, they will give back to you."

— Cory Goodwin, managing assistant at Elton Rickey & Associates

"I plan to support the Marlene Yu Museum on Give for Good (Day) because the Museum has brought me a lot of inspiration and happiness since in Shreve-



Iris Maclean

port. It's a really unique and special thing for Shreveport to have as it adds more culture and opportunity to downtown Shreveport, my favorite area of town. Additionally, I plan to support other nonprofits on Give for Good because there are so many wonderful organizations that further the ideals and aid the variety of needs in our community. Without nonprofits we wouldn't have nearly as many programs for children, cool things to do, and services for those in need." — Iris Maclean, PR Manager, Rainforest Art Foundation

"I support and donate to



Sysica Hazelton

the BAC support artists and other parts of the community with services we really need. For example, the arts. Without many nonprofits, artists like myself would have less access to information and other things we really

need to grow. Both Shreveport Regional Arts Council and Bossier Arts Council have contributed to my growing success personally. BAC's programs also help students learn and focus what they want to do with their talents as well. It brings more culture to our region with these new generation of artists. So how could I not be supportive of nonprofits? With as much good as they bring to all of us, I see no reason why I shouldn't." — Sysica Hazelton, artist