

# *Galveston County Community Action Council, Inc.*

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Dear Sir or Madame:

***Galveston County Community Action Council*** (GCCAC) is a 501C-3 Agency, established under the Economic Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty. Our agency is a non-profit agency incorporated under the laws of the state of Texas. Our very existence is based on the desire of the organization to serve the poor, with the goal being to eliminate the "cycle of poverty" for as many person/families as humanly possible. Our agency does this by using funds provided by local and philanthropic organizations, and using the intellect and the humanity of staff to ensure that our clients are served.

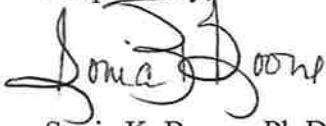
***Our mission*** is to serve the elderly, disabled, and underserved persons throughout the four-county service area of GCCAC- Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, and Wharton Counties. We strive to enhance the quality of lives of our clients by helping them to transition themselves out of poverty and by promoting self-sufficiency.

We are seeking donations to fund our annual operating budget. During extreme weather events (i.e., summer heat or winter storms), our elderly, disabled, and other underserved citizens are the most impacted adversely. Often, the elderly and disabled live on fixed incomes. When extreme weather strikes, utility bills rise, often directly after the event during the next several utility billing cycles, and the elderly, disabled, and underserved citizens are often forced to make choices that impact their well-being. Those choices include but are not limited to the following: the choice between paying rent or paying a utility bill, paying utilities versus purchasing groceries, paying for utilities versus purchasing prescription medicines. Outcomes that have been previously met were that seniors, persons with disabilities, and other underserved populations will not need to make these serious choices that impact their health and well-being, as we assist with utility payments during these times. Our overall targets that the agency meets each year are as follows:

- Our agency has assisted disabled, senior, and underserved citizens in becoming less vulnerable to extreme weather events which can possibly cause death, heat stroke, or freeze within the four-county service area.
- Our agency has assisted clients in circumventing the disruption of ongoing medical care, food costs, and/or rental needs by assisting with a necessity that can and will likely affect their livelihood.
- Our agency has assisted in the prevention of the elderly, disabled, and underserved citizens from leaving their homes to sit in malls, libraries, or shelters seeking cool air or heat thus preventing safety issues for those that are less able to see, hear, and/or walk due to being disabled or elderly.
- Our agency has encouraged disabled, senior, and underserved citizens to control energy costs through energy education.

Helping our senior citizens, disabled persons, and underserved persons navigate through times of extreme weather is important to our agency. Please consider a donation to assist with our annual operating budget. Thank you for your consideration!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sonia K. Boone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sonia" being the most prominent.

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