Screening for Life

- Service Area: Union, Morehouse, Richland, East Carroll, West Carroll, Tensas, Madison, Bienville Parishes
- Hypertension, Diabetes, Stroke, Heart Disease, Cancer Screenings

Service Area Challenges

- Healthcare shortage areas
- No Community Health Workers (CHWs) or systematic screening and referral system in these parishes
- The worst health outcomes and risk factors in the State and nation
- **91,300** premature deaths for these 8 parishes (YPLL before 75)

Partnering with Parish Residents for a Healthier Community & Future

- Screen and refer via systematic health screening events
- Recruit and train area CHWs (Community Healthcare Workers) as part of sustainability
- Develop a toolkit for local organizations and CHWs

Uniting to Change the Lives of Our Neighbors in Need

- BCBSLA Foundation
- ULM College of Health Sciences
- ULM College of Pharmacy
- ULM Kitty DeGree Eminent Scholars, Endowed Chair for Nursing
- Oschner LSUHSC – Monroe
- CHW's: Community Healthcare Workers

Improve the Quality of Life and Lower Mortality Rates

Objectives:

- **2400** residents, or 12% of the total population for the combined parishes, will be screened and referred, if necessary.
- Recruit and train a minimum of 20 CHWs per parish

Parish	Health Outcomes Ranking in State by Total Number of Parishes	Premature Deaths [Less than 75 years of age in a 3-year period]
Union	38/64	10,500
Morehouse	61/64*	12,600
Richland	47/64	10,400
East Carroll	64/64*	13,300
West Carroll	33/64	10,200
Tensas	59/64*	10,200
Madison	63/64*	12,200
Bienville	55/64*	11,900
		Total Number of Premature Deaths: 91,300

Our Vision and How to Achieve It

OVERALL GOALS

- Improve outcomes and risk factor rankings for these 8 parishes.
- Decrease premature deaths by 1% after 5 years of CHWs engagement with oversight from ULM College of Health Sciences faculty.

TOOLS & ACTIONS

- 2400 parishioners screened and referred during funding period.
- A minimum 20 CHWs per parish trained during funding period.
- Health outcomes and risk factor rankings compared before and after screenings and beyond with the ULM-CHWs partnership.

Sustainability and a New Culture of Well-Being

- CHWs will continue screenings within these eight parishes with oversite by ULM College of Health Sciences faculty.
- ULM faculty support of CHWs after the funding period as the service component of the faculty role.
- Local service organizations* will sponsor and execute education and screening events with CHWs.
- ULM will pursue additional funding from governmental and NGO funding sources.

*Sororities, churches, fraternal orders