

Mission Statement

- ❖ To facilitate an awareness of the status and needs of women by serving as a clearinghouse for information and services available to women in this community.
- ❖ To provide input at the local level regarding the concerns of women by making recommendations for policies and promoting programs that improve the role of women in this community.

Lafayette Commission on the Needs of Women

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Established in 1976 by Lafayette Consolidated Government to address and serve the needs of women in Lafayette



The Lafayette Commission
on the
Needs of Women



Founders

- ☞ Dr. Sarah Brabant
- ☞ Dr. Doris Bentley
- ☞ Ms. Isabel Gant
- ☞ Ms. Margaret Gimbrede
- ☞ Ms. Jessie Livingston Taylor

History

- ❖ 1963 – President John F. Kennedy established the President’s Commission on Status of Women.
- ❖ LCNW founders were instrumental in leading the steering committee that drafted a proposal for the commission, with assistance from the State Governor’s Commission and the support of former Mayor Kenneth F. Bowen, which was presented to the City Council.
- ❖ 1976 – As a result of their efforts, Lafayette established Mayor’s Commission on the Needs of Women (now known as the Lafayette Commission on the Needs of Women), making Lafayette the second city in Louisiana to establish a commission.

Achievements

- ❖ Created Hearts of Hope – an offshoot of the Rape Crisis Center created by the University Medical Center
- ❖ Co-created the first Battered Shelter at Salvation Army
- ❖ Supported Women Work Louisiana – job training for displaced homemakers
- ❖ Established the Boards and Commissions Registry for women interested in positions within Lafayette Parish Government
- ❖ Developed Women’s and Children’s Services resource directory
- ❖ Partnered with Faith House and other agencies in Stop the Violence Walk
- ❖ Sponsored Saturday Morning Women’s Safety Seminars
- ❖ Awarded Platinum Level distinction from National Association of Commissions for Women for participation in Healthy Bones Project
- ❖ Partnered with League of Women Voters on local events



Current Involvements

- ❖ Advocate for local programs, projects, and initiatives that help women in our community
- ❖ Collaboration with local social service and civic organizations
- ❖ Liaison between local entities and Lafayette Consolidated Government
- ❖ Member of the National Association of Commissions for Women
- ❖ UL Lafayette Women’s Conference
- ❖ Women of Excellence Banquet
- ❖ Legislative and community tracking of women and family issues
- ❖ Local health/wellness, legal, civic and business expos
- ❖ Women’s History Month Proclamation by Lafayette Consolidated Government

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