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# **NOLA BAPTIST CHARITIES™**

*Giving Help, Providing Hope!*



**Dr. Calvin W. Woods, Jr., President**  
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## **Who We Are**

NOLA Baptist Charities is a 501 © 3 Nonprofit agency that is committed to giving help and providing hope for the citizens of New Orleans and the surrounding cities. We are united as African American Baptist churches seeking to provide programs, advocate, and empower the hurting in our communities no matter what their race, creed, or color.

We will provide food and nutrition services, aid the homeless, hungry, the elderly, tutoring, at-risk youth, women, mental health, counseling, housing, financial assistance, family life training, Prison re-entry program, counseling, and many more.

## **Our History**

Nola Baptist Charities was birth in June of 2016 by Dr. Calvin W. Woods, Jr. when he became the President of the First District Missionary Baptist Association. His vision was to create a Baptist charity where African Americans could help their local churches and communities to address some of the needs they were facing. He realized that our individual churches were making a difference, but if

we could combine our efforts, we could do greater things for our communities. Therefore, after he shared his vision and it was accepted and approved, he selected his committee, filed the proper papers to become a 501 C-3 Non-Profit agency and NOLA Baptist Charities became a reality.

## **Our Mission**

Our mission is to show the love of God through our words and deeds. Therefore, we will offer life-giving programs, advocate for the voiceless, and empower the poor and vulnerable to foster a more just society.

## **Our Values**

- Respect for others
- Demonstrating love through our service
- Advocating for Justice and Fairness
- Providing Unity through Partnership and Prayer
- Educate the Illiterate
- Employ the unemployed
- Reduce crime in our communities
- Teach forgiveness and conflict resolution