



DPE and community partners work together to fight COVID-19

In hard times, the community of St. John the Baptist Parish must work together to recover. Longtime partnerships throughout the parish are playing a more important role than ever in feeding, protecting and caring for this community.

Denka Performance Elastomer, the second-largest employer in the parish, has been working to do its part to help its neighbors in St. John by donating funds and protective equipment to various local agencies and organizations working to stop the spread of COVID-19 and help care for St. John residents during the pandemic.

The company donated \$5,000 to the St. John United Way COVID-19 Relief Fund benefitting the Second Harvest Food Bank, which has been hard-hit by the ongoing crisis. DPE also provided protective face masks to the following groups:

**St. John United Way
St. John Sheriff's Office
Second Harvest Food Bank
Twin Oaks Nursing Home**

**St. John Fire Department
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home
New Wine Church
River Place Behavioral Health Hospital**

“More St. John residents than ever need our services, and with DPE’s help we are able to continue to help our neighbors through these tough times,” said St. John United Way Executive Director Artis Williams said. “It’s important to know you can count on your neighbors.”



St. John Fire Department – Station #51



St. John Sheriff Office

The company continues to produce critical materials used in the fight against COVID-19: synthetic rubber is used to make anesthesia bags, breathing bags, medical wrap, gauze, tapes and medical gloves that first responders, healthcare professionals and everyday people need to stay safe.



Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home



New Wine Christian Fellowship



Twin Oaks Nursing & Convalescent Home

“Our community and employees are our company’s top priorities, and now more than ever we want to help make sure our neighbors stay safe and healthy.” DPE’s plant manager Jorge Lavastida said. “It is critical that we do our part to help St. John get through this crisis and rebuild.”



St. John United Way with Second Harvest Food Bank



River Place Behavioral Health Hospital