



Louisiana Gumbo Festival of Chackbay

1143 Highway 304
Thibodaux, LA 70301

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Dear Community Partner,

The **Louisiana Gumbo Festival of Chackbay** is more than just great food and family fun — it's the **primary fundraiser** for the Chackbay Volunteer Fire Department as we receive no funding from the Thibodaux Fireman's Fair.

As we prepare for our **Live Auction on Sunday, October 12, 2025**, we invite you to join us in making this year's event our most successful yet. Your donation not only helps fund our essential operations—it also gives your business valuable exposure to thousands of festival-goers. With an anticipated attendance of more than **15,000 people** over the weekend, your items will be prominently displayed throughout the weekend and your company recognized during our live auction event. Your donation may also be tax deductible (501c3 **Chackbay Volunteer Fire Department — FEIN: 72-0822264**).

Auction Item Ideas:

Items that appeal to a wide audience—outdoor gear, sports equipment, event tickets, and unique experiences tend to generate great excitement and bids as well as items that showcase your business. If you prefer, monetary donations are also appreciated, allowing us to purchase auction items on your company's behalf.

Why your support matters:

- Keeps our volunteer firefighters equipped with lifesaving equipment
- Funds specialized training and safety programs
- Strengthens our community's emergency response readiness

If your company is unable to participate at this time, please keep us in mind for future opportunities to work together. On behalf of the Chackbay Volunteer Fire Department and the entire **Louisiana Gumbo Festival of Chackbay** team—thank you for helping us keep Chackbay safe and strong.

For questions or to arrange your donation, please contact us at **GumboFestAuction@gmail.com | (985) 859-5537 (Chad Usey) or (985) 227-2500 (Karlle Adams)**.

With gratitude,

Chad Usey | Auction Chairman

The Gumbo Capital of Louisiana