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## Editor's Notes

It's hard to believe this is the last League Logs of the 2015-16 year. And what a year it's been! I think it's safe to say the 90th anniversary celebration surpassed all our expectations. In this issue, we'll take a look back at the League's accomplishments for the year, including the #90for90 campaign and the fundraising events that support our contributions to the River Region. We'll also introduce the 2016-17 Board of Directors and Community Partners.

I want to give special thanks to the League Logs committee for all their great work on the magazine this year. We also thank Bryan Carter for his photographs of our meetings and events, and Leigh Farrior for designing each issue of League Logs – even while she was on maternity leave with her second baby!

We hope that we have achieved what we set out to do last fall: make League Logs a timely, informative, and interesting look at the League's activities, our community partners, and our charitable giving. Thanks for reading, and have a great summer!

**Stefanie Christensen Francisco**  
League Logs Editor

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# President's Message

## *What will your legacy be?*

What a thrilling year we have had as members of the Junior League of Montgomery! I cannot thank our members, corporate sponsors, and community enough for rallying around our organization to make our 90th year of service to Montgomery and the River Region so special. While we are still enjoying the afterglow of this milestone year, let's begin to turn our attention to the future. It's time to get back to the business the Junior League of Montgomery has been doing for nine decades!

The theme for our anniversary year was "What will your legacy be?" I chose this theme because I wanted to remind our membership that the choices and decisions we make now have a lasting impact on the future of our League and our community. We have a lot to be proud of this year. We started our first giving campaign, the Lillie Lee Minier Society, we showered 10 non-profits with gifts from our #90for90 campaign, we "remembered" over 125 Sustainers, we donated over \$140,000 to local non-profits in one evening at our 90th Anniversary Gala, and we welcomed our largest Provisional class in 8 years! All of these accomplishments are part of the legacy of our 90th Anniversary. They will be remembered by future generations of League members.

Many of you may ask, "Where do we go from here?" Now is the time for us to join together, draw on the energy created this year, and focus on the bright future of our League and the exciting direction that we are headed as an organization. One of the great benefits of membership in JLM is that you can choose your role in the League. If you want to take on a lot of responsibility, it is up for grabs! Or, if you want to take a back seat for a little while, that is good, too. Whatever your aspirations are in the League, it is up to you to work towards finding your voice and making a difference. All of this sounds so simple, right? Well, it is.

As we move into our 91st year in Montgomery, I challenge each of our current and future members to use this moment to find your passion and purpose in the League. You are all like threads of a tapestry, working together carefully to create a beautiful fabric in the end.

It has been a true honor to be your 90th President and I hope I have served you well. While I have given all my time, energy and talent to the League this year, mostly I have given my heart. I love the Junior League of Montgomery and what it represents. Continue to do the great work that generations of women before you began and that we are all so proud to take part in today.

And, for the final time, I ask, "What will your legacy be?"

*Kimberly A. Baker*  
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#### STUNNING PIKE ROAD HOME

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2016 PARADE HOME

#### WOODLAND CREEK PARADE HOME!

Southern living style plan featuring dining room w/adjacent butler/wet bar area, large greatroom w/FP & open kitchen w/work island, double oven & pantry. Wood floors throughout living areas. Owner's den sits adjacent to master suite & can be opened to the great room. Upstairs offers a 4th BA, hobby closet, PLUS an oversized room for 5th BR, theatre rm, or play rm. \$416,800. Call Anna Kate at 799-3597.



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#### IT'S ALL ABOUT THE UPGRADES!

Gorgeous like new home in East Montgomery features crown molding, upgraded light fixtures, laminate wood floors, 10ft+ ceilings & a spacious floor plan. Great room boasts fireplace, surround sound & wood flooring. Dining room w/moldings, & wood floors. Kitchen has granite counter tops & stainless appliances. Covered back patio, storage barn & 2 car garage. \$219,900. Call Anna Kate at 799-3597.



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#### 15 PIER STREET

Gorgeous town home at The Waters features beautiful views. Home has been freshly painted & offers solid oak floors thru out downstairs & 10 ft ceilings. Kitchen features tile backsplash, granite countertops, pantry, island & casual dining area. Home also has spray foam insulation, covered front porch with green space & town square views & covered parking. \$243,800.



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GOLF COURSE VIEW

POOL

#### LUXURY ON THE EMERALD MNT. GOLF COURSE

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#### WOODLAND CREEK

Just 2.5 years old, this home features quality finishes like Hardie board construction & heavy stone accents. Open foyer, living area, dining room, large great rm w/gas FP, kitchen w/ granite countertops & stainless appliances. Spacious downstairs master w/jetted tub, separate shower & granite vanities. SMART FLOOR PLAN-4th BR, 3rd BA & nice bonus rm upstairs. \$286,500. Call Anna Kate @ 799-3597.

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# Committee Honored as Sustainers of the Year

BY ALLIE JONES



*"When the work you put in is realized, let yourself feel the pride, but always stay humble and kind"*

*-Humble & Kind, Written by Lori McKenna, Recorded and Performed by Tim McGraw*

Humble and kind are the two words that kept running through my mind as the Sustainer of the Year Award was presented to the inaugural sustainer committee, chaired by Charlene Holtsford.

Charlene was president of the Junior League in 2002-2003. During that year, her theme was "taking the time," whether it was in our community, making memories, or finding a mission. This year she took the time to chair the 26-member sustainer committee. Community Council VP Felicia Long said, "By a unanimous vote, Charlene Holtsford was selected as the first chair of the sustainer committee due to her known commitment to excellence in all she does. She graciously agreed to serve and immediately began recruiting other sustainers to serve on the committee."

The overall committee was divided into four sub-committees: the Social Committee, the Education and Training Committee, the Service Committee, and the Fundraising Committee. The Social Committee, chaired by Susannah Cleveland, hosted a wine and cheese party, a trip to Atlanta to see "The Book of Mormon," and a day trip to Jim Scott's garden. The Education and Training Committee was chaired by Leah Stephens. Marti Rice was chair of the Service Committee, which volunteered at the Montgomery Christian School and the Montgomery AIDS Outreach food pantry. Barbara Grimes chaired the Fundraising Committee, which managed the Holiday Market baggage claim and gift sale, along with the ever-popular Rummage Sale Value Shop.

This year's focus was the "Recruit 90 for the 90th" initiative. The Recruiting Committee was co-chaired by Cindy Sahlie and Betty Bobbitt Byrne, and they exceeded their goal of bringing 90 sustainers back into the League in an extremely short period of time. By October 2015, 90 sustainers had been reinstated, well ahead of their January 2016 deadline. At the General Membership Meeting on May 10, it was announced that 130 sustainers had re-joined the League.

Barbara Grimes will be the 2016-17 Sustainer Committee Chair. "Working with Charlene has been such an inspiration for me," said Barbara. "She was so successful in encouraging so





many sustainer reinstatements. I loved serving on her sustainer committee and I received so much support from her and the entire committee while working at Holiday Market and the Rummage Sale. As the second year's sustainer chair, I have big shoes to fill, but I know Charlene

has set the path for sustainers to continue being involved with all of our community service and fun sustainer socials. I encourage any sustainer to join that wants to jump on board for a fun year together and plan great things for our sustainer ladies!"

## 2015-16 JLM SUSTAINER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Leah Stephens

Ellen Stone

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Lisa Terry





# Education and Training

## Committee Showcases Community Opportunities



BY JOYCE LOYD-DAVIS

The Junior League of Montgomery provides Education and Training opportunities throughout the year for its members. This year, we have had a great year of Education & Training (E&T) activities. The E&T Committee was lead by LeCretia Snow; she had a small committee of three people. Although small, this committee was fierce, as shown by the fact that they won the In-League Placement of the Year Award. Feedback from League members is that this has been one of the Best E&T years in recent memory. Members also have commented on how engaging the topics were this year. The topics included the following:

**A Diversity Summit with the  
Chamber of commerce**

**Pink Out Day focusing on  
Breast Cancer Awareness**

**Bullying 101 for Parents**

**Holiday Open House at  
Capitol's Rosemont Gardens**

**Yoga Fusion**

**Voter Awareness**

**Go Red for Women**

**Social Media Basics**

**Pure Barre**

**Healthy Hair & Skin Tips**

With this wide variety of topics, the interest has been great. Active members are required to complete two Education & Training credits, however many chose to obtain more credits this year. Chair LeCretia Snow says, "We set out to be the In-League Placement of the Year. We established clear goals and worked hard to accomplish those goals." She credits Ashley Penhale, Melinda Stallworth and Jennifer Summerlin for doing an outstanding job as committee members.

More than 75 JLM members participated in the Voter Awareness opportunity, where members sent in a selfie after they voted. The Pure Barre experience was rejuvenating for the mind and body, and the participants had the opportunity to sign up for those continued exercise classes at a discount. The most attended activity was the Holiday Open House at Rosemont Gardens; Junior League members enjoyed the holiday tips on decorating.

As the Junior League continues to serve the community, we will continue to offer our members opportunities to learn. Several of the sessions were actually facilitated by league members. This committee has set the bar high and we certainly look forward to continued Education and Training offerings!









# Community Donors

## Support JLM's Mission



BY STEFANIE FRANCISCO

On Wednesday, May 4, the Junior League of Montgomery hosted a luncheon to share information with donors about how their support has impacted the River Region community during the 90th anniversary year. This was the fourth annual donor appreciation luncheon, and a valuable opportunity for donors to share in JLM's success.

President Kimberly Baker welcomed the guests and introduced them to the women who have led the League this year as well as those who will be in leadership roles in 2016-17. "Our desire is that you leave here today with a better idea of what we do and how we manage your sponsorship dollars to help the Montgomery community," said Baker. "Your continued support allows us to reach out and help even more organizations."

Allison Prillaman, Vice President of Fundraising, provided the donors with a snapshot of JLM's events. Thanks to title sponsor Alabama Power, this year's College & Career Night gave a record number of high school students an inside look at colleges, scholarships, and work opportunities. Holiday Market, sponsored by Baptist Health, draws more than 10,000 shoppers each fall. In its new one-day format, the Rummage Sale was an enormous success thanks to WindCreek Hospitality's generous donation of furniture and linens. "All of our fundraisers this year exceeded our goals," said Prillaman. "One hundred percent of your sponsorship dollars go right back into the community."

Making the largest impact possible with those valuable dollars is the top priority for JLM. 2016-17 President Kelli Wise noted that JLM and its donors have a shared goal: "We're in this together to strengthen our community."

Wise explained the process by which community organizations are selected to receive grants from JLM, and shared the recipients for next year's grants. "We couldn't do any of this without you, our partners," Wise said. "We may be the hands and feet, but you are our backbone. Thank you for believing in the Junior League of Montgomery and believing in the River Region."

Vice President of Communications Michelle Mowery noted that 2015-16 has also been a successful year for publicizing the League, its activities, and its sponsors. This includes 36 television interviews, 27 billboards advertising events and the 90th anniversary, and a 1000% increase in social media engagement since last year. "In addition to getting our message out, we were thanking our sponsors," Mowery said.

Partnering with the Junior League of Montgomery offers organizations the chance to make positive changes in our community while also reaching new and diverse audiences. For information on how to become a supporter of JLM, contact Donor Relations Director Jacque Foshee at 334-288-8816 or [jacquefoshee@jlmontgomery.org](mailto:jacquefoshee@jlmontgomery.org).













# Junior Volunteers Day

## *Connects Kids to Service*

BY FELICIA LONG, COMMUNITY COUNCIL VP

The Junior League of Montgomery hosted the 2nd Annual Junior Volunteers Day on April 16, 2016, during National Volunteer Week. Because research shows that youth who volunteer are three times more likely to volunteer as adults, last year the League started inviting all children and grandchildren of League members to participate in a day of service. This year's theme was Firefighters and Police Appreciation Day.

On the day of service, children arrived at the League headquarters with cookies and brownies that they had made. They then colored and wrote thank you cards to firefighters and policemen and decorated appreciation banners with their handprints. The kids also had fun posing for pictures with the photo props. Next, the children and parents all caravanned to the South Central Headquarters for the Montgomery Police Department and Montgomery Fire/Rescue Station 9 (aka the Old Montgomery Mall) to deliver their homemade goodies, appreciation banners, and cards. The kids received gold

badges at the police station and red hats and cups at the fire station as souvenirs.

At the fire station, the children took a tour of the firehouse, learned fire safety tips, watched the ladder on the fire ladder being raised, and also got to spray water out of the firehose. Because children are often frightened when a fireman comes into a burning building dressed in their full fire gear, a fireman put on his full fire attire for the kids so they would understand not to be afraid of a firefighter if they were in a burning building in the future and needed a fireman's help.

Junior Volunteers Day was enjoyed by all—kids, parents, and the servicemen. The event was a success first due to the planning and preparation of the Community Council, including League member Carrie Cauthen who developed the activities for the children. Then, the firemen and policemen were most gracious with their time and hospitality. We are thankful for your service to our community!



# ClefWorks

## Placement Spotlight



BY CARRIE CAUTHEN, CLEFWORKS COMMITTEE CHAIR

ClefWorks, a Junior League favorite, returned to the placement lineup for the 2015-2016 year. Each year ClefWorks and Executive Director Leah Stephens work tirelessly to bring a fabulous series of concerts to the city of Montgomery. Watching children who have never been exposed to chamber music discover its connection to their favorite cartoons and movies is an exciting moment. Listening to music they recognize from Bugs Bunny, Frozen, and Pirates of the Caribbean provides awe-inspiring moments that bring huge smiles to the kids of the Montgomery County School System.

Flowers Elementary School, which has no music program of its own, is a frequent beneficiary of ClefWorks' services. Sadie Sullins, a 5th grader at Flowers, likes the ClefWorks assemblies and says, "Every time they come they play good music." Nancy Shinbaum, a Junior League member who volunteered at the most recent Flowers assembly, said the kids were "mesmerized."

W. A. Milledge, Jr., Fitzpatrick Elementary Principal, praised this year's musicians, Sonic Escape, and called the outreach performance "outstanding," saying, "Our students, teachers, and a few of our parents who were here thoroughly enjoyed the music, as well as the interaction with the musicians."

Many of the musicians brought in through ClefWorks are not only professional performing artists, but teachers also. They bring a unique interactive experience to kids who would otherwise have no music instruction. Most importantly, they inspire the students. Many of the musicians have similar stories to the children of the public school system and they are always willing to share and answer questions. Through its outreach, ClefWorks provides an introduction into a world of music that can open up futures the students never before allowed themselves to consider. ClefWorks brings music into the heart of our children, and therefore into the heart of our city.



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# ClefWorks

## A Community Partner

BY LEAH STEPHENS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2006, ClefWorks identified an unmet community need to remake classical music for the 21st century and to excite a new generation of music lovers from the Montgomery area about the potential that classical music could have for them and their families. The underlying concept was to remove false impressions about classical music by engaging all ages with an art form that many, surprisingly, already had a connection to—often through music lessons as a child or simply from hearing melodies in movies, commercials and Saturday cartoons.

Beginning with ClefWorks' very first season in 2007, League volunteers were involved with our mission to provide the community with unique opportunities to experience chamber music in casual, approachable environments and to promote the appreciation of this timeless, yet evolving art form.

League members worked side by side with ClefWorks' founders from the start to help people of all ages discover the power of music through innovative, educational programming.

By 2008, ClefWorks had discovered that a very specific segment of our community needed our directed attention—culturally underserved school children. The Junior League, focused on strengthening families, was committed to improve the quality of life in Montgomery through

its trained volunteers. ClefWorks was dedicated to exposing the city's children to classical music. With merged passions, ClefWorks and the League began the process of not just fostering a new appreciation for an old art form, but making it accessible for an entirely new generation.

ClefWorks' partnership with the League produced two wildly successful and free, city-wide children's concerts in 2009 and 2010. At the 2010 concert, over 300 children, parents and teachers enjoyed classical music performed by world class-artists who played string instruments. In connection with the concert, 250 children created their own visual masterpieces in a city-wide art contest. With the League's commitment to voluntarism and community, area children were given a chance to dream a new dream for their future—one that included the arts.

In 2013, ClefWorks and the League collaborated again. After studying how to reach more children, the concentration turned from a single, annual concert to an ongoing outreach series in schools. The adjustment recognized that with fewer resources dedicated to music and arts education in many Montgomery Public Schools, ClefWorks needed to take its music to the kids instead of asking the kids to come to the music. With this change, League members jumped in and helped ClefWorks encourage a new generation's participation in the arts, this time taking high





quality music directly to students who could not otherwise attend performances involving instruments like the violin and cello.

Fast forward to the start of this school year and the League provided funds to take world class musicians to multiple Montgomery schools. Beginning in November, students from Flowers Elementary, Floyd Middle and Montgomery Christian Schools were treated to the beautiful tones of the low brass section from the Alabama Symphony orchestra. String Theory Birmingham, an ensemble of seven, came in December, making stops at Baldwin Middle and Booker T. Washington High Schools. After the day's performances, a Baldwin parent emailed about her kids' excitement. "[T]hey both couldn't stop talking about how much they really enjoyed the performance. My 8th grade son (who is not much of a talker) was able to give me vivid details." In April, Dr. Kevin Manderville took his classical guitar—as well as his electric guitar—to McKee PreK Center, performing two morning concerts so that all the *littles* could enjoy an interactive concert designed for their age and attention span. After a fun morning there, Dr. Manderville took a more mature version of his performance to Montgomery Christian School for the day's third concert.

With all of these fun performances, the highlight of the year for League members and our school partners came in March with the arrival of Sonic Escape, a Juilliard trained trio of musicians engaged to perform for a citywide

audience on Friday, March 4. Before their concert, students at Goodwyn and Georgia Washington Middle Schools were treated to interactive concerts that had them entranced by the sounds of the violin and the flute. For elementary aged pupils at Flowers and Fitzpatrick it was the on stage conducting that got the biggest applause. For an encore outreach performance, Sonic Escape stopped at the Montgomery Music Project on Saturday, March 5 and held a fifth interactive concert for students and parents.

League volunteers provided support to ClefWorks in the weeks leading up to Sonic Escape's main season concert by helping with all forms of promotion and publicity. Once our guests from New York arrived, members helped at individual school concerts, secured sound equipment, assisted with musician hospitality and worked the main concert. League enthusiasm and commitment to detail established the tone for the Season and ensured its success. The League-sponsored yearlong series has also provided Junior League members the opportunity to interact with area children – some exposed to classical music for the first time, and participate in fostering an appreciation of the arts for area youngsters. From on-stage conducting to post-concert guitar "test drives", each concert has created opportunities for students to see and enjoy classical music "close up." Thank you Junior League of Montgomery for partnering with us to put art within the reach of so many.



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### PRESIDENT KELLI WISE



Kelli Wise is proudly serving as the Junior League of Montgomery's 91st President. A 5th generation Alabamian, she spent her "Army Brat" childhood living on numerous military bases throughout the US and Europe before her family finally settled in Prattville. Following her graduation from Auburn University, Kelli began a successful career with Procter & Gamble, Inc. eventually returning to Alabama to attend law school at Jones School of Law. She later received a Masters of Public Administration from Auburn Montgomery. Kelli was elected to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals in 2000 where she served as Presiding Judge until her election to the Supreme Court of Alabama in 2012.

Kelli has been an active member of the Junior League of Montgomery for 16 years and has served in many leadership positions including President-Elect, Communications Vice-President, Governance Chair, Community Research Chair, Public Affairs Chair, Holiday Market Decorations and Preview Party Chair and Rummage Sale Marking Chair. She has served on the Community, Operations and Membership Councils and volunteered with various placements such as Teen Court, Child Protect, Meals on Wheels, MANE, Decorator's Show house and Habitat for Humanity. Kelli was selected as an inaugural member of the JLM Women to Watch and is a founding member of the Lillie Lee Minier Society.

In addition to her work with the Junior League, Kelli serves on the Hands On River Region Board of Directors, Max Credit Union Board of Directors, Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama (Formerly Junior Miss) Board of Directors, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Board of Directors as well as the American Cancer Society's Vintage Affair Committee, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Bazaar d'Art and Art Auction committees, Alabama Law Institute Criminal Code committee, the Montgomery Symphony League, and various professional and political organizations.

Kelli is a member of St. James United Methodist Church where she has taught Children's Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Small Group Bible Study and served on the Parish-Staff Relations Board.

Kelli is married to Arthur Ray, an attorney with the Alabama Department of Labor. They are blessed to be the proud parents of Hanah-Mathis, an active and beautiful 10th grader at St. James School. In her free time, Kelli enjoys vacationing with family, hanging out with friends at the lake and cheering on the Auburn Tigers.





President Elect  
**FELICIA LONG**

Felicia, a native of Montgomery, is a shareholder at Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole, & Black, P.C., where she focuses her law practice on complex civil litigation and insurance defense matters. Prior to joining the firm, she was a partner at another civil litigation firm and clerked for Associate Justice Champ Lyons, Jr., of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

Felicia joined the Junior League in 2005. She is currently serving as President Elect and has previously served on the Board as the Community Council Vice President, Membership Council Vice President, Operations Council Vice President, and Governance Chair. She also served on the Holiday Market Steering Committee for several years and volunteered with Bridge Builders and S.T.E.P. Ballet Foundation.

In the community, Felicia serves on the Board of Directors for the Metro YMCA, Britton YMCA (past chairman), Jimmy Hitchcock Memorial Award (past president), Red Cross of Central Alabama, Montgomery Area Council on Aging, and Hands on River Region. Felicia was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Montgomery County Bar Association and is a member of the Federal Bar Association and American Inns of Court, Hugh Maddox Inn.

Felicia is married to Bobby Long, who is an Equity Analyst at Retirement Systems of Alabama. They have a Yorkshire Terrier named Samson, enjoy traveling, and are active members of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church.



Finance Council VP  
**TAMAYA ROBERTS**

Ms. Tamaya Roberts, grew up in Montgomery, AL., attended Sidney Lanier High School and participated in many school and athletic programs. Tamaya graduated from Troy University with Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and from Kaplan University with a Master's in Human Resources Management. She has received a professional certification as a Certified Public Manager through The State of Alabama. She has also received a professional certification in Tax Preparation and owner of TK Tax Service, LLC (2005). Tamaya is a Staff Accountant for the Alabama Department of Labor in the Budget Section.

Before joining the Junior League Tamaya realized that she enjoyed volunteering and serving others. She volunteered for the Cancer Foundation, The Special Olympics and Montgomery Area Council on Aging. Tamaya has been a member of the Junior League of Montgomery since 2011, Tamaya has served in several areas such as Montgomery Aids Outreach for 2 years, Impact Alabama, Rummage Sale Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer of the League.

Outside of the League, Tamaya is an active member of Association of Government Accountants (AGA) where she served as Co-Director of Meetings & Registrations (2013-2014). She is an active member of Big Roxanna Missionary Baptist where she serves as a Trustee, Youth Advisor in the Youth Department, member of the Womens' Chorus and Mass Choir, and a member of the Missionary Department.

In her spare time, Tamaya enjoys working out at the gym, shopping, traveling and spending time with family and friends.



Community Council VP

**MICHELLE MOWERY**

Michelle Mowery came to Alabama from Texas, as a student at The University of Alabama. As a member of Pi Beta Phi, she capped her time at The Capstone by winning the Southeast Regional Competition for Collegiate Ad Teams, and attended The National Competition with The Alabama Ad Team. Michelle graduated with Honors in 1999 with a degree in Public Relations and Communications.

She parlayed her experience into a career in Public Relations in Atlanta with a job at global top five firms Golin-Harris and Ketchum Public Relations. Deemed indispensable to an account, Michelle moved into medical sales.

Her sales experience—and love—brought Michelle to settle in Montgomery in 2006, where she met her future husband David. Michelle and David decided to settle in Montgomery, where she continued her work, and he started a thriving political consulting and public relations firm, The Mowery Consulting Group.

She joined The League as a provisional member in 2006, and has served in a variety of roles, most recently serving as Vice President of Fundraising and Vice President of Communication.

In 2009 Michelle gave birth to their first son Matthew George, who was joined by his little brother Davidson Mays in 2012. David, Michelle and their children attend First United Methodist Church of Montgomery. Michelle continues her career in the field of sales with Lamar Advertising, and David remains an award-winning Public Relations Executive and Political Consultant with his firm and FIXR Digital.



Communications VP

**SUZANNA WASSERMAN**

Suzanna Wasserman considers herself a Montgomery native, although she has lived in Georgia, Florida and Connecticut as a child. Suzanna is the Marketing Manager for The Shoppes at EastChase and has more than eight years of experience with marketing and public relations. She graduated from Huntingdon College in Montgomery with a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art and Business Administration in 2005.

Suzanna has been a member of the Junior League of Montgomery since 2010 and is a recipient of the Tonda West Provisional of the Year award for 2010. Since joining the league, she has served in many capacities including Holiday Market Merchant Chair and Co-Chair, Rummage Sale Boutique Chair and Co-Chair, Fund Development Committee, Community Research Committee and most recently the Publicity Chair for the 90th Anniversary Committee.

Outside of her work with the Junior League of Montgomery, Suzanna is heavily involved in the Montgomery community. She currently holds board positions with Child Protect, a Child Advocacy Center, the American Advertising Federation of Montgomery, and the American Cancer Society Vintage Affair. She has also served on the Community Council for the River Region United Way, Junior Executive Board for the American Cancer Society, Rebuilding Together Board and founded the World Adult Kickball Association in Montgomery in 2011. She is also a graduate of the Inaugural Emerge Torchbearer's Leadership Class, a program of Leadership Montgomery.

Suzanna doesn't have a lot of free time, but when she does, she tries to take advantage of it as much as possible. She enjoys painting, traveling to see live music and spending time with her family and wild pup Frances, a rescue from the Montgomery Humane Society.





Fundraising VP  
**JENNIFER ROGERS**

Jennifer Bolen Rogers, originally from New Orleans Louisiana, lives in Montgomery with her husband Brian and their three children Samuel, Harrison, and Frances Ann. She works part time with a grant from University of Alabama-Birmingham for college readiness. The Gear Up grant serves middle school students in the Montgomery Public School System. Jennifer completed her undergraduate degree at Louisiana Tech and her Masters Degree at Auburn University-Montgomery.

Jennifer has served on various fundraising committees, twice on Holiday Market, five times on Rummage Sale—including chairing the event, Decorator Show House, Fund Development Committee, and recently the 90th Anniversary Committee. She has also served on the Community Research Committee, Placement Chair/Co-Chair, DHR Foster Teens Room Renovation, and Community Council VP.

Jennifer is active in her children's school PTC, chairing several events and recently helping build and renovate two playgrounds. She has also served on the Montgomery Catholic Strategic Planning Committee. Jennifer and her husband Brian enjoy watching their children play sports, participate in school events, and ballet programs. Each has special God-given talents to keep them busy!

Jennifer enjoys cooking and spending time with family and friends here in Montgomery, in New Orleans, and at the beach. She is an avid Saints and Louisiana Tech Bulldog football fan. Each fall she and her family travel to games and try to never miss a game on TV.



Membership Council VP  
**MITZI COLE**

Mitzi Cole, originally from Madison, Wisconsin, relocated to Montgomery in 1999. The Director of Human Resources and Privacy Officer for the United Methodist Children's Home, she celebrated her 12 year anniversary in May. Mitzi received her Master's Degree in Human Resource Management from Troy University and her Bachelor's Degree in Communication Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

A member of the Junior League Montgomery since 2009, Mitzi currently serves as the Membership Council Vice President. She has served the League as the Operations Council VP, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Impact Alabama Placement Chair. She has completed Ready. Set. Geaux!, Impact Alabama, and Taste of the River Region placements. Mitzi was recognized as one of the League's 'Women to Watch' during our May 2014 General Membership meeting.

Outside of the League, Mitzi has been an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® for 18 years. A member of the Montgomery Chapter since 1999, she currently serves as the Corresponding Secretary, Protocol Chairman and recently completed two three year terms on the Ivy Foundation of Montgomery, Alabama, Inc. Board of Directors. In 2014, she was appointed to the position of Area Cluster Coordinator, and was recently asked to Chair the Alabama Statewide Cluster that will be held in Montgomery this year. She began service to the River Region United Way in 2014 as a member of their Board of Directors.

In her spare time Mitzi enjoys going to the gym, reading and shopping. Mitzi is married to Lawrence Cole, and they have a son, Lawrence Timothy 'Clay' Cole.



Operations VP  
**MOLLY STONE**

Molly Stone, a native of North Louisiana, has lived in Alabama since starting at Auburn University in 1997. She graduated from Auburn in International Business in 2000. As the Executive Director of the Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless, she is responsible for coordinating the process to receive over \$2 million in federal funding annually for local homeless and housing programs and for working toward the goal of ending homelessness in the River Region.

Molly joined the Junior League of Montgomery in 2006. She is serving as the Operations Vice President, and served last year as Membership Vice President. She was Holiday Market Chair in 2011, after serving as Co-Chair and Merchant Relations Chair. She has also served as League Relations Chair, League Lines Editor and Co-Editor, chaired the BTW Dance Community Placement, and volunteered with Clefworks. Molly has been a member of the Membership, Community, Fundraising, and Communications Councils, and attended AJLI's Organizational Development Institute in 2011.

In the community, Molly sits on the boards of directors of Health Services, Inc.; the Montgomery Area Community Wellness Coalition; and the Alabama Alliance to End Homelessness. She also served on the 2014 *River Region Living Citizen of the Year* Advisory Committee.

Molly is married to Brandon Stone, an attorney with Stone Law Group in Millbrook. She and Brandon have two daughters, Audrey (8) and Anna (4). They are members of First Baptist Church. They spend their free time enjoying Montgomery's cultural activities, supporting their alma mater Auburn University, and traveling to visit family. Molly also enjoys reading biographies, watching British television, and attempting to grow hydrangeas.



Nominating VP  
**LINDSEY JINRIGHT**

Lindsey Jinright, a Marine Corps brat, lived all around the country before moving to Montgomery in 2001. She is the Development Manager at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, where she has worked since 2005. She received her Bachelor's Degree in History from Agnes Scott College and her Master's Degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Delaware.

A member of the Junior League since 2006, she has served most recently as the Nominating Committee Co-Chair. She served on the Holiday Market committee for three years before chairing the event in 2014. She has also served as League Lines Editor along with various other out-of-league placements.

Lindsey and her husband, Bo, recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. They have one son, Charlie. She is a member of First United Methodist Church and a founding member of S.U.M., a cultural enrichment group. During her free time, she enjoys cooking, reading, and traveling.





Member At Large

## MARIE WISE STYLES

Marie Wise Styles, from Geneva County and Kinston, Alabama, is serving as the Member At Large. She first moved to Montgomery to attend Huntingdon College, before living in Mobile to attend The University of South Alabama, then moved back to Montgomery in 1996. Marie has worked in the IT field for over 18 years and currently works for Vectrus as a C.T. Specialist. She is married to Thomas Styles from Enterprise, Alabama.

Marie has been a member of the Junior League of Montgomery since 2008 and has fulfilled many different roles since she joined. She was Chair of The Rummage Sale after being on the committee for four years. Marie has also served on the Make-A-Wish and Provisional Committees, the Fund Development, Community Research, Membership, and Community Councils, and was the 2015-2016 Placement Chair.

Marie is a member of other local organizations, enjoys going to city and state events and is always proud to be part of this women's volunteer institution that is constantly helping to strengthen and enhance the community.



Governance Chair

## WENDY LEIGH

Wendy Leigh was born in Birmingham but moved to Montgomery during elementary school. She graduated from Auburn University with Bachelor's Degrees in Early Childhood Education and Family and Child Development. She received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Berry College in Rome, Georgia. Wendy is a fourth grade teacher at Airport Road Intermediate School in Millbrook where she serves on the Building Leadership Team, the School Relations Committee, the Harvest Festival Committee, and is the Newspaper Advisor.

In 2015, Wendy served on the Steering Committee for Holiday Market and held the role of Decorations Chair. She will function in the same capacity for the 2016 Market. She also participated in the Boys and Girls Club placement during 2015-2016. Wendy was named as one of the Montgomery Junior League's 2016 "Women to Watch".

As a very active member of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, Wendy has been the Director of Vacation Bible School for numerous years. She is also currently on the Board of Stewards and has chaired multiple special projects such as the Easter Eggstravaganza and the church photo directory.

When she has spare time, Wendy enjoys Pilates, Yoga, Barre, Zumba, and Kickboxing. She also likes reading and gardening. Wendy is an avid Auburn fan and enjoys traveling with her husband.

Wendy is married to Anthony Leigh, who is Huntingdon College's Senior Vice President (which means she is also a supporter of all HC Hawks athletics). They have two fur children, Lolly and Punkin.



Advisory/Strategic Planning Chair  
**ASHLEY TARRANT**

Ashley Michelle Tarrant, a Birmingham, Alabama native, relocated to Montgomery in 2010. The Chief Operations Officer for Medical AIDS Outreach of Alabama (MAO) celebrated five years of service in October 2015. Ashley graduated from The University of Alabama, in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and obtained a Masters of Public Health Degree (MPH) from the University of Alabama-Birmingham in 2009.

A member of the Junior League of Montgomery since 2012, she served as Merchant Relations Committee Chair for Holiday Market in 2014 and 2015. For 2015-2016 Ashley served as Hope Inspired Ministries Placement Co-Chair. Along with serving on the Junior League Board of Directors for 2016-2017, Ashley will also serve as the 2016 Holiday Market Personnel Co-Chair. Ashley was recognized as one of the League's 'Women to Watch' during our May 2015 General Membership meeting.

Outside of the League, Ashley is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Beta Nu Omega chapter of Montgomery, Alabama, and was named "New Member of the Year" in 2014. She currently serves as Global Impact Committee Co-Chair, is a member of the Budget and Finance and Nominating Committees, and is a member of the Beta Nu Omega Pearls Choir. Ashley also serves as a Website Evaluator for the Southeastern Region.

Ashley enjoys reading with a local book club, travel, Alabama football, and volunteering in her spare time. She is a member of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church. Her favorite quote is by Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."



Sustaining Advisor  
**ASHLEY WHITE**

Ashley Killian White grew up in Birmingham. After graduating from Auburn University and Cumberland School of Law, Ashley moved to Montgomery. Ashley is a Senior Staff Attorney on the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. She is a graduate of Leadership Montgomery, Class XXVI, serves on the Leadership Montgomery Board of Directors, serves on the Advisory Council of the Family Sunshine Center, and also serves on the Advisory Board for the Landmarks Foundation.

Ashley's past Junior League experience includes placements with Rebuilding Together and MACOA. She has also served on the Holiday Market steering committee, as chair and co-chair of both the Community-Research committee and the Placement Committee, as well as Operations Council VP, Community Council VP, President Elect and President.

Ashley has previously served as President of the Family Sunshine Center Board of Directors, as Chair of the 2013 Bazaar D'Art fundraiser for the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and as a member of the Live Auction committee for the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. She has also served on the Board of HandsOn River Region.

Ashley is married to Nowell White. They have two children, Killian (9) and Cooper (5). Ashley enjoys volunteering in the community, family walks, traveling and collecting art.






Recording Secretary  
**VICTORIA BELTON**

Victoria hails from Montgomery and is a 2004 graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in Marketing and Advertising. She is an Account Executive with Stamp Idea Group, a full service advertising, interactive and media agency.

Victoria joined the league in 2010 and since then she has been of service in various positions for the league. Most recently she served as the 90th Anniversary Gala Co-Chairman. Prior to the 90th Anniversary Gala, she worked with the Communications Council as Communications VP (2014-2015) and Publicity Chairman (2013-2014). Victoria also worked with publicity for Taste of the River (2012 and 2013) and Shamrock Shuffle (2013 and 2014). Before working with the Communications Council, she worked with the Montgomery Area Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and Brantwood Children's Home Placements.

In addition to her work with the Junior League, Victoria is actively involved with several community organizations in Montgomery. Presently, she serves as the President for the Public Relations Council of Alabama and is a member of the River Region United Way Board. Victoria is also a graduate of the 2009 inaugural Torchbearers Leadership Class.

Victoria is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®-Beta Nu Omega Chapter. She serves as a Chapter Officer in the position of Ivy Leaf Reporter and is the chairman of the Publicity Committee. During her spare time, she likes to shop, read and dabble with photography!



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# Community Placements

Each year the Junior League of Montgomery selects non-profit organizations to support both financially and through the volunteerism of our members. In honor of our 90th anniversary, this year's recipients received a total of \$90,000 in funding. Congratulations to our 2016-17 community placements!

**Clefworks** \$7,500

**Common Ground:** \$10,000

**Dream Court** \$9,468

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# Putting the Fun in Fundraising

BY JESSICA ANDERSON



The Fundraising Council, often known as the Fund Development Council, is charged with fulfilling the Junior League's goal by partnering with companies to raise committed sponsorship dollars for the community. Allison Prillaman, Fundraising VP for the League year 2015-16, says that it has been one of the most rewarding and fun experiences of her time with the Junior League.

The Fundraising Council VP, the Fund Development chair, filled by Julie Spraggins for 2015-16, and Jacque Foshee, Donor Relations Director, spend time and energy focused on how to get the most sponsorship dollars possible. Fundraising Council members - the chairs of each large-scale Junior League fundraiser - aid them. This year, that meant the chairs of Taste of the River Region, Holiday Market, Rummage Sale, The 90th Celebration and College and Career Night.

Allison explains that "back in the day" the main purpose of the Fundraising Council and the Fund Development chair was to actually go out and ask for sponsorships for each fundraiser from charitable companies in the River Region. Many times companies were asked for money for more than one fundraiser, frustrating both members and company. In 2013, the Council introduced the League-wide sponsorship concept. Since that time corporate partners are sponsors for the whole year and for every fundraiser, with most of the requests coming between March and August.

One of the best selling points for getting sponsorships, Allison says, is that for every sponsor dollar that comes in, it is given right back out to the community. She encourages League

members to speak to the Fundraising VP if they work for a company that may be interested in sponsoring the League. There aren't many other opportunities in the River Region where what you give is 100% given back. "Normally, you pay something for overhead," she details. "We can't do that with our sponsorship dollars. Our bylaws require that our sponsorship dollars be given back to the community." So not one dollar given by companies to Junior League maintains the League's costs. Instead, it's given to nonprofits like Dream Court to maintain their programs—instead of ours.

The main function of the Fundraising Council is simple: raise as much money as possible. This is done in two ways, either through obtaining sponsorship dollars or making more than the budgeted goal for our League fundraisers. Each Council meeting focuses on how each event is fulfilling visions set out by the event chair, the president and Fundraising Council VP.

For Allison, the biggest point of pride this year has been that collectively the Council raised more money this year than in a very long time. "All of our fundraisers made over their budgeted amounts. All of our goals were met," she says, beaming.

She points specifically to the Rummage Sale this year, and Julie Spraggins. She took a three-day event and transformed it to a one-day flash sale, cutting the budget and making double the goal. "The main way she was able to do that was by cutting expenses. She revamped that entire thing and I was very proud of her," Allison adds. Julie





also added a convenience element to the fundraiser for League members by securing donated storage space, allowing for early rummage drop-off as people cleaned out their homes.

Holiday Market will always be a fixture of the Junior League and this year's Market was well done, to say the least. Allison feels chair Kelly McTear and her committee took the theme of the 90th and ran with it—paving the way for a great year, complete with an ice sculpture and special lighting.

While most pinpoint Holiday Market as the first big fundraiser of the League year, it is actually College and Career Night, in September. Allison says this year's edition was standout and thanks to an increase in colleges attending and ad sales for the scholarship booklet, JLM was able to give an additional \$500 scholarship to a high school student.

College and Career Night, Allison admits, became her favorite fundraiser this year. "It was amazing to see. You're giving back to the community and raising money for a really good cause at the same time. It is full circle of what the Junior League does," she explains.

New this year, the Fundraising Council VP and the 90th Anniversary Committee spearheaded the creation of the Lillie Lee Minier Society (LLM), a way to encourage the membership to support the League. This year, the LLM helped fund the 90th anniversary celebrations. Allison says for next year, a goal of the Fund Development chair will be to encourage support of the LLM going forward. Moving past the 90th year, the LLM will be raising funds for JLM's community partners.

Taste of the River Region is always a highlight. Adrian Cooper and her committee did a wonderful job working

with the Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Association to provide a fun evening for members, sponsors and the public. This fundraiser is unique in that the provisional class generates the revenue. They work very hard selling tickets and serving as hosts for the evening.

In addition to the LLM, the Fundraising Council also partnered with two AJLI approved companies that give a portion of their sales back to the Junior League. This year, we had a Kendra Scott show at the first General Membership Meeting as well as during the Holiday Market Preview Party. Sustainers had the opportunity to shop a W by Worth show.

"We tried a couple of new things in terms of fundraising to try to get more money into the League via fundraising dollars," Allison says. "Since the jewelry shows didn't cost us anything to hold, it seemed like a natural compliment to us. Kimberly and I were very open to trying whatever we could to get more money in. There was no reason for us to not try it," she adds.

Allison believes this year was a very successful one, and a huge learning experience for her. She stresses that sometimes it can be hard to remember since we are all volunteers and have other things going on, but at the heart of it all is the Junior League motto of encouraging women to be the best they can be.

It's a team effort, she says, and would not have been possible this year without Kelly McTear, Julie Spraggins, Adrian Cooper, Victoria Belton and Amy Capps.

To sum up the last year, Allison says simply, "Bottom line: everyone did a great job and because of that we are able to give more money away. That's the point."



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### COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT

Since 1985, JLM has hosted this free event for high school students and their parents. Colleges, universities, technical schools and military organizations have tables with representatives to help these 2,500 students and parents find scholarships for furthering education and career opportunities. Financial aid seminars are held. This is a great sponsorship for companies that need a strong labor force in the Montgomery area and is an excellent opportunity to showcase a company's internships, scholarships and work program opportunities.

### RUMMAGE SALE

Starting in 1952, the JLM Rummage Sale sells gently used furniture, electronics, and household goods. We have more than 1,200 attendees. This is a great sponsorship opportunity for companies that have missions to help the needy in the tri-county area.

### TASTE OF THE RIVER REGION

Since 2010, JLM has partnered with the Alabama Restaurant and Hospitality Association to host Taste of the River Region. This fundraiser showcases local restaurants at the Renaissance downtown. We have more than 700 attendees and approximately 40 restaurants and suppliers on hand for this fun event. This is a great sponsorship opportunity for companies that work with restaurants and other hospitality businesses. This evening can be a perfect welcome or thank you for new employees or customers.



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		Preview Party Tickets	Gen. Adm. Tickets	Tables (for 10)	Gen. Adm. Tickets	Magazine Advertisement
		Attendance: 400	Attendance: 10,000	Attendance: 700		Attendance: 2,500
Grand Investor	\$20,000	40	60	2	-	Full Page Ad
Title Investor	\$15,000	30	50	2	-	Half Page Ad
Premier Investor	\$10,000	16	30	1	-	Half Page Ad
Gold Investor	\$5,000	8	20	1	-	Quarter Page Ad
Silver Investor	\$2,500	6	10	-	6	Quarter Page Ad
Bronze Investor	\$1,500	4	4	-	4	-
Supporter	\$500	2	-	-	2	-

SPONSORSHIP	DONATION	RUMMAGE SALE	LEAGUE LOGS MAGAZINE	EDUCATIONAL TRAINING SESSION
		Gen. Adm. Tickets	4 Times/Year	By Request
		Attendance: 1200	Circ: 4,000, +10% Discount on Additional Ads	Attendance: 20-50 Members Limited to 4/Year
Grand Investor	\$20,000	20	2 Full Page Ads + Feature	1
Title Investor	\$15,000	15	1 Full Page Ad + Feature	1
Premier Investor	\$10,000	10	2 Half Page Ads	1
Gold Investor	\$5,000	8	Half Page Ad	1
Silver Investor	\$2,500	6	Quarter Page Ad	-
Bronze Investor	\$1,500	4	-	-
Supporter	\$500	2	-	-

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## AREAS OF RECOGNITION

In addition to the benefits above, you may choose from below, equal to your donation amount. These are first come with first choice given to previous year sponsor.

### HOLIDAY MARKET

■ Grand Investor: \$20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition as the top sponsor on publicity &amp; promotions</li> <li>• Opportunity to include ad on the brochure given to 10,000 attendees</li> <li>• Opportunity to tailor program to suit your marketing needs</li> </ul>
■ Title Investor: \$15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition as a high level sponsor on publicity &amp; promotions</li> <li>• Opportunity to tailor program to suit your marketing needs</li> </ul>
■ Preview Party: \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition on publicity and promotions</li> <li>• Recognition on brochure given to 10,000 attendees</li> <li>• Recognition on Preview Party tickets</li> </ul>
■ Silent Auction: \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition on brochure given to 10,000 attendees</li> <li>• Recognition on Silent Auction brochure</li> <li>• Recognition on sign at Silent Auction</li> </ul>
■ Girls' Night Out: \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition as evening sponsor on publicity and promotions</li> <li>• Recognition on brochure given to 10,000 attendees</li> </ul>
■ Ticket Sponsor: \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company listed on General Admission tickets</li> </ul>
■ Street Sponsor: \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition on sign in exhibit hall</li> <li>• Recognition on map in the brochure given to 10,000 attendees</li> </ul>
■ Café: \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition listed by Café at the entrance to exhibit hall</li> </ul>
■ Santa's Workshop: \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition by Santa's Workshop</li> <li>• Recognition on the brochure given to the 10,000 attendees</li> </ul>
■ Breakfast with Santa: \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition listed by breakfast</li> </ul>
■ Cupcakes with Santa: \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition during Cupcakes with Santa</li> </ul>
■ Pictures with Santa: \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition at Santa's chair during pictures with Santa</li> </ul>
■ Holiday Tree: \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition by the Holiday Tree in the exhibit hall</li> </ul>
■ Lanyard Sponsor: \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition on Lanyards worn by 300+ vendors for 4 days</li> </ul>
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■ Wrap/Info Booth: \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition by Gift Wrap and Information Booth in exhibit hall</li> </ul>
■ Lobby Decorations: \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition by the decorations in lobby</li> </ul>
■ Bag Check: \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition by the bag check</li> </ul>
■ Valet Parking: \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition by the valet parking</li> </ul>

### RUMMAGE SALE (DOES NOT OCCUR EVERY YEAR)

■ Name Sponsor: \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition on promotion &amp; publicity</li> </ul>
■ Value Shop: \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition at Sustainers' Value Shop</li> </ul>
■ Ticket Sponsor: \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company listed on tickets to 1,200 attendees</li> </ul>
■ Moving Company: \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition on promotion &amp; publicity</li> </ul>

### TASTE OF THE RIVER REGION (DOES NOT OCCUR EVERY YEAR)

Sponsorships in conjunction with Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Association. Contact JLM for details.

### COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT

■ Name Sponsor: \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition on publicity &amp; promotions</li> <li>• Recognition in guide given to 2,500+ students, parents, and college representatives</li> </ul>
■ Refreshments: \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage recognition at dinner for college representatives</li> </ul>
■ Breakout Sponsor: \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage recognition at breakout seminar</li> </ul>







# Habitat for Humanity

## A Community Partner



BY JILL FARRIS, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CHAIR

Habitat for Humanity provides a wonderful service to the River Region. With backing from non-profits like Junior League of Montgomery and other business in the area, they assist families by building them a new home or by refurbishing existing homes. Habitat for Humanity puts smiles on many deserving families' faces and makes their dreams to own a home come true. They also offer the Habitat Store in Montgomery where anyone can purchase donated items for that DIY project.

The Habitat committee had the privilege to help complete one of the homes in New Hope Village this year. Thirteen fun-loving, energetic ladies

gave up their Saturday mornings from January to March. Alongside the new homeowner-to-be and other volunteers, we painted, chalked, put up vents, built a deck and much more. We all learned something new about our skill sets and ourselves; some of us got to learn to use post hole diggers and drills. There was always plenty of work for all level of skills. I want to personally thank Mike Senn, Habitat site foreman, for all his time and patience in leading our ladies of Junior League of Montgomery to complete this project. We all looked forward to our Saturday mornings with Mike and his crew. It was truly rewarding to attend the dedication and give the new homeowner her keys to her dream come true.



# Jackson Family

## to Receive Habitat Home



BY NICK MIEKLE,  
MONTGOMERY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On Saturday April 30, 2016 Monique Jackson and her family were a part of something special. Ms. Jackson received the keys to her very own home thanks to her participation in the Montgomery Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program. After applying, qualifying, and being accepted into the program, Ms. Jackson put in 400 “Sweat Equity” hours working alongside volunteers from a variety of community groups and agencies to build her home. The Junior League of Montgomery played a tremendous role in this project and in the life of Monique Jackson. Thanks in part to grant support from the Junior League of Montgomery, \$10,000 went to cover the cost of all plumbing and HVAC supplies and professional labor on those items in the home. In addition to financial support, Junior League members contributed more than 185 hours of volunteer time to work alongside Ms. Jackson on the journey to build her home.

Like all homes in the Habitat for Humanity Housing Program Ms. Jackson will actually be the “homeowner” as she has purchased her home from Montgomery Habitat with a 0% interest mortgage. The 0% interest combined with the use of volunteer labor to help build the home allows Ms. Jackson’s home to be affordable and sustainable for her family. Statistics show that families that live in safe, secure housing encounter fewer health problems. Children do better in school and parents are freed up to consider workforce advancement opportunities or furthered education to the benefit of their family. We are excited about what the future holds for Monique and her children. We are thankful for all of our community partners especially the Junior League of Montgomery who help to make Montgomery Habitat for Humanity a success. The completion of Monique Jackson’s signifies the 84th family to be helped by Montgomery Habitat for Humanity since its founding in 1987.



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# JLM's 90th Year

## In Review

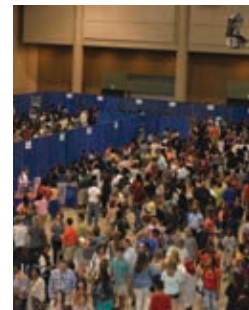
BY STEFANIE FRANCISCO

The 90th anniversary festivities may have culminated with the gala in April, but the Junior League of Montgomery has been celebrating all year long by giving back to our community. Take a look back at the 2015-16 year and the incredible impact the Junior League was able to have thanks to our members and community partners.

**JULY 2015** 2015-16 President Kimberly Baker kicks off the #90for90 campaign, and the Junior League contributes 90 books to Montgomery Christian School's library.



**SEPTEMBER 2015** #90for90 supports Brantwood Children's Home by providing school supplies for the children who live there so they can begin the new school year with everything they need.



**AUGUST 2015** The 31st Annual College and Career Night provides information on more than 80 universities in addition to scholarships, financial aid, and career opportunities for students from across the River Region.



- **OCTOBER 2015** The 27th Annual Holiday Market welcomes more than 10,000 shoppers with a packed schedule of special events to support the work of the Junior League and our community partners.
- #90for90 provides Family Sunshine Center with gifts of cleaning supplies.



- **NOVEMBER 2015** #90for90 contributes warm clothes and coffee supplies to Reality & Truth Ministries.



- **DECEMBER 2015** League members celebrate the holidays and the #90for90 campaign by packing Baskets of Love full of goodies for female heads of households.



- **JANUARY 2016** The 61st Annual Rummage Sale unveils a new one-day flash sale format with great success, helping to support JLM's community partners.
- #90for90 helps pets waiting for their forever home at the Montgomery Humane Society by providing food, toys, and cleaning supplies.





**FEBRUARY 2016** #90for90 donates toys and snacks to help Child Protect achieve their mission of advocating for children when there are allegations of abuse.



● **MARCH 2016** Taste of the River Region hosts 700 guests and 40 restaurants and suppliers for a tour of the best food and beverages our area provides. Proceeds from the event benefit the Junior League of Montgomery's Community Grant Recipients and the Alabama Restaurant and Hospitality Alliance Education Foundation.

● The Lillie Lee Minier Society has its inaugural meeting.

**APRIL 2016** The 90th Anniversary Gala is an unforgettable evening honoring JLM's past and looking ahead to its bright future. Surprise grants are awarded to local organizations, and the 2016-17 community partners are announced.



**MAY 2016** 2015-16 President Kimberly Baker welcomes 2016-17 President Kelli Wise into her new role as the League's leader, and we all look ahead to the next year of service, fellowship, and engagement as part of the Junior League of Montgomery.





# HandsOn River Region's *Volunteer of the Year* Joyce Loyd-Davis

BY STEFANIE FRANCISCO

Each year, HandsOn River Region partners with The Junior League of Montgomery for the Volunteer of the Year Awards. This year, JLM's own Joyce Loyd-Davis was selected from 23 nominees as the Adult Volunteer of the Year for 2016.



Joyce received letters of support from Millbrook Mayor Al Kelley, Elmore County Superintendent of Education Andre Harrison, and other community leaders. Joyce is a nurse practitioner who also serves on the Millbrook City Council and works as a consultant. She is married to Charlie Davis and they have three children, Dazja, Jade & Jayce. League Logs asked Joyce to share what volunteering means to her and how she became a community volunteer.

## **What does volunteerism mean to you?**

Volunteerism is giving back of your time, money or resources to benefit someone else in need. This is important to me in many ways. I truly don't believe you have lived until you help someone that can never repay you. As we move along our journey in life we will have happy times & sad times alike. No one is immune from needing a helping hand. I learned a long time ago from my Grandmom & Mother that is important to help someone along the way in life. This manifested with me in my adult years as I came across many people that helped me along the way. It means a lot to me to continue this life cycle of giving and volunteering.

## **What does volunteerism mean to the community?**

Volunteerism means together we build a strong community. The definition of community is a group of people living in a place with common characteristics. We all have the humanistic need for compassion. That compassion shared among individuals that come

together to better our communities is paramount to building stronger communities. Volunteerism promotes values within a community, which significantly contribute to quality of life. Through the Junior League we have positively impacted our community's quality of life. I love being a part of this organization of women that share the same value of building our community! It is that synergy that means a lot to the community we serve.





### **How did you get started volunteering?**

As a child, I would go to the hospital and volunteer with my Mom. Growing up I noticed the impact volunteering had on people & communities. It put smiles on people's faces and changed negative attitudes. This compelled me as an adult to continue something I was exposed to at an early age. Therefore, I am actively involved in the community through several organizations. I also initiate community projects where a need is identified. My family is supportive and we engage in several projects together. This sets a foundation for my children to continue volunteer work as an adult. This is my legacy, one that I will be proud to leave behind, just as my parents were.

### **Why do you continue volunteering?**

Working in the healthcare profession for the last 20 years, I have witnessed the need to compassionately help others. Volunteer work is busy work, especially with obligations of a family and career. People often ask me "How do you do all the things you're involved in?" I say with a smile I just keep moving. Through my volunteer work, I have felt the joy of a person in despair saying "Thank You." I have hugged people that can't put their gratitude in words, yet feel it from the embrace. I know the power of human touch in critical situations. I have had someone's smile bring me to tears. I have been called an "angel" by a

person in a time of need. I have given to people who can never repay me. For those reasons I will always continue my volunteer work. It is my commitment and effort to make the world a better place!

### **What is your volunteer philosophy?**

I try to live by the saying, "Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some type of battle." This is the foundation for the "Art of Giving." I believe we realize on this journey that though our experiences are different, we all encounter the same emotions. There are times of sadness, happiness, joy, pain, excitement, disappointment, heartbreak, and love. How we handle these instances makes the difference. So if we show compassion and empathy for others in their time of need, then perhaps some will reciprocate in our time of need. My philosophy is simple. The art of giving is centered on one question: "What would you want someone to do for you in that situation?"



# 2015-2016 Pacesetters

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# Changing of the Guard

## May General Membership Meeting

BY STEFANIE FRANCISCO

On Tuesday, May 10, the Junior League of Montgomery held its final General Membership Meeting of the 2015-16 year. Members, sustainers, and provisionals gathered at The Warehouse in downtown Montgomery to mark the close of the 90th anniversary year and the beginning of the League's next chapter.







President Kimberly Baker welcomed the crowd with a special surprise. Mary Elise Thornton, an opera singer and a student at Booker T. Washington Magnet High School, delivered a truly stunning performance that left the audience in awe of her talent. President Baker noted that Thornton is “a Junior Leaguer in the making” thanks to her involvement in our community and her ambitious plans for her future. An additional surprise was a \$1,500 donation from JLM to Booker T. Washington to support the school’s music and arts program and students like Mary Elise.

Community Council Vice President Felicia Long provided an overview of the League’s impact on the River Region for the 2015-16 year. Long noted that as she witnessed the League’s involvement in projects from Habitat for Humanity to the Montgomery AIDS Outreach Food Pantry, she realized, “I’m a part of something that’s bigger than

myself, and I’m so proud to be a part of the Junior League of Montgomery.”

The final general membership meeting marks the transition from provisional to active member for women who have spent the year learning about the League and building relationships with each other and with their community. Marla Terranova Vickers, Provisional Chair, said that this year’s provisional class “has been busy getting it done.” Vickers said the most important lesson for the provisionals is about encouragement: “We have to encourage our leadership, our members, and the organizations we work with.”

Each year, the League honors members who have gone above and beyond and the placements that have made a particular impact on Montgomery and on JLM. Membership Vice President Molly Stone presented the following awards for the 2015-16 year:





**Community Placement of the Year**

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**Community Volunteer of the Year**

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**In-League Placement of the Year**

Education & Training Committee

**In-League Volunteer of the Year**

Angie Martin, Arrangements Chair

**Women to Watch**

Ashley Penhale, Nicole Pinkham,  
Sarah Wills, Georgia Ann Hudson

**Sustainer of the Year**

Charlene Holtsford & the Sustainer Committee

After a wonderful evening of celebrating the League, it was time for President Kimberly Baker to turn over the gavel to 2016-17 President Kelli Wise. President Baker reviewed her many accomplishments for the year, including the success of the #90for90 campaign, the “remember” effort that brought 130 sustainers back into the League, and the creation of the Lillie Lee Minier Society. “I wanted this to be a milestone to reaffirm to Montgomery and the River Region just how valuable the League is,” Baker said.

The 90th anniversary year has been a celebration from start to finish, but it has also demonstrated the strength of the Junior League of Montgomery and its positive impact on our shared community and the people who live here. Congratulations to the 2015-16 Board of Directors and President Kimberly Baker, and all the women honored for their hard work and leadership throughout the year.



# SaveFirst: A Signature Service Initiative of Impact Alabama

BY LINN GROFT, SAVEFIRST DIRECTOR

The goal of the SaveFirst Initiative is to provide free tax preparation services and opportunities for savings and investments to low-income families, especially targeting those eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) refund. The SaveFirst Initiative exists to ensure that low-income individuals receive the full EITC and other credits for which they are entitled, to counteract predatory lending practices, and to encourage long-term financial planning and asset-building. In just its tenth year, SaveFirst is the largest volunteer tax preparation program serving Earned Income Tax Credit families in the state. During the 2016 season, seven Junior League of Montgomery volunteers trained and certified as IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and assisted in preparing taxes for more than 1,400 families in the Montgomery area. JLM volunteers helped families to claim \$3.2 million in refunds, including over \$1.4 million in Earned Income Tax Credits. By providing free tax preparation services, JLM volunteers saved these families \$564,000 in commercial-tax-preparation fees.

The Earned Income Tax Credit is the federal government's largest anti-poverty program to

support low- to moderate-income working families. The EITC reduces the tax burden on low-income workers and provides a positive incentive for individuals, especially single mothers, to find work. More than 510,000 working families in Alabama annually claim the EITC, representing a \$1.4 billion investment for our state. However, an estimated \$133 million in EITC dollars are "left on the table" by households that are eligible for the credit but do not claim it. Moreover, 62% of Alabama's EITC recipients pay an average of \$400 to commercial tax preparers just to access this benefit. These Alabama families lose more than \$126 million to commercial tax preparers through high fees each year. That extra money could have made a tremendous contribution to helping lower-income families secure health insurance, pay down debts or put food on the table.

Impact Alabama is incredibly grateful for the support and service of the Junior League of Montgomery. Without JLM's support, SaveFirst would not be able to continue to grow to meet the growing demand for these services for hard-working families.





# Montgomery Christian School Offers An Affordable Education Option

BY CHRISTY JARRETT, MONTGOMERY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OFFICE MANAGER

Montgomery Christian School (MCS) has quickly become known as a worthy educational institution around town. It is a Christian, private elementary school for children of families who cannot afford traditional private school. Montgomery Christian School began in the fall of 2007 with one Kindergarten class and has grown to a full elementary school with classes for Kindergarten through 5th grade.

MCS operates on the generous donations of members of the community. Trinity Presbyterian Church allows MCS to use its education building, and many other churches, community organizations, individuals and businesses help fund the operations.

All of the MCS students are on some form of scholarship, and all MCS families pay some rate of tuition. Funds for scholarships are generated from general donations in our community, funds raised as part of Art Splash (the major fundraiser for MCS), and through Scholarship for Kids, a scholarship granting organization under the Alabama Accountability Act.

The Junior League of Montgomery has been one of our great community partners. Every quarter, MCS holds meetings designed to provide the parents guidance for various aspects of life and discuss the education of their students. The Junior League volunteers provided the funding to serve dinner to these families for the 2015-2016 school year. The Junior League sustainer

volunteers served dinner to the students and parents. At the December meeting, the Junior League sustainer volunteers helped with a gingerbread man cookie-decorating event where the children and their families decorate a gingerbread man cookie together. These meetings serve to foster communication between teachers and parents, allow students to showcase a performance, and discuss other topics such as the importance of art in their child's education.

MCS provides an academically challenging curriculum with a Christian, biblical worldview. In addition to the core subjects, the students at MCS receive an hour of art instruction every week. We also have a library with over 3,000 books, and the students have library instruction every week. The students also receive dance and music instruction. Their dance and music talents are often shared at the parent meetings. MCS has a weekly chapel in which the students recite their pledges and Bible memory work for the week. During Chapel, there is a focus on the nine character traits: Being Honest, Being Humble, Being Persistent, Being Generous, Being Grateful, Being Respectful, Being Kind, Being Self-Controlled, and Being Patient. MCS believes in helping to form good character in our student's lives and promoting good citizenship.

For more information, to donate or to apply for enrollment, please visit the schools website at [www.montgomerychristianschool.org](http://www.montgomerychristianschool.org) or contact Kathi Atkins at 334-386-1749.



# Montgomery Christian School

## JLM Placement

BY KRISTIN SMITH, MCS COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR



Montgomery Christian School (MCS) is a blessing to our community. I have worked with MCS through my Junior League placement for the last three years and have enjoyed getting to know more about the organization. The first two years it was a normal League placement and this past year it was a sustainer placement. Through my involvement I have seen firsthand the positive impact the School has on our community.

The Junior League members prepare and serve dinner to the students and their families at the Parents Involved in Education meetings multiple times during the school year. Through these events I have interacted with the students and

faculty. The families all seem to thoroughly enjoy these opportunities to share a meal together and interact with their children's teachers. It is clear that the teachers and administrators are doing a wonderful job providing a private school for children in Montgomery who might not otherwise have that opportunity. The students are impressive, and I always enjoy their performances when we have the opportunity to watch during the dinner events. This year they had a great program where they danced, and it was so much fun to see all of the personalities shining. It is clear that MCS is offering a supportive environment where the students and their families thrive.





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# JLM Goes “All In” At AJLI Annual Conference

BY: FELICIA LONG, COMMUNITY COUNCIL VP

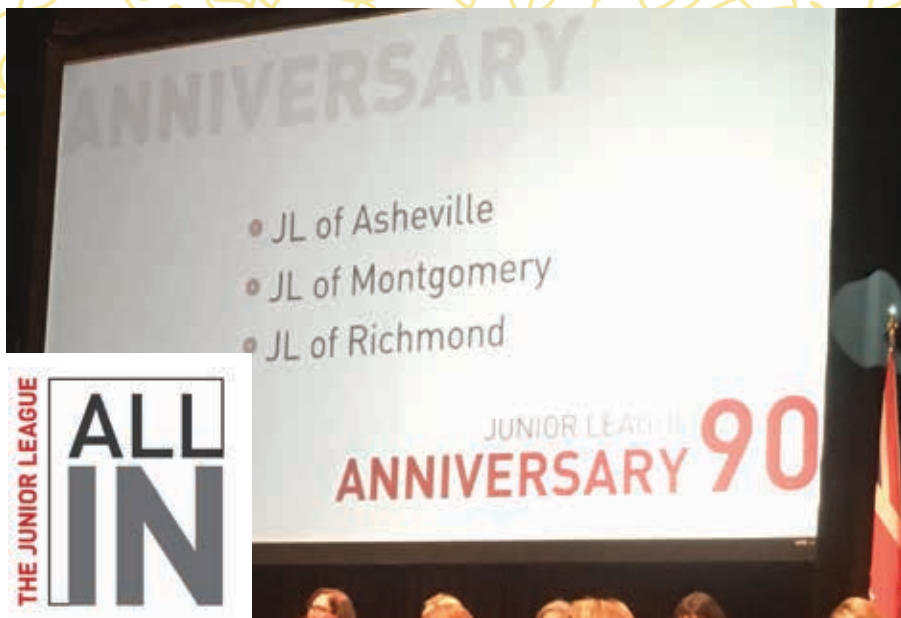
The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) was founded in 1901 by New York social activist Mary Harriman. Today, the organization is comprised of more than 155,000 women in over 291 Leagues throughout Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Together, this group constitutes one of the oldest, largest, and most effective volunteer organizations in the world.

Kimberly Baker, Kelli Wise, and Felicia Long represented the Junior League of Montgomery at the 2016 AJLI Annual Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia from May 12-14. The theme of this year’s conference was “All In” to encourage Leagues to talk together, learn from one another, and to be an integral part of the organization so that we will thrive for another 115 years. The Opening Session commenced with the North Atlanta High School Band leading the Procession of Leagues, which began with the president of the oldest league and ended with the entrance of the president of the newest league. A soloist then sang the national anthems of each of the four countries in attendance, representatives presented greetings from their respective countries and their nation’s government leaders, and AJLI president Ellen Rose welcomed over 600 attendees.

In an effort to further educate League leaders, conference organizers offered attendees numerous meetings, workshops, and panel presentations on topics ranging from membership development and parliamentary procedure to community collaborations and risk management. The workshops helped us build on our strengths and gain new skills to move our League forward. Some of the workshops we attended included: Achieving Community Impact through Public Policy, Member Engagement, 12 Slides in 12 Minutes: Junior League Community Impact Showcase, A Mini-Plenary: Leading an Organization—A CEO Panel, Parliamentary Procedures: Learning the Ropes. Corporate representatives from Belk, Verizon, and Spanx also served on a panel to discuss Rewarding Corporate Partnerships. This was a very informative panel that discussed how to have successful partnerships with businesses and corporations in our community, and we look forward to implementing these best practices and continuing to build relationships with our community partners.

This year’s keynote speaker was Carlotta Walls LaNier who was the youngest Little Rock Nine member to integrate Central High School in 1957, after the U.S. Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of*





*Education* declared all laws establishing segregated schools to be unconstitutional, and called for the desegregation of all schools throughout the nation. She and eight other black students faced angry mobs, racist elected officials, and federal intervention by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was forced to send in the 101st Airborne to escort the Nine safely into the building. Little did she realize that day that it was the beginning of a journey that would challenge prevailing attitudes, break down barriers, and forever change the social landscape of America. Ms. LaNier said she was able to face the difficult situation she found herself in because her parents taught her not to hate others, that she was just as good as the next person, and to know who she was and 'whose' she was, affirming that God would not give you more than you can handle (with His help). She encouraged those in attendance to learn from the challenges we are faced with in life, to have an open mind, and to better the communities in which we live. Ms. LaNier concluded with a quote from Mother Theresa stating, "You don't have to do everything, but you have to do something." Ms. LaNier is a smart,

insightful, compassionate woman that we were blessed to have met and learned from.

The Awards Banquet and Celebration on Saturday evening began with the lights in the banquet hall being lowered to where all you could see and hear was a musical group of four women from Italy, Africa, Japan, and India known as 'Women of the World' walking by spotlight through the center of the room to the stage singing a cappella. During the course of the banquet, various Leagues were recognized for their hard work and achievements throughout the year. The Junior League of Montgomery was recognized for 90 years of outstanding service to Montgomery and the River Region!

The AJLI 94th Annual Conference was a success. At conference, you realize we are a part of one of the largest women's movements in history and are having a profound impact on communities across the world. It is a privilege to be a member of and/or a community partner with the Junior League of Montgomery. Let's all go "All In" and witness what we can do together to better our community!



# Surprise!

BY GEORGIA ANN HUDSON

On May 19, the Junior League of Montgomery was thrilled to surprise the principals of Chisholm Elementary School and Flowers Elementary School with gifts to benefit their students! JLM gave \$5,000 to Chisholm Elementary for the purchase of new library books and \$3,500 to Flowers Elementary for a new PA system. Supporting education in Montgomery is a major focus of our League and we are so pleased to conclude our 90th anniversary year with these very special donations!



# What a Year!





# *What a Year!*







# Thank you Junior League!



Junior League of Montgomery  
3570 Carter Hill Road  
Montgomery, Alabama 36111

May 17, 2016

To the Junior League of Montgomery:

I can't express our gratitude enough. I (we as a school community) feel so fortunate and blessed to receive such a generous monetary award from Junior League of Montgomery. You obviously understand the great needs we have for these funds and trust that we will use it for what it was intended.

As I've stated in all of my communications, with over 70% of families meeting the classification of being in poverty, it has been difficult not receiving the necessary funds to support upgrades and the growing demands for technology in our school. Junior League's monetary award represents the largest amount we've received towards our efforts in technology. With \$8,300.00, we are able to get a great start in making the necessary changes to upgrade our technology. These funds have given us the spring board to revamping our school's technology lab by getting upgrades to Windows 10 and we will have a new mobile lab cart housing 32 Chromebooks. This will allow more classes to utilize class sets of laptops without needing access to the computer lab.

Often times, one person or one organization can be that shining light of awareness to a need. Due to your publicity and voice expressing your eagerness to assist, other doors have opened for our school. Thank you for being the light which led others to bear resources towards opportunities for our school. We have since received additional computers for classrooms and additional resources we desperately needed. You ladies have provided additional opportunities for the Garrett family that you may not be aware of and we are so grateful.

Again, thank you for all that you have done and will do for this community and for our school. I'm so touched and impressed with the passion, dedication and hard-work Junior League pours into this community. Personally, I've observed how you've set the example of having a true collaborative spirit of service and a powerful presence of elegance and leadership amongst a diverse group of women. As I participated in your Gala and fellowshiped with members of your organization, the bonus benefit for me is the gift I received from the feeling I have deep within my soul. I will forever be grateful to the Junior League of Montgomery.

Sincerely yours,

Anissa B. Officer, Principal  
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January 11, 2016

Mrs. Kimberly A. Baker, President  
Junior League of Montgomery  
3570 Carter Hill Road  
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Dear Kim:

Thank you so much for including the Family Sunshine Center in your 90th Anniversary Campaign. The Junior League has supported the Family Sunshine Center for many years—so many of your current and sustaining members have been irreplaceable partners in our efforts to bring shelter, hope and healing to victims of family violence and/or sexual assault.

We deeply appreciate the personal hygiene products you shared with us as part of your anniversary campaign. Of course, these are exactly the kinds of items that families leave behind when they are forced out of their homes in search of a safe place to live, at least temporarily. Then, when those items are donated, we do not have to purchase them, allowing us to budget that money for programs and purposes that will help families get back on their feet.

Again, please accept our most sincere thanks for the organization as a whole and each member. If you were to look back through all of our board members through the years, I'm sure you would find that many, many Junior League members have served our mission in one capacity or another.

All the best in 2016! May the new year bring you health, happiness and prosperity.

Warmest regards,

*Karen Sellers*  
Karen B. Sellers  
Executive Director



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May 18, 2016

Dear Junior League,

On behalf of the staff and scholars of Valiant Cross Academy, thank you for your generous contribution. The scholars will benefit from your contribution both now and in the future. In times of limited resources, contributions such as yours make an incredible difference in the planning process at our school.

We appreciate the heart you have for our Scholars. With continued support from our community, these young men will "RISE ABOVE".

If we can assist you in anyway, please let us know. We'll keep you in our prayers. Take care and God Bless.

Sincerely,

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April 12, 2016

Ms. Kimberly Baker  
President  
Junior League of Montgomery  
3570 Carter Hill Road  
Montgomery, Alabama 36111

Dear Kimberly,

Thank you so much for your support of Impact Alabama and our initiatives. This letter is to confirm that Impact Alabama recently received a contribution from the Junior League of Montgomery in the amount of \$2,500 in support of our SpeakFirst initiative.

Impact Alabama has seen tremendous growth and success since its inception eleven years ago and this simply would not have been made possible without the generosity of organizations like yours.

Thank you, again, for all of your support.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Black  
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April 25, 2016

Junior League of Montgomery, Inc.  
3570 Carter Hill Road  
Montgomery, Alabama 36111

Dear Kimberly Baker/President:

It is indeed with great pleasure for the Jefferson Davis High School Baseball team to thank the Junior League of Montgomery, Inc. for your support and help. I am extremely grateful for your donation to our program. Your donation will help us upgrade our hitting facility. This will enable our baseball program to have a better opportunity to compete and will allow our players to further develop their skill sets.

The Jefferson Davis head staff members and myself really enjoyed your 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. It was absolutely fabulous and immaculate. We are also thankful for such a warm welcome and inviting atmosphere upon our arrival and during the event from each Junior League member, especially Mrs. Heather Coleman Davis. We look forward to staying in touch, and thanks again for all that this organization does.

Sincerely,

Cory J. Wooten/Head Baseball Coach



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Kimberly Baker, President  
Junior League of Montgomery  
3570 Carter Hill Road  
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Dear Kimberly,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of the HandsOn River Region, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to you and the Junior League of Montgomery for your partnership in co-sponsoring the Volunteer of the Year Awards Celebration at \$2,500.00!

What a wonderful opportunity for our two organizations, which share such a long history and commitment to volunteerism, to come together to honor our community volunteers. We were all very pleased with the event and hope that you felt the same. In addition, please express our appreciation once again to the wonderful volunteers from the League who did so much to make the celebration run so smoothly.

We have pictures from the event available if you would like copies for your records.

It was a pleasure working with you and we appreciate all that you and the League do. Thank you again for this valuable partnership and I look forward to working closely together on future events.

Most Sincerely,

Jo Ann Johnson  
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Kimberly,  
Thank you so much for allowing us to be  
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You should be so proud of what you  
have accomplished this past year.  
We are proud to call the Junior League  
our friend and we look forward to  
a continued relationship.  
Warmest Regards,  
Kystal Floyd

Thank you, thank you, thank you. We appreciate  
it more than you know! We are so excited to purchase  
some new furniture for our waiting room!  
Laurel

Thank you so much for your donation. It's  
one thing to say you support the children;  
however, it's amazing to see people like you  
actually put your money behind it. This is a  
blessing for us, that will turn into a blessing  
for the kids we serve. Again, Thanks from  
the bottom of my heart!!  
- Abraham White

Thank you so much  
for the donation! We  
can't wait to update  
our waiting room with  
new furniture. We truly  
appreciate all your support!  
- Emily

Our clients and most of all we are EXTREMELY  
grateful for the generosity shown to us. Thank  
you again! The kids we serve deserve the best  
& getting this furniture will further help us  
meet their needs. God Bless! Kroselin Boyd

Words can never express how much your  
donation means to us and the children we  
serve. We will be able to update our waiting  
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is such a huge  
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Bart & Cindy Aldridge  
Alfa Insurance  
Kimberly & Ben Baker  
Capital City Club  
Chick-fil-A Midtown  
Harmon Dennis Bradshaw  
ITEC  
Leigh Ann Nevins, DMD  
Renfroe's Foodland  
River Bank & Trust  
Sasser, Sefton & Brown PC  
The J.K. Lowder Family Foundation

### TITLE INVESTOR



### PREMIER INVESTOR



### SILVER INVESTOR

Loree & Owen Aronov  
AUM Outreach  
Cadence Bank  
Dreamland BBQ  
Entec Stations, Inc.  
FirstKlass Movers  
Jack Ingram Motors, Inc.  
Jackson Thornton  
McConnell Honda  
Newk's Eatery  
PrimeSouth Bank  
Publix Grocery Stores

### SUPPORTER

24 Communications  
Filter Services of Alabama  
New Park

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