

2020-2021 Community Placement Brochure



February 18, 2020: Placement Fair at General Membership Meeting

February 19 —March 31, 2020: Placement Sign-up Online

June 1, 2020: New League Year (and New Placement) Begins!

Quick Guide to 2020-2021 Community Placements



Agency Service Population	Does project work with clients?	Season	Timing	Training (if required, provided by placement)	Placement Capacity	Member Rank (for your use)
Adults and kids	Yes	Year-round	Second Saturday	Background check	12	
Kids	Yes	School Year	Evenings/Weekends	No	10	
Adults and kids	Yes	Year-round	Saturdays	No	15	
Community	No	Year-round	Flexible	No	10	
Low-income adults	Yes	Winter and Spring	Wkdays/ wkends (flexible)	Yes	12	
Elderly	No	Year-round	Any time (at member choice)	No	15	
Kids	Yes	Year-round	Flexible	No	11	
Adults and kids	Yes	Flexible	Flexible	Yes	10	
Families	Yes	Year-round	Nights/ Saturdays	No	10	
Kids	Yes	Summer	June 18-20	No	8	
Women	Yes	Year-round	Flexible	No	10	



JL Placement Chair: LaTricia Jones

Serves:	Adults\Children	Season:	Year
Time of day/week:	Second Saturday 10:30a to 1:30p	Capacity:	8 to 12 volunteers

About their Organization:

Aid to Inmate Mothers (AIM) Inc., was founded in 1987 by Church Women United, The Alabama Prison Project, The Alabama Department of Corrections and a group of committed volunteers who discovered that there were many women in prison who never saw their children. AIM's founders recognized that children of incarcerated parents needed regular contact with their mothers, yet often couldn't visit because their guardians were unwilling or unable to take them. In 1990, AIM separated from the Alabama Prison Project and became an independent nonprofit agency.

In 2011, AIM started a project that that they had always dreamed of—a transitional home for women leaving prison. In 2012, AIM was given approval on a grant from the City of Montgomery to purchase the building. In June 2013, they became the proud owners of 660 Morgan Avenue. They have since moved all of their offices to the new building.

Aid to Inmate Mothers (AIM) provides services to Alabama's incarcerated women with an emphasis on enhancing personal growth and strengthening the bonds between inmate mothers and their children.

About the Project:

Volunteers will be responsible for:

- Help plan arts and crafts projects for visits.
- Help implement arts and crafts during visits.
- Take photos of families during visits.
- Plan a special meal for holidays.
- Serve food to families during visits.
- Plan and organize a bingo game or other group project for the visits.
- Plan and organize holiday projects.

Visitation day would require about 5 volunteer hours, so each volunteer would need to attend at least four AIM visits to get their hours. Hours could also be earned outside the prison by planning activities and food (e.g. baking cookies to ice during visits).

Volunteers would be required to go through NCIC background checks and must attend one four-hour session of PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act). Trainings are offered at least quarterly by the prison; usually in June and September. They can also arrange for a special training on a weekday at Tutwiler.



JL Placement Chair: Ta'Kenya Rogers

Serves:	Children	Season:	School Year
Time of day/week:	Evenings/Weekends	Capacity:	10 volunteers

About the Organization:

Brantwood Children's Home was founded in 1917 by the Federation of Women's Club to care for children whose parents were incarcerated. Since that time, Brantwood has evolved into so much more.

Today, Brantwood has become a home for abused and neglected children that need one. They foster boys and girls ages 10-20 years old that have not gotten a fair start to life, through no actions of their own, and provide them with the same things that any parent would provide their own children. The basic necessities of food, clothing, and shelter are just the beginning to what they would like to offer the children in their care. Not only do they provide their children with a place to live, they try to instill a sense of normalcy in their lives; a normalcy they have rarely had demonstrated to them before. Brantwood becomes a surrogate family for those entering; as their children are encouraged to participate in chores, extra-curricular activities, and family meals.

Their goal is simple-to provide a place for the heart to heal and important relationships to blossom.

About the Project:

The project is called Project Angel Friends.

The goals of Project Angel Friends are outlined below:

- To provide life skills, developmental experiences, and opportunities for social interaction through an on-going relationship with the Junior League.
- To encourage their children about the upcoming school term and create enthusiasm and excitement surrounding education by hosting an annual Back to School Party.
- To provide a steady and familiar support system to foster healthy social healing in their youth.
- To provide resources related to back to school preparation as well as intermittent resources throughout the year.
- To provide an external secondary family upon which they can call for regular guidance and support for their youth.
- To provide ample real-life learning experiences and scenarios for their youth.



Disability as an Ability Toward Success: Moms on the Move (D.A.T.S.M.O.M.)

JL Placement Chair: Amanda Hines

Serves:	Parents\Children	Season:	Year
Time of day/week:	Saturday	Capacity:	8 - 15 volunteers

About the Organization:

Disability as an Ability Toward Success: Moms on the Move (DATSMOM) is a grassroots initiative with a focus on advocacy and leadership training for minority parents of children with developmental disabilities in rural areas of Alabama. Parents receive training that focuses on best practices to obtain full access and maximize educational and service delivery plans. Studying this information improves parent self-determination, self-confidence and skill development in order to effectively advocate for better inclusion and expansion of resources and support opportunities for their child.

This is the only non-profit parent advocacy organization for families of children on the autism spectrum or related developmental disabilities that provides free-in home training and group trainings. Navigating parents after the diagnosis along their journey is also a part of their mission, where they meet parents where they are and help to strengthen and empower them for a more positive family outcome. Popular training topics include Individual Education Plan (IEP) research and prep training, personal, professional and communication skills development.

About the Project:

Volunteers will be responsible for:

- Organizing training binders; prepare paperwork and gather supplies that are given out at each training and/or family enrichment activity.
- Help the set up/break down of the training room.
- Sit at the training check-in table, greet training attendants and help with directing them to the training room.
- Help pass out training materials.
- Help serve as childcare volunteers during the training and/or family enrichment activity.
- Members may serve food/refreshments.

Trainings and family enrichment activities are held on Saturdays (one Saturday a month) in the afternoons/evenings. JLM Members who wish to volunteer at the trainings, their selected day would be one or two Saturdays of the month. Trainings are typically 2-3 hours, adding an hour before the training for set up and an hour after the training for breakdown.

Volunteering during the week and assist with training prep work, members would report to the D.A.T.S.M.O.M. office anytime during office hours Monday-Friday to assist. Ideally, each volunteer would commit to at least four hours per person during the events. The Placement team can rotate trainings/family enrichment activities or select 2-3 volunteers per training/activity.



JL Placement Chair: Krishula Edwards

Serves:	Community	Season:	Year
Time of day/week:	Flexible	Capacity:	6 – 8 Volunteers

About the Organization:

JLM will be forming a Human Trafficking committee to bring awareness to this horrific crime. Their main objective will be to bring awareness in this first year. The simple things they will do is communicate with local municipalities and bring their attention to this crime that is happening in their local communities. They will ask each municipality to sign a Proclamation recognizing January as Human Trafficking month. This committee will also be asked to distribute signs for bathroom doors for airports, shopping and hotel facilities with the National Human Trafficking Hotline phone number.

JLM will be leading the way with the support and partnership of local agencies to help educate and make our community aware Human Trafficking in our area.

About the Project:

Volunteers will be responsible for the following:

- Visiting municipalities and educating them on the issue of Human Trafficking. The goal would be to get them to sign a Proclamation that January is Human Trafficking Month.
- Hanging signs on doors at airport, rest areas, restaurants, etc.
- Continuing to educate our members on this topic and offer training to our membership.

JLM will partner with Montgomery County Children's Policy Council to train our local police forces. The Junior League of Birmingham has partnered with the Jefferson County Children's Policy Council and Jefferson County Family Court to offer Multi-Disciplinary Training for their local law enforcement. Currently our law enforcement hasn't been trained. This is a key opportunity for our League to lead and help develop needed awareness of a National issue.



JL Placement Chair: Liz Quin

Serves:	Low-income adults	Season:	Winter
Time of day/week:	Weekdays/weekends	Capacity:	12 volunteers

About the Organization:

Impact Alabama's SaveFirst program assists low-income Alabamians with tax preparation.

The Earned Income Tax Credit is the federal government's largest antipoverty program, aimed at lifting families—especially those with children—above the poverty line. However, many who do not have the resources or knowledge to file their own taxes rely instead on costly commercial tax preparers, collectively losing millions of dollars owed them by the EITC. That extra money could have made a tremendous contribution to helping lower-income families secure health insurance, pay down debts—and even put food on the table.

Moreover, because there are no national standards or licensing procedures for commercial preparers, many set up shop in low-income communities and take advantage of hard-working families by preparing negligent, and sometimes fraudulent, returns. And ultimately, it's the families who are on the hook for any mistakes. SaveFirst is dedicated to protecting these families' tax refunds—the largest check that most will receive all year.

About Our Project:

SaveFirst will operate two free tax preparation sites in Montgomery during the 2020-21 year, at the Rufus A. Lewis Library and the Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library. Trained and IRS-certified volunteers from local colleges and universities and the Junior League of Montgomery will be recruited to assist with tax preparation at both sites.

In December or early January, Junior League volunteers will complete a tax training in order to gain the proficiency necessary to pass an IRS certification test. If desired, volunteers with accounting experience or who have previously volunteered with SaveFirst will have the opportunity to complete an advanced training in October or November in order to prepare more complex tax returns and conduct quality reviews of returns completed by new volunteers during tax season.

They will then work from mid-January to the end of February at one of the two Montgomery tax sites to assist low- to moderate-income community members in filing their tax returns. Volunteers will work directly with clients to obtain all the necessary information to complete tax forms and use a computer software program to enter the information for each client. No previous tax experience is necessary.



JL Placement Chair: Sheldon Martin

Serves:	Low-Income Seniors	Season:	Year-Round
Time of day/week:	Flexible	Capacity:	15 volunteers

About the Organization:

MACOA's Frozen Meals program is a temporary program for those on the Meals on Wheels waiting list. Currently there are 230 clients on a waiting list. A surrogate, family member, neighbor, friend, etc. may pick up meals once a week at their office.

Their Frozen Meals program calls on their local area sponsors to provide these meals. The process entails setting aside the remaining food each afternoon or evening. MACOA provides the tins for packaging food.

This program runs solely on the donations from the community. Local sponsors include churches, restaurants, businesses and individuals. They are in need of additional sponsors to fill this ever-growing need in our community.

The Montgomery Area Council on Aging assists senior citizens by providing services to promote independent living, by offering opportunities to enhance quality of life, and by increasing community awareness of senior issues.

About Our Project:

Volunteers will be responsible for the following:

- Meal Planning – Creation of a well-balanced menu to include an entree, vegetable, starch and roll. Dessert is optional.
- Grocery Shopping – Budget runs 65 cents for each course excluding 5 cents for bread.
- Meal Preparation – Cook team prepares food on a chosen site.
- Meal Packaging – Packaging and sealing of tins.
- Labeling – Menu and date packaged.
- Delivery to MACOA – Frozen for future distribution.

Timing is flexible, but the placement team is responsible for producing 400 meals per month for 8 months of the year (September-April).

Additional available volunteer options include:

- 1) Deliver a Meals on Wheels route
- 2) Pack and prep meals for Meals on Wheels- all food and supplies provided
- 3) Prepare/deliver birthday cakes
- 4) Package pet food
- 5) Gather and assemble items for Holiday bags.



Montgomery Christian School (MCS)

JL Placement Chair: Blake Ioimo

Serves:	Children	Season:	Year
Time of day/week:	Weekends	Capacity:	11+volunteers

About the Organization:

They offer an academically challenging education in a Christian environment to families with limited school choice. They believe elementary school should provide a sound foundation in order to produce life-long learners. Their students receive instruction in the core curricular subjects as well as the arts. Their teachers and staff are dedicated to teaching and training the whole child so that they will be contributing members in their school and in the community.

Montgomery Christian School offers an academically excellent education that is affordable to almost every family. Every child receives a scholarship. Although it costs \$6,500 a year to educate one child, the average tuition is only \$50 per month based on family income. Affordable tuition and parent involvement are two core principles that set MCS apart from every other school in the River Region.

About Our Project:

The MCS placement includes the installation of playground equipment and landscaping for the K-5th grade students.

Volunteers will be responsible for the following:

- Helping with current playground equipment demolition.
- Potentially helping with small tasks supporting the new equipment installation (working in accordance with insurance and installation requirements)
- Landscaping.

Additional available volunteer options include: JL weekday lunch volunteer opportunities to sit with the students during lunch so that teachers can attend trainings as well as options to help in the library.



JL Placement Chair: Tamika Watkins

Serves:	Adults\Children	Season:	Flexible
Time of day/week:	Flexible	Capacity:	8 - 10 volunteers

About the Organization:

Mary Ellen's Hearth has been serving women and children in our community for over 100 years.

Mary Ellen's Hearth at Nellie Burge offers a residential program for homeless women and their children. The families can live at the center for up to two years as long as they are working on independence. The staff at Mary Ellen's Hearth offers two groups a week for the women to attend to learn how to provide a safe environment for their children, plus understand developmental stages of their children. They are also offered training in financial literacy, nutrition, cooking, interviewing, parenting and resumes. They partner with many other agencies to assist us in providing these services.

About Our Project:

- Move items out of the room and clean the room.

- Paint the room and setup the furniture, decorations and computers in the room.

- Decorate the walls with posters, etc. (Junior League members can shop for decorations if they like).

- Be on hand for a grand opening of the room.

The volunteers can choose the days and times that are convenient to them.

Background check required.



JL Placement Chair: Teryn Bostick

Serves:	Children & Adults	Season:	Year
Time of day/week:	Nights/Saturday	Capacity:	8 - 10 volunteers

About the Organization:

Service Dogs Alabama provides medical and psychiatric assistance dogs to children, adults, and Veterans with disabilities as well as Facility Dogs trained in intervention and behavior disruption for schools, courtrooms, and State Departments where stress is prevalent.

The organization dates back to 2010 when Frances McGowin and Ashley Taylor founded the K-9s 4 Kids Service Dog training program under the nonprofit umbrella of Easter Seals Alabama. Service Dogs Alabama was incorporated as an independent non-profit organization in 2015.

Service Dogs Alabama (SDA) has at least 50 dogs in training at various stages at all times to ensure the wait-time for a Service Dog is less than 18 months for a fully trained dog.

About Our Project:

Volunteers will be responsible for assisting with SDA's re-certification and mini-graduation events.

- Host Committee: cook/serve dinner and act as "host" at recipient tables. Talking and engaging the individual and their families. Encouraging fellowship, sharing experiences- hardships and triumphs, struggles and victories, etc.

- Hospitality Team: set up "welcome gifts", decorate, and prepare suite for clients when staying at SDA for training. SDA is in the process of building Pods to house families, children, and/or Veterans when they come for training or retreats. Each recipient /family will have their own "suite". JLM volunteers can help prepare each suite for arrival and make it feel like home with special touches.

- POD Common Area- A common area is being created within the POD "community". SDA would like JLM volunteers to help with the decorating, painting, furnishing, of this space for the families, children, and/or Veterans to be able to spend mutual time together, socializing, relaxing, relating, etc.

Weekday nights and Saturday day/night(s).

They hold recertification and mini-graduations 3-4 times throughout the year.



JL Placement Chair: Karen Griffin

Serves:	Children	Season:	Summer
Time of day/week:	June 18-20 7:30a to 5:30p	Capacity:	8 volunteers

About their Organization:

Strong Tower at Washington Park is a church plant that strives to glorify God, go to all the nations and grow His people. Their vision is to significantly impact Washington Park and the world for Christ. Their mission is to make disciples through incarnational community for the glory of God.

After being independent for their first four years, they joined the Montgomery Baptist Association, a part of the Southern Baptist Denomination, in November 2015. In addition to this partnership, they have assembled an oversight team of biblically qualified and seasoned men to encourage, instruct, guide and correct the church during their formative years.

Strong Tower at Washington Park partners with following ministries: ACTS 29, Cody McMillan, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Fishers Farm, Flatline Church of Chisholm, International Christian Response (Persecuted Church, Montgomery S.T.E.P. Foundation, Southern Baptist Convention, Vision 938, and Jan + Krystal Workman.

About our Project:

The goal is to meet approximately 250 people's health needs between podiatry, optometry, dental and general health checks over the course of 3 days.

June 18th and 19th, Volunteers will assist with event set up and the mobile Dentist Unit will need assistance registering, escorting attendees and giving attendees procedure directions. This is a very short/concentrated placement so volunteers must be available on June 18th, 19th & 20th. It is a great opportunity to complete your placement hours quickly!

June 20th, there will be stations set up for each service. Whether the kids station (Face Paint, hula hoop, connect 4), medical doctor/nurse station (Make sure the next person is available and all paper work complete), podiatry (remove socks and shoes, help attendee soak their feet for preparation for Doctor or medical student) , Optometry (help attendee complete any paperwork), dental unit, volunteer station, registration, or food station.

JLM members will be asked to volunteer all 3 days for 6-8 hours each day (7:30a to 5:00p). The signup.com link will be sent prior to the event to the designated JLM member to allow the volunteers to sign up for their preferred station.



Women of Refined Gold, Inc.

JL Placement Chair: Corette Scott

Serves:	Women	Season:	Year
Time of day/week:	Flexible	Capacity:	8 – 10 volunteers

About their Organization:

Their mission is to connect women and youth impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault in the River Region to survivor resources. T'sharin Moncrief started WORG, Inc after experiencing physical and verbal abuse for 10 years. After finally finding the courage to leave with her 3 daughters, she made it her mission to help other women do the same and to provide a safe haven for them to retreat to. She also makes it her mission to spread awareness on this huge silent killer among women in their communities. She created WORG to Educate, Empower & End.

The vision of this program is to Educate, Empower and End repeat cycles of unhealthy relationships. Their goal is to foster positive relationships of sisterhood through interactive workshops, group support, community service, summer and mentoring programs that promote the development of positive social, ethical and spiritual decision-making skills.

About our Project:

The Purpose Parties will provide a community resource list that outlines agencies within the community that focus on specific areas such as food, shelter, counseling, legal assistance etc. which simply identify and amplify resources within the community to ensure individuals and families receive the specific support that is needed for their situation.

Volunteers will be responsible for:

- Organizing and implementation of Purpose Parties. The volunteers will have the flexibility and liberty to structure the parties as they see fit.

Volunteers will meet with WORG (in person or via phone conference) to understand the current mission, intent of the project, identify volunteer members availability and answer questions. The Purpose Parties will need to have a marketing strategy to ensure maximum support and attendance. The marketing can include a digital campaign that can be identified by the planning team.

Dates and times of parties will be decided in accordance with the availability of the volunteer team members. The parties will most likely be on weekends or evenings if it is a weekday.