



JL Placement Chair: Morgan Beckman

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. We 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 we would like to offer the children in our care. Not only do we provide our children with a place to live, we 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 our children are encouraged to participate in chores, extra-curricular activities, and family meals.

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

**About Our 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 our 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 our 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 we can call for regular guidance and support for our youth.
- To provide ample real-life learning experiences and scenarios for our youth.



JL Placement Chair: Karen Griffin

Serves:	Elderly	Season:	School Year
Time of day/week:	Weekdays	Capacity:	8 volunteers

**About the Organization:**

St. Margaret’s Elderly Services serves those individuals 65 years and above who fall below the poverty line and need assistance in order to maintain independence rather than go into a nursing home.

The services provided include obtaining all paperwork necessary for access to Food Stamp and other benefits for which they are entitled; transportation, coordination; regular visits and monitoring calls; coordinating and advocating with other service and business providers and family members.

Many of St. Margaret’s clients do not have opportunities for social interaction or fun outside of visits from St. Margaret’s staff. It is critical to provide these seniors with activities to keep them active and engaged as they grow older.

St. Margaret’s is a program of Catholic Social Services. The mission of Catholic Social Services in the Archdiocese of Mobile is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire church and people of good will to do the same.

**About Our Project:**

There are 4 project components for volunteers to assist with, providing a range of possible activities and opportunities for volunteers: Zumba Gold classes, packing monthly food bags for St. Margaret’s clients, and assisting with hosting cooking demonstrations and other socials for seniors.

For Zumba class, we would need volunteers to interact with seniors during the class, assist with set-up and cleanup of the space, and serve refreshments.

Our food bag packing would entail volunteers organizing food bag contents and arranging in the cloth bags for delivery.

The cooking demonstration component would require possible cooking prep, interaction with clients, assistance serving lunch after the demonstration and restoring the demo area to its original state.

Social functions would require volunteers to assist with decorating the spaces, visiting and playing games with seniors, helping serve lunch and cleanup after events.



JL Placement Chair: Daria Awusah

Serves:	Children	Season:	Summer
Time of day/week:	6 Saturdays	Capacity:	12 volunteers

**About the Organization:**

Common Ground Montgomery is a non-profit community development organization. The mission of CGM is to revitalize the Washington Park community. Started in 2006, CGM is a non-denominational Christian ministry that focuses on youth development and leadership, after school programs and camps, mentoring, community initiatives, and cross-cultural relationships and racial reconciliation. CGM has spun off one community initiative, a housing renovation and adult financial literacy organization that has become its own non-profit. CGM's most recent community initiative is focused on providing food, a clothes closet, showers, and clothes washing capabilities to those in need.

**About Our Project:**

Recently, CGM received grant funding to build a bunkhouse for volunteers who will come to Washington Park to serve Common Ground Montgomery and House to House. The bunkhouse will house up to 100 volunteers and will have common space, kitchen, bathrooms, and bunk rooms. JLM volunteers will help put together furniture, paint rooms, and decorate these new buildings. Volunteers may also assist with some landscaping around the building.

Volunteers will work on alternate Saturdays during the summer, from approximately 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. to complete the project.





# Dream Court Montgomery

JL Placement Chair: Jill Farris

Serves:	People w/disabilities	Season:	Fall
Time of day/week:	Sundays	Capacity:	10 volunteers

### About the Organization:

Dream Court Montgomery is a non profit organization that provides an adaptive tennis program for individuals with special needs. Their mission is to teach the lifetime sport of tennis and life skills to children and adults with physical or intellectual disabilities striving for inclusion and acceptations, and their motto is serving hope, changing lives.

Tennis is a lifetime sport that has many benefits to a person's mind and body. Dream Court believes that the joy of tennis belongs to everyone, and therefore their program adapts to every skill level.

Participants have fun while learning tennis, developing an active lifestyle, learning appropriate social behavior and developing self-esteem.

### About Our Project:

Volunteers will assist with facility set up including transporting balls, cones, and rackets from storage room to tennis court, setting up welcoming tent and table, filling up cooler with water and ice for volunteers and participants, and assisting with drying tennis courts in case of rain.

Volunteers will also greet athletes (participants) and coaches (volunteers), check in athletes and coaches, and distribute t-shirts to athletes and coaches.

Volunteers will work on Sunday afternoons, from 1:30 p.m. to about 6:30 p.m. during the months of September and October.



JL Placement Chair: Tricia Jones

Serves:	At-risk adults	Season:	Fall OR Spring
Time of day/week:	Weekdays @ lunch	Capacity:	10 volunteers

**About the Organization:**

Hope Inspired Ministries (HIM) is a faith-based, local non-profit designed to train low-skilled, poorly educated, and/or chronically unemployed men and women to obtain and maintain employment. Through a rigorous 9-week job training program, each student participates in 360 hours of training which includes soft skills, employment skills, financial management, problem solving, conflict resolution and so many other critical skills. Each student participates in an internship with a local business. We conclude the course with a cap and gown graduation where every student offers a 3-5 minute speech regarding lessons learned in the course.

We at HIM believe the best way to help the poor is to train them how to become self-sufficient by utilizing the gifts and abilities that our Creator has bestowed upon each of them. In doing so, we hope to bring honor to our God by the transformation that He produces in our students!

**About Our Project:**

Volunteers can choose to participate in the Fall or Spring session.

Each volunteer (support partner) and their assigned student would meet once a week for 6 weeks during a lunch hour. Support partners are needed to build genuinely caring relationships with students to provide emotional and encouragement throughout the program. There is no requirement to “fix” the student; the goal is simply to build them up through a meaningful relationship to help them accomplish their goals. Volunteers may also choose to tutor their student 1-2 hours per week, as the student works toward obtaining a GED.

A typical weekly meeting might include: sharing a meal together (provided by HIM), sharing life events from the past week, discussing concepts previously covered in class, or assisting with basic problem-solving ideas to bring order to their lives.

All volunteers will also assist with hosting the Graduation Ceremony for both sessions.



JL Placement Chair: Melissa Warnke

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 2019-20 year, at Old Cloverdale Junior High School 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: Tamela Selmar-Burks

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 our office.

Our Frozen Meals program calls on our 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. We 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.



JL Placement Chair: Amerika Blair

Serves:	Children	Season:	Summer
Time of day/week:	Weekdays	Capacity:	15 volunteers

**About the Organization:**

In 2013, MEF launched the Brain Forest Summer Learning Academy, a 5-week academic summer enrichment program targeted at improving student math and reading scores while preventing summer learning loss.

Research shows that students lose an average of 2-3 months of academic skills during the summer months - the Brain Forest aims to prevent this learning loss while providing a summer of cultural and arts enrichment, academics and fun. The full day program serves rising 4th, 5th and 6th grade students enrolled in Montgomery Public Schools and is provided at no cost to participating families. Students are engaged in mornings of hands-on academic learning and afternoons of engaging enrichment activities including swimming, horseback riding, kayaking and field trips to sites around the city such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, WSFA News Studios. Old Alabama Town and much more.

The program has been tremendously successful. In 2015 students demonstrated average gains of 2-3 months in both reading and math. What a difference five weeks can make!

**About Our Project:**

Opportunities include:

1. As part of the learning experience, students create lemonade stand business models. Students create a "product" and business plan that includes budgeting, advertising/promotion, and job descriptions. Junior League volunteers would work with with the students as "consultants". At least one volunteer would be assigned to each of the 15 teams. Consultants would help create and review the business plans, promotions and marketing and recruit outside businesses to speak to the students and provide feedback. (flexible, 2-3 times per week for 5 weeks)
2. Help manage and staff the weekly "Incentive Store" - students earn behavior tickets and can purchase candy and small toys once a week. (Thursdays, 10-noon for 5 weeks, additional organization/incentive purchasing hours)
3. Classroom volunteers help pack, set up and take down classroom supplies at the start and end of the program and also provide weekly support to teachers in the classroom preparing projects and assisting students. (9-1 on 6/6 and 6/7, 7/19)





JL Placement Chair: Ta'Kenya Rogers

Serves:	People w/disabilities	Season:	Year
Time of day/week:	Evenings	Capacity:	8 volunteers

**About the Organization:**

Since its humble beginnings in 2007, Triumph has grown to serve hundreds of individuals in the Birmingham area and expand to an additional office in Montgomery in 2016.

Triumph was thrilled to add Transition Services for individuals and groups in 2016. On July 27, 2017, Triumph unveiled a new logo to celebrate 10 years of serving individuals with developmental disabilities.

We believe that individuals with developmental disabilities are, first and foremost, deserving of recognition and respect; create their own visions and dreams for their lives; and learn how to manage their own homes, perform job skills on an actual job, and be social in real social settings.

We are proud to serve 330 participants, 172 community partners, and 8 counties.

Triumph provides support to adults with developmental disabilities, mainly individuals who have an autism spectrum disorder. Adults with developmental disabilities are an underserved population. After individuals exit high school, there are few services for them as they begin adulthood. Women are especially underserved.

**About Our Project:**

Girls' Night Out will offer weekly dinner, fellowship, and education for adult females who have a developmental disability. These events will be held at the Triumph Montgomery Office.

A 2015 study by Drexel University reported that 1 in 4 adults with autism are socially isolated - these individuals had no contact with anyone outside of their family in the past year. The study also revealed that one in three adults had no community participation.

The goals of the project are the following:

1. Provide a safe opportunity for adult females with developmental disabilities to meet new friends.
2. Provide a meal and fellowship to low income adult females with developmental disabilities.
3. Provide a short lesson on life skills, social skills, and/or health and safety to adult females with developmental disabilities.
4. Provide positive exposure of women with developmental disabilities to Junior League Volunteers.

The Placement Team can alternate weeks or schedule 2-3 volunteers each week. Volunteers need not attend every week.



JL Placement Chair: Victoria Belton

Serves:	Children	Season:	Winter/Spring
Time of day/week:	Weekdays/flexible	Capacity:	10 volunteers

**About the Organization:**

Valiant Cross Academy provides a loving, stable educational opportunity for young men in Montgomery, Alabama. We believe in developing leaders. Teaching each one of our scholars the necessary skills to become productive citizens, leaders in the community and honorable men.

To rise above.

With Excellence, Integrity and Love.

“The purpose and mission of Valiant Cross Academy is to provide excellent educational experiences for all of its scholars. Together with my brother, Frederick Brock, we founded the school to place each scholar on a sound academic track. Read more about our administration and bios, and feel free to visit the school to become a part of the story at Valiant Cross Academy.

Yours in Education, Anthony Brock (Head of School)”

**About Our Project:**

Junior League volunteers will be completely involved in the entire project. We would begin with a clean room with white walls and work together with the school and scholars to create an inspiring space for our scholars to relax, study and unwind. The room does not need any construction other than possibly adding shelving, hanging artwork or painting. We would like for the volunteers to get to know the boys to help us secure a theme. Once a theme is selected, we can begin implementation. Painting, purchasing items, and creating the room from the bottom up!

Junior League volunteers will also help us with our community garden which is housed on the campus of Troy University Montgomery. We have an award-winning garden that our scholars use as an outdoor classroom. They plant, water and harvest the garden as part of their curriculum.