



# Junior League of Lafayette ANNUAL REPORT



Junior League  
of  
Lafayette

## 2016-2017





# JUNIOR LEAGUE *of* LAFAYETTE

**OUR MISSION** Junior League of Lafayette is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

**OUR VISION** Women as leaders for lasting community change.

## 2016-2017

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**PRESIDENT** Julie Broussard

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Jason El Koubi

Kyle Gideon

Ryan Godelocke

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Debbie Mills

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Dr. Tina Stefanski

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**PLACEMENT CHAIR** Jeanne-Marie Savoy



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# LETTER from the PRESIDENT

Each year we start with our Mission. Our Mission in Junior League is without question: *promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.* We make a difference in the life that we live, how we offer grace to one another and we put the needs of others before ourselves. We serve in order to build a better community.

When you lead any organization, you can only hope for collaboration and goodwill. Our members, our friends, our families, our entire community was affected by a historic flood. During this most difficult time, I can say without a doubt that Junior League of Lafayette members were truly living our Mission. It was a devastating time, but also a humbling one. So many League members rolled up their sleeves and served again to aid in recovery efforts by cleaning houses, preparing meals and giving support to those in need. Our community came together to make an amazing recovery because we have the most gracious and most hospitable people in our midst.

As we gave aid to the recovery, League members also dedicated their time and effort to our largest Fundraising event – Tinsel & Treasures. As always, our members stepped up and continued to raise enough funds to help directly fund Junior League of Lafayette’s community projects. We are Lafayette Strong, with our 600 + members. These 600 + members dedicated over 24,000 hours, giving back to our community in the 2016-2017 League year. Operationally this League year, we accomplished many tasks that will lead our League to a solid future. One of the biggest things accomplished was finalizing our new Junior League of Lafayette logo. The new logo, to be used starting in the 2017-2018 League year, aligns our League with Association of Junior Leagues International’s logo and brand standards.

I hope to see you on September 27, 2017 at Preview Party during our fundraising event, Tinsel & Treasures, as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary. At this anniversary edition of our annual event, we will pay tribute to the dedication and investment made to our community over the last 60 years.

It was my honor to serve as the President of Junior League of Lafayette. I am thankful for each League member, our community partners, our valued League supporters and the League staff for making Junior League of Lafayette a valued organization in our community today! Thank you for choosing Junior League of Lafayette as your avenue to give back.

Always,  
*Julie Ann Broussard*  
President, 2016-2017



# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE LEADERS



**Front Row:** Corinne Cotton Sprague, Carlee Alm-LaBar, Dr. Melanie Fowler, Katherine McCormick; **Middle Row:** Dr. Lise Ann Slatten, Julie Broussard, Alison Alleman, Melissa Maeker; **Back Row:** Mary Courville, Angela Cring, Hannah Mason, Aimee Cotter



**Front Row:** Alise Hagan, Mary Vinson, Mary Courville, Jeanette Chauvin, Kathryn Hesse; **Back Row:** Jeanne-Marie Savoy, Danielle Claiborne, Monique Gideon; **Not Pictured:** Jennifer Briggs



# COMMUNITY ADVISORY

# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS



**Standing left to right:** Maggie Simar, JLL Immediate Past President; Jeanette Chauvin, JLL Communications Vice President; Ryan Goudelocke, Community Member; Danielle Claiborne, JLL Community Vice President; Heather Blanchard, Community Member; and Mary Courville, JLL Executive Vice President  
**Seated left to right:** Dr. Jennifer Jackson, Community Member; Hannah Mason, JLL Secretary; Corinne Sprague, JLL President-Elect; Dr. Lise Anne Slatten, JLL Sustaining Advisor to JLL Board; Julie Broussard, JLL President; and Dr. Tina Stefanski, Community Member  
**Not pictured:** Zachary Barker, Jason El Koubi, Kyle Gideon, Debbie Mills, Fred Mills and Jerry Prejean  
\*Photo taken January 2017

## Junior League of Lafayette representation on local non profit boards:

- Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana - Cathy Lagrange
- Healing House - Mary Courville
- The Family Tree – Rebecca Bayless
- Community Foundation of Acadiana Funders Council - Alison Alleman

## BY THE NUMBERS

<b>FOUNDED</b> 1957	<b>JOINED</b> <b>AJLI</b> 1974	<b>MEMBERS</b> 610	
<b>VOLUNTEER</b> <b>TRAINING</b> <b>HOURS</b> 156	<b>VOLUNTEER</b> <b>COMMUNITY</b> <b>HOURS</b> 24,686		<b>COMMUNITY</b> <b>MEMBERS</b> <b>IMPACTED</b> 14,964
<b>2016-2017</b> <b>FUNDS</b> <b>RAISED</b> \$326,000+		<b>1993-2016</b> <b>TINSEL &amp;</b> <b>TREASURES</b> <b>RAISED</b> \$5.3 MILLION	<b>2016</b> <b>TINSEL &amp;</b> <b>TREASURES</b> <b>RAISED</b> \$310,000+
	<b>2016</b> <b>KITCHEN</b> <b>TOUR FUNDS</b> <b>RAISED</b> \$7,000+	<b>2016-2017</b> <b>COOKBOOK</b> <b>FUNDS</b> <b>RAISED</b> \$9,000+	<b>1967-2017</b> <b>COOKBOOK</b> <b>RAISED</b> \$1.2 MILLION



# GRANTS

Junior League of Lafayette is committed to providing this community with direct and indirect resources, namely financial contributions and volunteer hours. Each year, Junior League puts out a call for proposals in which area nonprofits are invited to submit proposals for either Collaborative Opportunity Grants (where League members volunteer with the nonprofit in completing the grant) or Community Enrichment/Community Resource Funds (where funds are provided to the nonprofit to complete the grant).

## 2016 RESOURCE GRANTS

**The Extra Mile** *(\$2,500)* In 2002, AVEC Les Enfants—A Supervised Visitation and Exchange Center—was established under the umbrella of The Extra Mile, Region IV, Inc. Using trained volunteers, the center provides a safe place for families who are required by court order to have supervised visits. JLL provided healthy snack options for children visiting the center.

**New Hope Community Development of Acadiana** *(\$1,500)* New Hope began in 2011 with an after-school tutoring program for six students in partnership with the Lafayette Parks and Recreation’s Youth Summer Enrichment Program. They provide after-school tutoring for 40 students at the J. Carlton James Center, focusing on math and reading. New Hope also supports a teaching garden, speech contests and a sports program to teach leadership. JLL provided healthy snacks for their after-school tutoring program and Report

Card Parties. This program operates in Azalea Park neighborhood; statistically one of Lafayette’s most economically challenged neighborhoods. New Hope enhances the environment for children to make healthy choices and keep them on track to achieve at grade level in reading, math and science.

**Acadiana Animal Aid** *(\$1,200)* Acadiana Animal Aid (AAA) has been saving the lives of companion animals in Acadiana since 1974. In the last three years, their education program has focused on the animal overpopulation crisis in our community. AAA, with the help of JLL and Best Friends Humane Education Department, has developed the “I Read to Animals” program, geared towards second graders challenged in their ability to read confidently. This program also teaches compassion towards animals and focuses on lower income schools and after-school programs. This program impacted 1,000 children who read below

the national level to be better readers, improve their language skills and develop self-confidence. JLL aided in expanding the program and helped give each child who completed the program a plush realistic dog. Each school also received the books, *Buddy Unchained* and *Before You Were Mine*.

**Shining Light Foundation** *(\$2,500)* The Shining Light Foundation was founded in 1997 and provides kids in Lafayette Parish Public Schools who can’t afford the little extras at school a way to take part in activities. They have helped students with expenses of such as field trips, band trips, P.E. uniforms and tutoring costs. This program impacted 125 students. One student who received assistance said, “Thank you for the gift of a lifetime. One day I, too, hope to be a part of the foundation and help kids who are just like me.”

**TOTAL RESOURCE GRANTS: \$7,700**

## COLLABORATIVE DAY PROJECTS

**The Outreach Center For Women and Children** *(\$4,605)* The Outreach Center for Women and Children (OCWC) is a 28-bed home that provides safe shelter and counseling services to women and children experiencing homelessness. These families can stay at the shelter

for up to a year while working to heal, find employment and housing. OCWC offers individual and group counseling, parenting classes, life skills and nutrition education, art therapy, transportation, childcare and other support services, at no cost to the residents. Each year they house 100 women and children. JLL provided

volunteers and funding to replace mulch around the center’s swing set and clean up the play area. This project impacted 700 women and children over the next seven years.

**FoodNet Food Bank of Lafayette** *(\$4,025)* FoodNet has served Lafayette Parish for 29 years,

## COLLABORATIVE DAY PROJECTS CONTINUED

serving over 33,000 people annually including senior citizens and children. They co-host three major food drives each year and numerous other food drives with schools, supermarkets and businesses. FoodNet distributes approximately 299,000 pounds of food each year to those in need through donations, food drives and community grants. JLL hosted a Nutrition Fair at Acadian Middle School for 410 students, exposing students to healthy foods and

snacks and making them aware of high calorie foods and high sugar drinks that they may be consuming. A drawstring backpack with healthy snacks was also provided to each student to take home.

**Maddie’s Footprints** *(\$10,000)* Maddie’s Footprints helps families who experience miscarriages, stillbirths or the loss of an infant. They help lead these families in the right direction when they need information

or counseling and offer financial assistance for end-of-life expenses or medical expenses during their difficult time. Since 2010, they have served over 680 families. JLL purchased items for 280 care packages, assembled and delivered them to grieving families. The care packages included an inspirational book, a journal and resources to cope with the grief of losing a baby.

**TOTAL DAY PROJECTS: \$18,630**

## COLLABORATIVE NIGHT PROJECTS

**American Red Cross of Acadiana** *(\$3,000)* **Home Fire Safety.** The Acadiana Chapter of the American Red Cross is dedicated to helping people in need. Their unique lifesaving services and programs impact countless lives. They focus on disaster response, support for members of the military, health and safety education and training (first aid, CPR, aquatics, water safety, lifeguarding and babysitting). JLL volunteers assisted the Home Safety Campaign Canvassing event which included neighborhood visitations to install free smoke alarms and help residents create evacuation plans. JLL also provided care packages to families and gave children a cuddly Piper the Puppy stuffed animal. Piper helps children whose families have experienced home fires, thus calming fears and offering a sense of security during turbulent times. This program impacted 150 people.

**CASA of SoLA** *(\$10,009.60)* Since 2008, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) has placed more than 200 children in permanent safe homes, utilizing community volunteers to speak up for the best interest of children. With JLL’s support, CASA provided children entering the foster system a suitcase, fleece blanket, stuffed monkey,

journal, book and note of inspiration. The suitcase can be a safe place for those personal, cherished items that can help maintain an important sense of self during transitional periods. JLL helped pack the suitcases and wrote inspirational notes to 151 children who receive the suitcases.

**FoodNet Food Bank of Lafayette** *(\$4,830)* FoodNet Food Bank helps to reduce hunger in Lafayette Parish by providing food to those in need. In most cases, unhealthy snacks with high salt or sugar content are less expensive than healthy snacks. FoodNet Food Bank serves approximately 1,000 children per month and the Children’s Healthy Snack Project provides the kids a healthy alternative. JLL volunteers assisted in packing 1,000 snack bags with granola bars, peanut butter, applesauce, juice boxes and oatmeal cups.

**Healing House** *(\$4,282)* Healing House was founded in 1996, emphasizing hope, renewal, and healing during the grieving process for children who have lost a parent or sibling. They provide a safe place for the child or teen to cry, get angry, talk, throw things, scream or just sit and remember the person who died. Healing House has nine grief support groups serving over

120 children and families in Acadiana. JLL helped host a Healing Day for all of the families who participated in Healing House programs. Activities included volleyball, horseshoes, soccer, Twister, Pictionary, crafts, face painting, Games 2 U and other contests. There was also instant print photos, memory photo albums and activity books for each family and a balloon release for families. JLL hosted 85 children and their caregivers, impacting about 170 people.

**LARC Treats in the Village** *(\$3,678)* LARC aids individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to become contributing members of our community and increase their quality of life and self-worth. JLL purchased items for Treats in the Village, a free, low-stimulation Halloween event for all special needs children and adults. Children and adults with autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy or other ailments are encouraged to trick-or-treat in this quiet setting. Volunteers also assisted by serving food, decorating, admissions and photos and candy distribution.

**TOTAL NIGHT GRANT PROJECTS: \$25,799.60**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Through strategic partnerships with local nonprofit organizations, over 600 Junior League of Lafayette members contribute thousands of fundraising dollars and volunteer hours to improve the lives of women and children in our community.

### Girls On The Run

Young women 3rd-8th grade



### Jump With Jill

Lafayette Parish Elementary Schools



### Junior Quiz Bowl

Lafayette Parish Middle Schools



### Kids In the Kitchen

Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana



### No Fear No Future

Lafayette Parish High Schools



### SMILES

Miles Perret Cancer Services



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE

**PREMIUM:** BIG 102.1 / Pure Country 106.7, Cumulus Broadcasting, KATC  
**GOLD:** Dr. Kara Beth Marcantel & Dr. David Allie, Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry  
**SILVER:** FACE Magazine, IND Media, Lafayette Utilities System, Lamar Advertising, Smith, Mason & Co., The Daily Advertiser  
**OTHER SPONSORS:** 008 Magazine, Acadian Ambulance Services, Acadiana Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram, Acadiana Profile Magazine, Acadiana Veterinary Clinic, Amy and Aaron Courvelle, Atmos Energy, Bluebonnet Dental Care, Bohn, Joseph & Swan Eye Center, Brown & Brown of Louisiana, Inc., Burgersmith and Coyote Blues, Cajun Carts LLC, Carr Chiropractic Clinic/Dr. Michelle M. Carr, Chicken Salad Chick, Coldwell Banker Pelican Real Estate, Community First Bank, Courvelle Toyota, Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick CPA Firm, Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier, McElligott, Fontenot, Gideon & Edwards Law Firm, Debbie Foreman & Emily Babineaux Realtors, Delhomme Animal Clinic, Digitech Office Machines, Inc., Dr. Melanie Fowler Orthodontic Studio, Dwight Andrus, Eddy Knight Family Foundation, Express Printing & Ad Specialties, Gauthiers' On-Site Storage & Oilfield Rental, Gauthiers' RV Center, Haynie Family Foundation, Heart and Vascular Associates of Acadiana, Helen and McCauley Bullock, IBERIABANK, Intertrust Mortgage, Jeff and Cynthia DuBois, John A. Hendry, D.D.S. Pediatric Dentist, Julie Ann and Chad Joseph Broussard, Kiki, LaBorde Therapy Center, Lafayette Bone & Joint Clinic, Lafayette Coca Cola, Lafayette General Foundation, Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital, Lafayette Veterinary Care Center, Levin Endodontics, Louisiana Lottery Corporation, Louisiana State Newspapers, LUS Fiber, M Design, Mahtook & Lafleur, LLC, Mel and Owen Goudelocke, MidSouth Bank, Pandora Wraps, Party Time Trolley and Limo Services, PHI, Inc., Play and Learn With Me, Precision Rehabilitation, Ravage Wines, Tom Gore Vineyards, Ruffino Winery, Searcy Orthodontics, Senator Page Cortez, Shannon S. Dartez, Glenn Armentor Law Corporation, Sonic Drive In, Southern Lifestyle Development Company, Southern Oral & Facial Surgery/Dr. Donald Boudreaux, Thomas R. Hightower, Jr., A Professional Law Corporation, Thomson Smith & Leach Insurance, Tracey F. Lassere-Assurance Financial, Tuten Title & Escrow, LLC, Whitney Bank, Whole Foods, Xtend Barre Lafayette

# EVENT SPONSORS



**CHEF DE PARTIE:** Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick CPA Firm, Gordon McKernan Injury Attorneys, Keaty Real Estate  
**GOLDEN SPOON:** Acadiana Profile Magazine, LUS Fiber  
**SILVER:** FACE Magazine, IND Media, Lafayette Utilities System, Lamar, Smith, Mason & Co., The Daily Advertiser  
**SILVER SPOON:** Usable Creative, Acadiana Bottling Company, Dunn's Furniture & Interiors, The Royal Standard, Delta Media Corporation, Inkling Design Studio, Ruffino's on the River, Bombshell Studio, Vidoz Motion Imagery, The Silver Suitcase  
**MAP & TICKET SPONSORS:** House Dressing Professional Home Staging, Kat Rogers Inc.





# JUNIOR LEAGUE SISTERHOOD

## Women building better communities

Our local community faced a tough time in August 2016. With the enormity of the flooding in this area, it's safe to say that nearly every single JLL member was impacted in some way – several displaced due to devastation; others with family or close friends needing assistance and shelter. In a time reminiscent of past hurricanes, the entire community powerfully joined together and the world saw the true spirit of Acadiana.



#### Photos:

- TOP, LEFT: Junior League of New Orleans drops off supplies at JLL Headquarters.
- TOP, RIGHT: Junior League members deliver water and supplies to families in need.
- BOTTOM, LEFT: Julie Broussard, President, Junior League of Lafayette and Laurie Martin, President, Junior League of Lake Charles



As we focus on the recovery, we thank our neighboring Junior Leagues that immediately came to our aid. Like sisters, they had no hesitation. They quickly gathered supplies and drove from Lake Charles and New Orleans to bring essentials such as diapers, water, and cleaning materials. In addition, many JLL members spent day after day helping fellow League families deal with the after effects of the flooding – whether it was tearing out sheetrock or delivering meals. In just one example of our sisterhood, our

very own Corinne Cotten Sprague and her step-daughter, Sara Sprague, delivered water and ice to League members whose homes were flooded and offered small gifts to those with children. Our placement committee also prepared and delivered care packages of donated items to members in need.

We can never say thank you enough to those who came forward to help. Our heartfelt and sincere thanks to everyone who assisted, and our prayers and thoughts continue to be with those still recovering.

# PROVISIONALS 2016-2017

During the Seed, Read & Feed project, the Provisional class, in conjunction with Bridge Ministry, taught school-aged children about nutrition and healthy eating. This was the Provisional class' annual project.

The first portion of the project, the Seed portion, began in January. Each Friday, students at Bridge Ministry were taught the importance of food sustainability and how to grow their own food. The children were provided with seeds to plant - carrots and lettuce - and encouraged to monitor plant growth every week.

Joel Green Lee, Executive Director at Bridge Ministry, explains, "The children have been tracking the growth of each of the plants and they are so excited to see the results."

Junior League of Lafayette's Provisional class used their weekly visits to talk to the children about healthy eating while playing games. Joel describes "Incorporating crafts and hands-on activities has really

helped (the kids) stay focused while also having fun. They are excited each week to see the (Junior League) ladies and any time they get to try food, they are excited."

The second portion of the project, the Read portion, began in February.

The final portion of the project, the Feed portion, began in March. Junior League of Lafayette Provisional members assisted the children at Bridge Ministry in preparing, measuring and cooking their vegetables in recipes they created

using the carrots and lettuce they started growing in January.

Many times throughout the project, there was strong evidence of a positive impact. The connections made between these two groups of people was just as important as the lessons taught.

Joel from Bridge Ministry expresses gratitude when he says, "We are so grateful you considered us for this project."

Junior League of Lafayette's 2016-

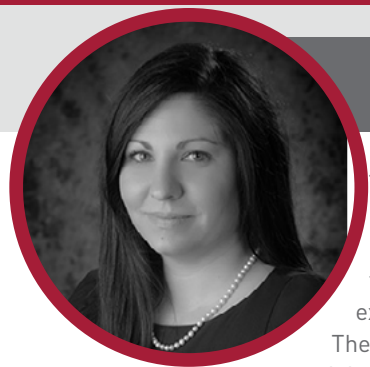
2017 Provisional class will always remember the smiling faces, inquisitive questions and thoughtful discussions while teaching lifelong lessons about food and nutrition to the children of Bridge Ministry.





# EMPOWERING WOMEN

# 2016-2017 Awards



## Presidential Award: Roya Boustany

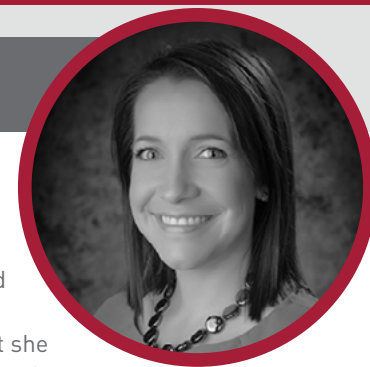
The Presidential Award is selected by the Junior League of Lafayette President and presented annually to one member who has done an extraordinary job in her placement. The 2016-2017 Presidential Award recipient is **Roya Boustany**. Roya has a passion for spreading awareness of our mission and vision into the community, and she values taking the time to get to know the ladies who make up this League. This passion started immediately in her League career, and as such she was recognized as Provisional of the Year (2013-2014) by her Provisional class. Since then, Roya has served as Junior Quiz Bowl Chair, was appointed to serve on Issue Based Community Impact, and represented JLL as an ODI delegate. Mid-way through this past year, Roya stepped up to the role of Admissions Chair.

Whenever there was a chance to talk about the League – whether it be during a 5 a.m. on-air TV spot or with a potential member over coffee in the afternoon – she was committed to sharing her passion for the League. As Admissions Chair, she worked with the Marketing committee to develop a #WhyJLL social media campaign which attracted new members during all seasons of their life to show what the League has to offer. Under her leadership, the committee presented 70 new candidates to the Board. Roya's commitment to community is prevalent in all aspects of her life. She is an Assistant District Attorney for the 15th JDC District Attorney's Office. She serves on the Board of Directors for Boys and Girls Clubs of Acadiana and Lafayette Young Lawyers, and is Treasurer of the Industrial Development Board. She was recently named a 2016-2017 Louisiana Bar Foundation Fellow. She is married to Alfred Boustany III and has one son, Ace.

## Active of the Year: Elizabeth Lyons

**Elizabeth Lyons** was recognized as the 2016-2017 Active of the Year because she embodies this quote by Elizabeth Andrew: "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." Elizabeth has been an active member of Junior League of Lafayette for four years, serving initially on Kids in the Kitchen Activities Committee and Collaborative Opportunity Grants Night Committee. She has also represented the League as an ODI delegate. Her most recent placements show what a special woman she is. Elizabeth keeps the League's online and digital operations running smoothly by troubleshooting Digital Cheetah issues and answering all of our tech-related questions. Not only did she agree to serve as Internal Web Coordinator for the past two years, she gracefully agreed to a double-placement this year by taking on the additional role of External Web Coordinator. Of her most recent placement, her Vice President said,

"She is calm... and effective! These traits are evident in all of her League work! The work she has completed over the last two years will be noticed by members and the community for years to come." Elizabeth shared that she felt so blessed to have had the opportunity to serve alongside so many strong, intelligent, and most of all kind and caring women. One particular instance stands out for her. She noted that she was touched when eleven women from the Communications Council volunteered time in addition to their placements to help "reskin" the website. Of that experience, Elizabeth says, "When we all got together it was one of those times when you say 'This is what the League is all about.'"



## Provisionals of the Year

The **Provisional of the Year Award** recipient is selected by her peers in the Provisional Class and is someone who the entire class feels went above and beyond. This year, we have two whom embodied teamwork and dedication. This year, the Provisional of the Year Award winners are **Courtney Neidetcher** and **Daphne Olivier**. These ladies made attendance at Provisional Meetings

and General Membership Meetings a priority. They completed their other provisional obligations in a timely and effortless manner. When asked to volunteer for leadership roles, they did not hesitate at all. They spent countless hours planning, helping implement, and promoting the Provisional Project: a very ambitious THREE month project, called "SEED, READ and FEED" that

introduced gardening, literacy and healthy food choices to the children at Bridge Ministry. They were resourceful, creative, compassionate, enthusiastic, ambitious and dedicated. As Dr. Seuss said, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." And these two ladies care a whole awful lot!

One of her classmates said this of **Courtney Neidetcher**: "Courtney was a true gem to the Provisional Class of 2016-2017. She approached each task with enthusiasm and excitement and always lifted the spirits of those around her. Courtney was quick to volunteer for anything that was needed and always with a smile on her face. It is

no surprise she accepted the position of Communications Vice President for the provisional community project with Bridge Ministry. She led her team with efficiency, dignity and grace. Her commitment to JLL may be just beginning, but it will undoubtedly be long. Courtney is a true asset to the League and our community."

### COURTNEY NEIDETCHER



### DAPHNE OLIVIER

One of her classmates said this of **Daphne Olivier**: "Daphne, otherwise known as the 'unconventional dietitian,' has been an asset to the 2016-2017 Provisional Class. She spent countless hours on our provisional project, serving as our Executive Vice President. Given her

background and passion for nutrition, Daphne brought a wealth of knowledge to the provisional project. She was not only hard working, hands on and dedicated to the project, but also encouraged her co-workers. Daphne is an awesome worker and has an exceptional work ethic. She not only led by example, but also allowed others to cultivate their ideas and be involved as well. She did all of this with a positive attitude and warm friendly smile!"

## Sustainer of the Year: Dr. Lise Anne Slatten



**Dr. Lise Anne Slatten**, current Sustaining Advisor to the Board of Directors, was recognized as the 2016-2017 Sustainer of the Year. Lise Anne has been an active member of Junior League of Lafayette since 1988 and a sustaining member since 2000. Lise Anne served as President during JLL's 40th year (1997-1998), the same year JLL was named "Nonprofit Organization of the Year" by the Better Business Bureau. Between 2011-2013, Lise Anne was an instrumental member of the AJLI Governance and Management Action Learning Team (ALT) which worked with AJLI to craft a new governance structure for Leagues. The current JLL board and management team structure we have today – and is implemented by Leagues across the country – was the product of that effort. Always prepared to learn something new, Lise Anne pursued an MBA from Tulane University (1995) then a Doctorate of Management from Case Western Reserve University (2009) while she was a JLL member. Since 2008 she has served on the faculty in UL Lafayette's Moody College of Business Administration, and

since 2015 has served the college as interim Associate Dean of Academic Programs. She currently holds the Morgan Keegan BORSF Professorship in Business Administration. Prior to teaching, she spent 20 years working in the nonprofit sector and has been recognized extensively for her active community involvement on local and state boards and committees. In 1997, she graduated from Leadership Lafayette Class XI. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Change for Chankayapuri, a New York-based nonprofit organization that raises money to send water purification tablets to the poorest areas of India, and Development Innovations 360, a Lafayette-based consulting firm providing services to Catholic schools and churches across the country. With a commitment to community service and outreach, she still finds time for cultivating deep and meaningful relationships. She was a charter member of the JLL "Talk About Books" book club that started in 2005, and relishes in the opportunity to "schedule some time in my life when I can just focus on books and friends and things I enjoy".





# Sustaining members 2016-2017

Elaine Abell	Beth Busbice	Becky Flower	Nanette Heggie	Ketha Lewis	Lessleen Owen	Mary Buie Skelton
Amy Aderman	Mary Michael Butcher	Celia Foard	Sally Herpin	Pat Low	Susan Owen	Dr. Lise Anne Slatten
Linda Alesi	Anne Calhoun	Carolyn Fontenot	Renee Hess	Monica Lyon	Jane Parra	Ethel Smith
Ashley Alexander	Gina Calogero	Gerry Fontenot	Janet Hiatt	Jennifer Macdonald	Stacy Patin	Lennie Sobiesk
Dawn Alexander	Janice Camel	Debbie Foreman	Ann Marie Hightower	Melissa Maeker	Ellen Patton	Jayne Evelyn Soileau
Jane Alldredge	Tish Capretz	Terri Foret	Barbara Hightower	Robin Magee	Jeannie Patton	Phern Stagg
Betsy Andrus	Mary Anna Case	Peggy Fortier	Julie Hill-Bourque	Jackie Maggio	Elizabeth Picard	Allison Staton
Bootsie Arceneaux	Patsy Cella	Mimi Francez	Joan Hill	Deborah Mahony	Susie Piccione-Mitchell	Adrien Stewart
Marguerita Archangel	Bridgit Chaisson	Gena Francis	Katherine Hill	Judy Mahtook	Tricia Pierre	Jeigh Stipe
Carolyn Artall	Meg Chase	Leslie Fritscher	Claudia Hutchison	Mary Ann Mahtook	Julie Pilgrim	Pam Stroup
Debbie Attaway	Jacqueline Cheramie	Cindy Fruge	Valerie Hutchison	Elizabeth Maier	Ginny Maier	Kimberly Summerhays
Anne Baron	Deanie Chesson	Faye Galjour	Helen Irion	Monet Maloney	Kelli Pomerenke	Linda Supple
Mary Jane Bauer	Suzanne Chevallier	Connie Galloway	Marilyn Jankower	Jan Major-Faulk	Jennifer Purkey	Allison Sylvester
Janie Bayard	Milissa Coco	Karen Gambel	Mary Jeansonne	Monet Maloney	Lorene Pyle	Monica Tautzin
Sarah Beacham	JoLynn Cole	Linda Gaubert	Brianne Jenkins	Elaine Mann	Angie Quoyeser-Rothermel	Myra Tener
Stacey Bearb	Judy Cole	Monique Gideon	Jacquelyn Jenkins	Ann Marino	Deborah Terribile-Stewart	Deborah Terribile-Stewart
Janet Begneaud	Leisa Comeaux	Lauri Gilder	Colby Jones	Kay Marix	Lee Ann Rainbolt	Carrie Theard
Ashley Bell	Ellen Cook	Denise Giosa	Karen P. Juneau	Katie Martin	Kathy Randol	Lanien Theard
Tammy Bernard	Judith Corne	Sue Golden	Maggie Justus	Melanie Martin	Donna Rayburn	Cynthia Thompson
Janice Beyt	Evelyn Craton	Janet Gooch	Molly Kallenberger	Edith Mayers	Gathy Reed	Mary Toce
Tracey Biagas-Hill	Charlotte Cryer	Melanie Goudelocke	Emily Kean	Sharon McCarthy	Kay Rees	Bonnie Tomlin
Denise Bienvenu	Michelle Curtis	Martha Green	Judy Kennedy	Patsy McCord	Peggy Reeves	Margaret Trahan
Tara Bienvenu	Cherie Daigle	Debbie Greene	Ann Kergan	Elizabeth McCormick	Lea Ann Remondet	Mary Olga (Mo) Trent
Betty Billeaud	Rhonda Darby	Ramona Gremillion	Karen King	Lisa McCoy	Christy Reon	Linda Turner
Christa Billeaud	Beverly Daspit	Ormond Guenard	Vicki Klara	Susan McGuire	Shawn Rhymes	Mary Usner
Gail Billeaud	Kathy Daugherty	Connie Guidry	Betsy Koke	Claudia McQuitty	Debbie Richard	Renee Ventroy
Lou Bivins	Lisa David	Gayle Guidry	Miriam Kolwe	Gina Melancon	Joan Richard	Ruth Verrett Jack
Betty Blair	Terri Dawes	Grace Guidry	Erin Landry	Helen Mendell	Stephanie Richards	Betsy Vigorito
Rebecca Blanchet	Lynn Despot	Jane Guidry	Mary Landry	Bobbi Jo Mendez	Michelle Roach	Gretchen Vincent
Lynn Blevins	Renee Despot	Lorraine Guidry	Ruthie Landry	Sherry Meyers	Ann Roberts	Judy Wade
Ann Bond	Caroline Devillier-Bonin	Norma Guidry	Marianne Lane	Lana Michalk	Catherine Robison	Bettye Walker
Joyce Bonin	Mary Anne Diel	Tori Guidry	Eleanor Lasseigne	Donna Moliere	Katherine Rolfes	Claire Ward
Lauren Bourgeois	Marie Doiron	Cynthia Habetz	Martha Latiolais	Ashley Moncla	Margaret Rucks	Deborah Warren
Miriam Bourgeois	Monica Domingue	Mary K. Hamilton	Valerie Laxson Poole	Faith Moody	Marianne Ruffin	Cheryl Watson
Sharon Bourgeois	Carol Dore	Christina Harper-Olivier	Janice LeBlanc	Tracy Moody	Jeanie Rush	Sydney Webre
Connie Boustany	Carol Dore	Christina Harper-Olivier	Jill LeBlanc	Dawn Morvant	Leslie Sandlin	Ginger Welborn
Sarah Brabant	Paula Drye	Kay Hartiens	Krista LeBlanc	Nancy Mounce	Karen Schmid	Ann Whitman
Mary Brandmeyer	Charlotte Ducote	Brenda Hawes	Margie LeBlanc	Cochrane	Marianne Schneider	Judith Wilkinson
Lisa Breaux	Dorothy Ducote	Daynese Haynie	Stephanie LeBlanc	Beth Mouton	Cynthia Self	Beverly Wilson
Jennifer Briggs	Winnie Duhe	Jerry Hays	Susan Leblanc	Cathy Mouton	Anna Claire Seymour	Allyson Womack
Allison Broussard	Renee Durio	Gaylyn Hebert	Ashley Lecky	Cecile Mouton	Amidie Shaw	Allison Womble
Kim Broussard	Laura Ann Edwards	Hope Hebert	Roselle Lecorgne	Mona Mouton	Gree Shaw	Ellen Wright
Kristen Broussard	Suzanne Escudier	Kay Hebert	Phyllis Ledet	Nancy Northcutt	Stacy Shearman	Noemi Wyatt
Virginia Brown	Linzee Evans-LaGrange	Lisa Hebert	Gayle LeDoux	Katherine Odinet	Shelley Sibley	Joy Youngblood
Clarice Burch	Cheryl Evans	Michelle Hebert	Marilyn Lee	Tolley Odom	Charlotte Sicard	Rosemary Zehnder
Cherie Burlet	Beth Finch	Nicole Hebert	Peggy Lee	Pat Olson-Ferguson	Christia Simmons	
Darrellyn Burts		Peggy Hebert	Cally Lege	Adele Ortego		

# Active members 2016-2017

Amy Abraham	Kelli Broussard	Elizabeth Diebold	Rita Goodrich	Elizabeth Laborde	Delcambre	Elizabeth H. Smith
Cara Acomb	Misti Bryant	Mary Beth Dietlein-Boudreaux	Katie Guidry	Kelly LaBry	Adrienne Mullens	Elizabeth N. Smith
Angelle Adams	Lindsey Budden	Shanna Dorion	Jennifer Guillory	Kate Labue	Melanie Myers	Brittney Sprague
Allison Alesi	Frances Burbank	Katie DuBois	Alise Hagan	Meghan Lachaussee	Mary Nain	Tammy Stepanek
Renata Alexander	Brandi Burns	Adria DuBose	Emily Hamner	Brigitte LaCour	Angela Navarre	Heather Stough
Christy Alford	Keesha Buteau	Andrea Ducharme	Adoria Hankton	Pamela LaFleur	Dustii O'Brien	Nicole Street
Jessica Allain	Stacey Calais	Becky Ducrest	Kiersa Hardy	Catherine LaGrange	Amanda Owen	Simone Strong
Alexandrea Alleman	Paige Capell	Margo Dugas	Ashley Hebert	Louise Lambert	Emilia Pardo	Lauren Swan
Alison Alleman	Marcela Carmichael	Sarah E. Dupont	Kacey Hebert	Tracey Lassere	Abigail Payne	Rachel Swan
Erin Alleman	Dr. Michelle Carr	JaWand Edwards-Morris	Rachel Hebert	Candace Laviolette	Ashley Pittman	Courtney Sykes
Claire Allen	Trisha Casanova	Lizzie Ellis	Tina Hebert	Christina Leach	Kristi Pool	Kylie Tahana
Carlee Alm-LaBar	Elizabeth Champion	Heather Escott	Jennifer Heitman	Christine LeBlanc	Caroline Potier	Kristie Tatford
Cristina Alvergue	Jeanette Chauvin	DeValcourt	Sarah Henderson	Mary LeBlanc	Jennifer Quirk	Stephanie Thalji
Megan Andrus	Michelle Claiborne	Brittany Eskridge	Michelle Hensgens	Corbin Levin	Monique Rachal	Lauren Thibodeaux
Vanessa Anseman	Christina Clark	Katie Falgout	Mamie Hightower	Melissa Lewis	Jennifer Raggio	Ashley Thom
Frances Attenhofer	Ellen Clements	Nicole Falgout	Paige Hightower	Anna Libersat	Tracy Ralston	Rebecca Thomas
Rebecca Autin	Victoria Cobo	Mollie Feerick	Danielle Hines	Casey Lindsey	Erin Ramos	Ceci Thomassie
Emily Babineaux	Christina Coleman	Brie Hodges	Lisa Lord	Ann Raush	Kendra Thompson	
Lauren Bardash	Stephanie Collins	Jenci Hollier	Elizabeth Lyons	Brooke Richard	Whitney Thomson	
Haley Baronne	Kimberly Cormier	Sarah Hooks	Stacy Maggard	Kalanti Robinson-Davis	Margeaux Tujague	
Christin Barrios	Corinne Cotten	Lauren Hover	Amanda Majors	Allison Ross	Lainey Tuten	
Lacey Baudier	Aimee Cotter	Alison Howard	Ashley Marcantel	Christine Rowzee	Gretchen Varnell	
Jenny Baudoin	Amy Courvelle	Ashley Howell	Jacquelyn Marks	Rebecca Roy	Christina Victor	
Rebecca Bayless	Mary Courville	Hannah Mason	Kacie Matte	Anne Ryan	Mary Vinson	
Stacie Belle	Angela Cring	Erica Inzina	Lesley Maxwell	Lauren Salathe	Anna Mary Walker	
Katy Benson	Rebecca Curry	L'Kenya Jackson	Cindy Mayeux	Laura Sarradet	Maria Watson	
Ashli Bernard	Anastasia Daigle	Elizabeth Johnson	Kristin Mayeux	Jeanne-Marie Savoy	Amy White	
Sarah Berthelot	Kim Dakin	Emily Jordan	Kimberly McCaffrey	Stephenie Scelfo	Kristen White	
Lesley Beyt	Shannon Dartez	Val Joseph	Erin McCarthy	Megan Schneider	Leslie Whittington	
Sarah Blanchard	Amber David	Emily Judice	Sellers McClanahan	Bonnie Schoeffler	Melissa Williams	
Jennifer L. Boudreaux	Angelle David	Jacqueline Judice	Katherine McCormick	Rachel Schwarz	Cydra Wingerter	
Melissa Boudreaux	Elise David	Michelle Judice	Hailey Melancon	Karli Sherman	Janet Winger	
Roya Boustany	Lisa Day	Mary Catherine Kelty	Angela Mills	Maggie Simar	Monica Zuschlag	
Ashlee Boyd	Dawn Delaney	Kellie Kerstetter	Stephanie Mire	Lindsey Simms		
Megan Breaux	Michelle DeRouen	Natalie Kidder	Setareh Mirian-	Kimberly Sinegal		
Amy Broussard	Allison Dickerson	Jennifer Kirkley		Laura Slavich		
Julie Broussard		Jacqueline Gillette				

# Incoming Provisional members 2017-2018

# Provisional members 2016-2017

Katarina Adkisson	Alexandra Donaldson	Morgen Landry	Lauren Peterson
Danika Arenibas	Wendy Freeman	Lauren Mansfield	Danielle Pitre
Caitlin Atkinson	Ashley Goodyear	Ayesha Martin	Patsy Randall
Brittany Baudoin	Josette Gossen	Lauren Meche	Katherine Riemann
Brooke Bell	Mary Graham	Courtney Neidetcher	Clare Roubion
Katherine Bernhardt	Robyn Guillory	Harlie Nevers	Katie Sanford
Katharine Bleacher	Crystal Gustin	Daphne Olivier	Emily Sudduth
Jennifer R. Boudreaux	Elizabeth Guy	Kacey Patrick	Emily Svendsen
Danielle Breaux	Kaitlyn Hebert	Angelle Pearce	Chrissy Witty
Heather Cutbirth	Jennifer Lambert	Carrie Pennison	

Carleena Andrepont	Megan Cobb	Madeleine Groth	Emily Hunt	Renee Melancon	Shelly Semien
Casey Ardoin	Bianca Cook	Jena Guidry	Markenia Jackson	Michelle Newland	Kaitlyn Seminero
Catherine Baudoin	Katherine Currie	Catherine Hair	Blair Kling	Millicent Nugent	Amanda Shackelford
Morgan Berard	Megan Cutrer	Sonia Hebert	Amanda Landers	Sarah Parham	Kelli Smith
Ashley Brazzel	Lori Davis	Erin Heine	Randi Landry	Mary Patrick	Lauren Stone
Alicia Breaux	Elizabeth Domingue	Mary Helm	Tristan Larraga	Sarah Prejean	Aleisha Sylvester
Mollie Broussard	Emily Eaton	Erin Hemsell	Nicole Leger	Laura Rafferty	Adrienne Thibodeaux
Andrea Burdette	Alyssa Fasano	Erin Higginbotham	Devon Leon	Meghan Ray	Anna Twilley
Tiffany Burns	Cara Garrett	Shannon Higginbotham	Macall Lorio	Chelsey Robinson	Elizabeth Van Bebber
Louise Buttross	Mary Gillard	Brenda Hill	Charlotte Martin	Lindsey Rue	Alisha Wendling
Marie-Frances Cantave	Elizabeth Green	Chelsea Hoy	Emma Martin	Amanda Runyan	
Lisa Capone	Danielle Grossman	Michele Hulin	Michelle Maurin	Leslie Saloom	



We asked our members:

# “Why do you JLL?”

*Here are their inspirational answers.*

Junior League of Lafayette embarked on a first-class admissions campaign in 2016-2017! The ladies of the Admissions Committee did an outstanding job educating, mentoring and recruiting future JLL members. As part of the admissions campaign, Provisional, Active and Sustainers shared their #whyJLL with prospective members.



**Katie F. Guidry**

**Why I volunteer with Junior League of Lafayette**

Junior League has allowed me the flexibility I needed to remain active in creating a better community and has given me the outside interaction my soul needed to be fulfilled.

Joined: 2006

Placement: Marketing Chair

Occupation: full-time caregiver



**Renata Alexander**

**Why I volunteer with Junior League of Lafayette**

I JLL to give back to the community, to inspire women and children and, also, to be a part of organization with Extraordinary Women from all walks of life!!!!

Joined: 2010

Placement: No Fear No Future committee

Occupation: LUS Fiber Application Support Specialist



**Christina Harper Olivier**

**Why I volunteer with Junior League of Lafayette**

Junior League's scope is far-reaching into the various needs of our community. I am so proud to be a part of that influence.

Joined: 1997

Placement: Sustaining Member

Occupation: Managing Partner of Excelerant



**Casey Lindsey**

**Why I volunteer with Junior League of Lafayette**

I joined Junior League to give back to the community that I love. Never did I imagine how much the League would come to mean to me when in August 2016 my house flooded. Initially, emergency personnel rescued my family, but it was my community that "gave back" to me after the flood had subsided. Among those coming to our aid were more League members - some I knew, some I met those days - than I can count. I have been moved to tears and humbled by the generosity and willingness to help from my fellow League members. I wish I could come up with a perfect word or phrase to describe why I "League," but all I can think is that Junior League encompasses all that a community can and should be.

Joined: 2015

Placement: SMILES committee

Occupation: Community Volunteer



**Monica Zuschlag**

**Why I volunteer with Junior League of Lafayette**

I joined the League because I am from Dyersburg, TN and wanted to make friends in Lafayette while giving back to our community. I stay because of the awesome friends that I've made and because the League has become "my thing!" I gave up my career in medical device sales this year to raise my three children under 3. Junior League gives me what I'm missing from my career. I am continually inspired by the amazing women in our League, and I am so blessed to fill the need because JLL fills mine!

Joined: 2011

Placement: Placement Advisor Governance Advisory Panel

Occupation: Community Volunteer



**Roya Boustany**

**Why I volunteer with Junior League of Lafayette**

Junior League has given me the opportunity to highlight the talents I already possess, the training to learn new skills, and the ability to do it all while giving back to Acadiana. Our collaborations with other organizations showcase our diverse community backgrounds and the rich heritage of our culture. I have seen first hand how the grants we give out each year truly help so many other organizations fulfill their community programs, many of which I use in my role as an Assistant District Attorney. I joined to meet new people, but I stay because being a part of something greater and caring for your community is an invaluable lesson to teach to my children.

Joined: 2013

Placement: Admissions Chair

Occupation: Assistant District Attorney Lafayette Parish District Attorney



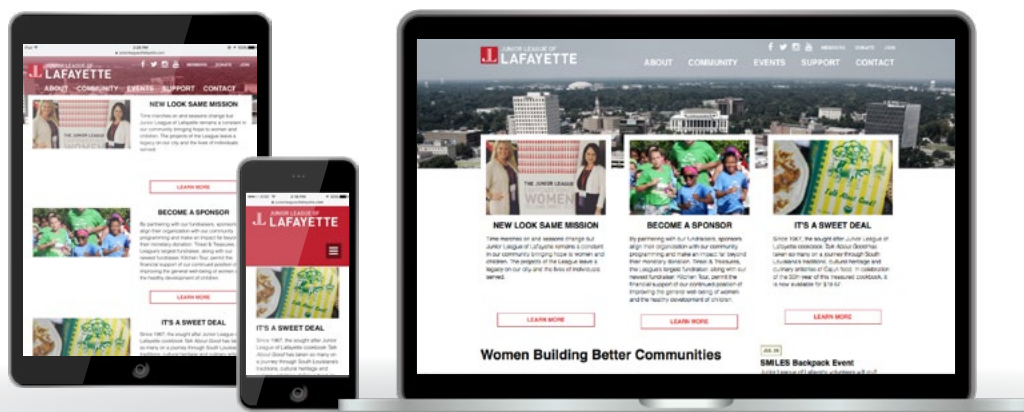


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