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SMILES
NO FEAR NO FUTURE
KITCHEN TOUR
PROVISIONALS



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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.

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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE
 WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1957

2015-2016

\$135,720+

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF ACADIANA
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MEMBERSHIP

AS OF MAY 2016

51 **232** **317**

PROVISIONAL

ACTIVE

SUSTAINING



600 TOTAL MEMBERS



#WhyIJLL



ROYA BOUSTANY

When she was asked to step into the role of Admissions Chair this year, Roya Boustany decided to find a way to reach out to all women in Acadiana and show them that Junior League of Lafayette could be a great option at any stage of their life. "I knew the reason I joined Junior League was different from every other persons' reason in our Provisional class," explained Roya. "Most importantly, every reason to join is the right reason." She decided to begin asking close friends why they chose to become a member of Junior League of Lafayette...and the "#WhyIJLL" campaign was started. With the graphic help of Katie Ferguson Guidry, the campaign was brought to life. As Roya stated, "I wanted to use social media to get the word out, and also because the platform for the exchanges can be done so quickly. Plus, it puts a member's face to a name."

See why these inspirational women chose to join Junior League. Search the hashtag #WhyIJLL on social media to see more testimonials.

TAMMY STEPANEK

"Women are the heart and soul of every society, every tribe, every family. This is true no matter where you are from or what your lot is in life. The heart and soul of the human race. When women are strengthened, society is strengthened. JLL is full of extraordinary women who lend a hand to women and children in need. In this way, JLL is creating a better local society. It's also hard to know how far reaching this may be over time. This is why I joined the League. To be a part of this incredible group of women. This is #WhyIJLL."



KATIE FERGUSON GUIDRY

"After being very involved in Acadiana for over 15 years, I left my career five years ago to be my husband's full-time caregiver (he is a functioning quadriplegic). 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. This is #WhyIJLL."

EMILIA PARDO

"I JLL because it is a community of women, each with an individual story and goal, united together to make a difference in the city they love. Most importantly, each woman can be involved as much as her daily life will allow, knowing every little bit helps."



LETTER from the PRESIDENT

As I end my year

as President of Junior League of Lafayette, I offer a heartfelt Thank YOU for choosing to serve. Thank you for your time, dedication and willingness to make hard decisions.

Last year, I did not know what to expect. There are stories of past Presidents' experiences but each year changes. True to our Mission, we had some unexpected experiences and our membership had an opportunity to change.

Typically, we reflect on our community projects and programs that are so near and dear to our hearts. While those are certainly notable, I want to reflect on the non-typical—the key aspects of our year that defined us.

As we started the League year last June, I had ideas of what we needed to accomplish. Then the unthinkable happened. In August 2016 our community was hit with a historic and catastrophic flood. Our members, friends, families, and entire community were impacted.

Our League came together and "Friends Helping Friends" was created. So many League members rolled up their sleeves and served to aid in recovery efforts by cleaning houses, preparing meals and just listening to support those members in need.

Although this occurred during the six weeks prior to our largest fundraising event, Tinsel & Treasures, our League members rededicated themselves and showed our community how a group of women can do amazing things! Time after time, we saw the incredible tenacity and commitment of our members.

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 lives that we live, how we offer grace to one another — and we put the needs of others before ourselves. We are all called to serve to build a better community. Thank you for choosing Junior League of Lafayette as your avenue to give back.

It has been an honor to serve as the 59th president and I am indebted to the League for what I have gained this year. Thank you for all that you do!

With gratitude,

Julie



JULIE BROUSSARD

COMMUNITY FEATURE

SMILES — Fun Escapes



Junior League of Lafayette collaborates with Miles Perret Cancer Services each month to conduct a segment of their SMILES for Miles Program. SMILES was created as a way for children 18 and younger who are affected by cancer, or have a parent or sibling with cancer, to gather together for fun activities and have an escape in a supportive environment. Our SMILES Committee began this year with the Back-to-School project, an extension of the SMILES program. Committee members filled backpacks with school supply items that each family in the program needed in order to begin the school year. In total, 72 families and 146 children received necessary items to start school well prepared and ready to learn.

In addition, the League's SMILES Committee hosted various events this past year at places like Painting with a Twist, Clayfish Bisque and the Grand Theatre. We created stuffed animals at Build-a-Bear Workshop, played games at the Kart Ranch, went bowling at Acadiana Lanes, and visited furry friends at the Zoo of Acadiana. A favorite of the SMILES families is Acadian Village, which we visit during December to celebrate the holidays.

"SMILES for Miles activities afford our families the opportunity to connect with others who are facing or have faced similar situations," explained LaKisha Varner, Services Director at Miles Perret Cancer Services. "To actually witness the smiles on our families' faces as they enjoy the monthly activities is so rewarding. We will always be grateful to Junior League of Lafayette for partnering with Miles Perret Cancer Services through this important program as we continue to help families fight, survive and live with cancer."



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— LaKisha Varner, MPCS Employee

COMMUNITY IMPACT

SMILES Committee Chair Profile



JACQUELINE GILLETTE

When and why did you join Junior League? I joined Junior League of San Antonio in 2011 to make friends. However, since then, my motives have changed to truly leave a better community and help others. I transferred to Lafayette in 2014.

What do you love most about Junior League of Lafayette? I love helping out families who are going through a crisis. With SMILES, we provide an escape for them to make good memories together during such hardship.

How have past placements prepared you to be Chair this year? Being a past Transfer Co-Chair helped me learn to organize a budget and manage a committee.

What did you most want to happen this year with your committee? I wanted to make the backpack project run smoother for the Miles Perret Cancer Services, and it did! They said this was the smoothest it has ever been!

What's something about SMILES that people may not know? The community and our League may not even realize that the SMILES committee has a huge undertaking each summer. It's the Backpack Back-to-School Project, and consists of shopping for the school supply lists (this last year a total of 146 lists!) for different grades and schools. We do this so that the families who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis don't have to take on this task while also undergoing their treatment.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Girls on the Run

Finishes Strong

Girls on the Run is a 10 week after-school program for third through eighth grade girls, inspiring them to define their lives on their own terms, while making new friends, building confidence and celebrating what makes them unique.



The spring culmination to the Girls on the Run (GOTR) program was recently held at Parc Sans Souci in Lafayette, where hundreds of young girls raced through our beautiful downtown community with a spirit of celebration!

Throughout the last few months, Junior League of Lafayette coached a team of 30 girls from Woodvale Elementary and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Acadiana. Along with their parents and coaches, the girls enjoyed a season finale at the 5k event on Saturday, May 6.

The Girls on the Run 5k is a public celebration of the more than 600 third through eighth grade girls in South

Louisiana who have completed the GOTR program. Over the course of 10 weeks, they learn to love themselves from the inside out. Their confidence comes from nurturing and honoring self, embracing differences, and giving back to the community. The result - joyful, healthy, confident girls who CAN!

Thank you to Junior League of Lafayette GOTR committee for helping these young women commemorate their journey toward a life filled with positive emotional, social, physical and mental well-being.

GIRLS ON THE RUN



PAST PRESIDENTS

Gather for Annual Luncheon

On April 6, Junior League of Lafayette's former Presidents gathered for their annual luncheon in the home of Past President Maggie Simar. Honored at the event was Corinne Sprague, incoming 2017-2018 President. This annual luncheon provides an opportunity for any past Junior League of Lafayette Presidents to offer wisdom, share stories, and reminiscence of fond memories during their time as leaders of the League. Thank you, ladies, for continuing to inspire us with your service and sincere love for Junior League of Lafayette.



Junior League of Lafayette Past Presidents



Tracy Ralston (2014-2015) and Maggie Simar (2015-2016)



Christa Billeaud (2011-2012) and Shannon Dartez (2013-2014)



Miriam Bourgeois (1990-1991), Cecile Mouton (1996-1997),
Judy Mahtook (2001-2002)



Dr. Lise Ann Slatten (1997-1998), Sally Herpin (1977-1978),
Janet Begneaud (1967-1968)



Corinne Sprague (2017-2018) and Julie Broussard (2016-2017)



Margaret Trahan (1992-1993) and Tracy Ralston (2014-2015)



Melanie Martin (1995-1996) and Lea Ann Remondet (2006-2007)



Debbie Foreman (1993-1994) and Molly Kallenberger (1998-1999)

COMMUNITY

NO FEAR NO FUTURE | Event Highlights



The No Fear No Future Committee presented a mock crash and overnight retreat for the students at Lafayette High School on April 6 and April 7. The goal of the program is to expose high school juniors and seniors to the realities and consequences of driving while

distracted or impaired. More than 10,000 students have participated in this life-changing, two-day initiative during the past ten years. Thank you to our No Fear No Future Committee, Lafayette High School and our many community partners for making this event possible.



COMMUNITY

Kitchen Tour Serves Up Success

Our second annual Kitchen Tour garnered much success in March! The event exceeded last year's ticket sales and showcased six homes filled with style and grace. The event raised over \$6000, which will directly help fund Junior League of Lafayette's community projects.

The self-guided tour allowed attendees to explore and find inspiration by the renewed beauty stemming from the devastating floods of 2016, as well as new construction homes, recent remodels and stunning outdoor entertainment spaces. Attendees also enjoyed delicious taste treats from League cookbooks throughout each of the homes. Thank you again to all of our Kitchen Tour sponsors and the Broussard, Laborde, Ryan, Roy, Stormont and Tuten families for opening their stunning homes to support the League and those we serve in the community.





PROVISIONAL CLASS

2016-2017 Project



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 group encouraged creativity, literacy and being open to new and healthy foods. To do this, the children created a cookbook incorporating foods grown in their containers and inexpensive kid-friendly recipes.

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 their 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.

PROVISIONAL ROSTER

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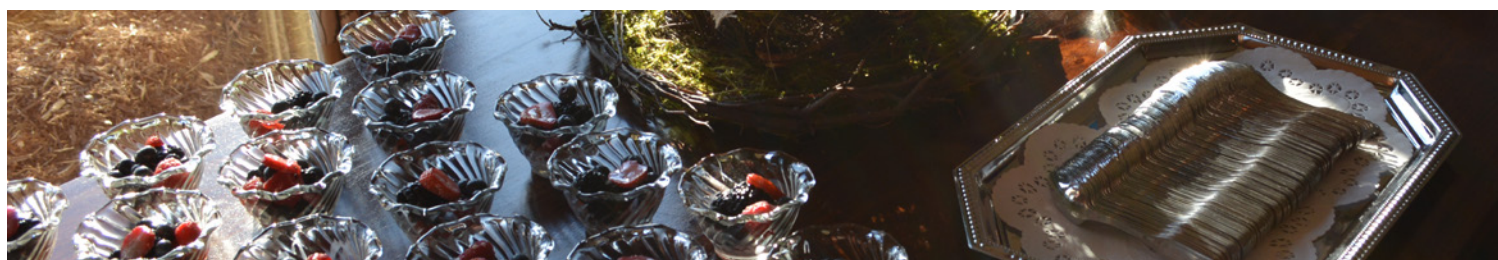
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SUSTAINER SPOTLIGHT

Sustainer Spring Bling Social

Junior League of Lafayette hosts two main socials for the League Sustainers every year. They are usually given at the homes of Sustainers or Active members. This year, Emily Hamner graciously offered to host the Sustainer Spring Social in her beautifully appointed home in Lafayette. Our Sustainer Socials are a fun way to encourage this important group of Junior League of Lafayette members to gather together to reminisce about their

League days and enjoy fellowship with one another. Most importantly, it's an ideal time to thank them for their years of service and continued financial support to the League. The events are also usually themed, and our Spring Social this year was all about the bling! We asked them to wear their most "blingy" necklace, and gave prizes to the winners donated by our Sustainer Committee. Thank you to all who attended and made the event a great success.





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