



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
**LAFAYETTE**

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## OUR MISSION

Junior League of Lafayette is an organization of women whose Mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

## OUR VISION

Women as leaders for lasting community change.

## CORE VALUES

Diversity, Equity,  
Inclusion & Belonging  
Collaboration

Community  
Commitment  
Empowerment

Leadership  
Respect  
Service

## FOCUS AREAS

- **Collaboration for Lasting Community Change:** Junior League of Lafayette seeks opportunities to collaborate with organizations, businesses, systems, philanthropists, and foundations that share similar goals to meet community needs in order to create lasting and meaningful change.
- **Health and Development of Women and Children:** Recognizing the importance of the health and development of women and children to sustain and benefit families in the community, Junior League of Lafayette focuses on meeting basic unmet needs and creating safe and healthy environments through advocacy and voluntarism.
- **Women's Leadership:** In order to promote lasting community change, Junior League of Lafayette seeks to harness the power of women's leadership through focused training and volunteer opportunities.

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB) Statement

Junior League of Lafayette welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to creating an organizational culture that embraces individual differences as assets. We strive to be an inclusive organization where each member can be their authentic self and experience a sense of belonging. We seek to ensure each member of our organization has training, resources, and support to develop cultural competency.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Standing (L to R): Dr. Alise Hagan, Karen King, Jennifer Trapp, Angela Morrison, Kari Walker, Amy Courville, Danielle Hines  
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 Not pictured: Dr. Melanie Fowler

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I asked our members to **Geaux MAD** (Make. A. Difference.) To be doers. To make it happen. To be the ONE to Make a Difference in our community. We did just that and so much more!

A few MAD things we accomplished this year:

- For our 65th Anniversary Project, we donated \$65,000 to Our Lady of Lourdes Women's & Children's Hospital's Ronald McDonald House Family Room and rolled out Happy Wheels Hospitality Cart which has already impacted more than 2,000 families since December.
- We were inducted into the National Diaper Bank Network and collected and donated more than 100,000 diapers and 56,000 period products.
- We received our League's largest grant in history of \$30,000 from LHC Group to impact period poverty and diaper insecurity. We also raised more than \$184,000 in sponsorships alone to impact our community.
- We sparked a fire for voluntarism in young girls through our new Spark programs and engaged our Members with enhanced leadership training and connection that increased member engagement year-over-year by 50 percent. We focused on the why, and it worked!
- We gave out exciting new awards at our Community Breakfast: Nonprofit of the Year, Outstanding Volunteers, and the Nedra Andrus Lifetime Achievement Award.
- We voted to give \$10,000 to Hospice of Acadiana's Nelson Society.
- We advocated for House Bill 117 to put period products in schools.

AND most of all we lived our Core Values: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging, Collaboration, Commitment, Community, Empowerment, Leadership, Respect, and Service.

We are a diverse powerhouse of more than 600 Members. We have put more than \$7 million back into the Lafayette community in the past 65 years. We are fundraisers, cookbook writers, collaborators, civic leaders, and – most of all – we are women volunteers. What an absolute honor it has been to serve as Junior League of Lafayette's 65th President. I am so very proud to be a part of this extraordinary group of women.

One of my favorite quotes by Mother Theresa perfectly sums up my feelings about our 65th League year. She said, "I alone can't change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

I truly feel that the ripples we created this year Geauxing MAD will be ripples that will grow into greater impact for the next 65 years!



**MONICA ZUSCHLAG**

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# Junior League of Lafayette Awards \$29,800

Each year, Junior League of Lafayette invites other nonprofits to submit grant proposals. Through these grants, the League provides financial funding and trained volunteers to help complete short-term projects that align with our Mission and focus areas—collaboration for lasting community change, the health and development of women and children, and women's leadership.

The Collaborative Opportunity Grants Committee announced, at the Halloween-themed meeting, these projects for fulfillment during the 2022-23 League year. Thank you to all organizations that applied this cycle and everyone who participated in selecting these 16 projects!

ORGANIZATION	AWARD	PROGRAM
Acadiana Outreach Center	\$2,000	Outdoor Fun and Celebrations
Autism Society of Acadiana	\$2,000	Silent Disco Masquerade Ball
Beacon	\$800	Latin Festival
Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana	\$2,000	Pantry
The Clearport Learning Center	\$2,000	Girl's Night
DREAMS Foundation of Acadiana	\$2,000	Mardi Gras Ball
Girls on the Run	\$1,500	Girls on the Run 5K
Girl Scouts	\$1,500	Snore-n-roar
Habitat for Humanity	\$2,000	Women Build 2022
Healing House	\$2,000	Coping Kits for children
Lafayette 4-H Foundation	\$2,000	School Garden cook-off
Miles Perret Cancer Services	\$2,000	Treatment Care Kits
New Hope Community Development of Acadiana	\$2,000	Spring Party
The RescYOU Group	\$2,000	Bereavement Boxes
Second Harvest Food Bank	\$2,000	School Pantry food tasting event
United Way of Acadiana	\$2,000	Day of Thanksgiving







COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

# Opportunity Knocks — Knock! Knock!

This year the Opportunity Knocks Committee answered the call and helped with immediate community needs, working with nine different area organizations.

Members kicked off the year by painting the parking lot at J. W. Faulk Elementary. The volunteers helped add bright yellow lines and a bus lane during United Way of Acadiana's annual Day of Action in June 2022.

During summer months, many food banks see a decline in the food available to provide to families. During the last six and a half weeks of summer, volunteers shopped for and stocked two Lafayette community fridges in honor of the League's 65th Anniversary.

In September, the committee spruced up Girard Park during Parish Proud Day where League volunteers served as project leaders. Members assigned tasks to volunteers, painted parking lot lines and curbs, pulled weeds around the ponds, and painted playground games for fit and fun play.

In December, Members were asked to donate new or gently used household goods during Opportunity Knocks' Kitchenware Drive for their ARCH (Acadiana Coalition on Homelessness and Housing) Project. Because of

the outpouring of donations, the committee was able to provide families with various kitchen supplies, sheets, and blankets just in time for the holidays.

The committee was productive in January. Volunteers participated in the United Way Teacher Award Pin Patrol party, where they pinned teachers who were nominated for making an impact on someone in education. At another January event, volunteers participated in the Lafayette Food Packing Party with Second Harvest Food Bank.

All hands were on deck in late January for our Done in A Day Project with League Members, family, and friends as we painted the famous "Y" in the Lafayette sign downtown. The project, designed by Hannah Gumbo, was featured through the month of February.

In March, we spent time reading stories to the students at Holy Family Catholic School for Read Across America Day. Later in spring, the committee donated Easter baskets to Acadiana Area Human Services and Families Helping Families for families in need.

The knocks are still coming, and Opportunity Knocks will continue to meet immediate needs in our community.

This year, the SMILES committee kept families SMILING with their fun-filled activities each month. The year kicked off with the annual school supply giveaway to families. A total of 89 bags with school supplies were filled, and 41 families received school supplies to start the 2022-2023 school year.

Each month, the committee held various activities for the families including Painting with a Twist, Cookies and Costumes for Halloween where participants dressed in Halloween costumes/attire, and a Christmas celebration complete with watching a movie in pajamas and a special visit from Olaf. Other family activities throughout the year included bowling, skating, University of Louisiana of Lafayette Family Day at the basketball game, and fun at Kart Ranch.

More than 80 families participated in each event, and the committee impacted over 120 families this League year.



  
**SMILES**  
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# Health Essentials Resource (HER): Where needs are met



The Health Essentials Resource (HER) Committee was developed for the 2022-2023 League year to fill a void in the community, focusing on providing women and children tangible resources that directly impact their health and well-being. Comprised of 26 trained women volunteers, the HER committee is made up of three subcommittees: Diaper Bank, EmpowHER. (pronounced Empow-her Period), and Happy Wheels.

HER Chair, Shannon Pratt, worked with the committee to raise awareness of diaper need and period poverty in Lafayette Parish by coordinating three successful donation drives for diapers, period supplies, and phone chargers. Pratt introduced Amazon wish lists as a convenient way for the community and League Members to donate. She also coordinated the procurement and delivery of all materials, building and maintaining relationships with community partners, and streamlined the supply-chain process with the help of Step-up Chair Alea Khambounleuang and Sustaining Advisor Mary Courville. HER Coordinators Mamie Hightower, Dr. Kimberly McCaffrey, and Aleisha Johnson Cook scheduled the assembling of materials with volunteers and distributions to community partners.

According to National Diaper Bank Network, one in three families struggle with diaper need. Junior League of Lafayette's Diaper Bank was inducted into the National Diaper Bank Network in September 2022, after five years of hard work and dedication to meet the diaper needs of children in Lafayette Parish. This year, Junior League of Lafayette added four new community

partners to distribute diapers including the League's first Hispanic community partner, Proyecto Hispano de Ayuda a la Comunidad. **With a total of 11 community partners, Diaper Bank distributed 102,243 diapers, impacting more than 3,000 children and counting.**

According to National Period Alliance, one in four Louisiana teen girls missed class last year due to a lack of period supplies that included a change of clothing. With the launch of the period supply bank EmpowHER., HER committee members met the initial commitment of the distribution of 2,000 period purses, uniform bottoms, and girls' underwear, equating to the estimated 25 percent of middle school and high school girl students in need of period supplies in Lafayette Parish. UL Lafayette Campus Cupboard also became EmpowHER.'s first community partner distributing to college students. **By May, EmpowHER. distributed 56,550 period supplies, impacting more than 2,300 female students and counting.**

In addition to Diaper Bank and EmpowHER., Junior League of Lafayette launched the Happy Wheels hospitality cart at Our Lady of Lourdes Women's and Children's Hospital. The cart offers essential resources to patients and families who cannot leave the patient's bedside during a hospital stay. Stocked with items of comfort and care like snacks, activities, and essentials, Happy Wheels directly relates to Junior League of Lafayette's Mission to positively impact women and children in our community through the League's collaboration with Our Lady of Lourdes Women's and Children's Hospital. **By May, Happy Wheels served 2,436 patients and patient families.**





## Diaper Bank



## EmpowHER.



## Happy Wheels



## Sparking the fire of volunteerism in young women through Spark Teen Board

When Junior League of Lafayette launched the Spark program this year, the goal was to cultivate action and leadership as well as meaningful training opportunities for young women in Lafayette. Both Spark Jr. and Spark Teen Board have gone above and beyond the program's goals as evidenced by their successful year.

"The Spark programs are designed to encourage the next generation of leadership and civic engagement in young women in Acadiana," said Grace Gallaspy, Spark Chair. "We have been so fortunate that a variety of leaders in Lafayette have dedicated their time and talents to share with the participants in the Spark programs."

Spark Jr. hosted a variety of events for middle school girls. The program is a girls' leadership and development partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana and provides training on a wide variety of topics that encourage learning new skills, developing new interests, and socializing with peers. Not only was it educational, but the girls also had a blast learning these new skills that surely left a lasting impression.

The Spark Teen Board program provides a foundation of voluntarism, and an understanding of the impact Junior League of Lafayette has on the Lafayette community to a group

of 12 high school juniors and seniors who, over the course of their one-year term, develop leadership skills, professionalism, self-esteem, and many other valuable skills needed to become a community leader.

The teens were active in the community, and visited St. Bernadette's Clinic and to get a glimpse of how this amazing organization provides medical services to our homeless population and those in need. Established in 1995, the St. Bernadette's Clinic provides non-emergency medical care at no charge.

Jeigh Stipe, Lourdes Foundation Director and Junior League of Lafayette Sustainer, gave the Spark Teen Board participants and Spark Committee Members a tour of the facility as well as the history

of how the clinic was started. This visit showed the teens how voluntarism can impact our community and brought a different perspective to helping the less fortunate.

"The program participants have shared how meaningful these experiences are with members of our committee," said Gallaspy. "We're so grateful we get a chance to facilitate this new program!"

As part of Spark Teen Board, two members were selected for the \$1,000 scholarships awarded by Junior League of Lafayette. The two winners for 2022-2023 were Avery-Grace Hebert and Victoria Benoit.





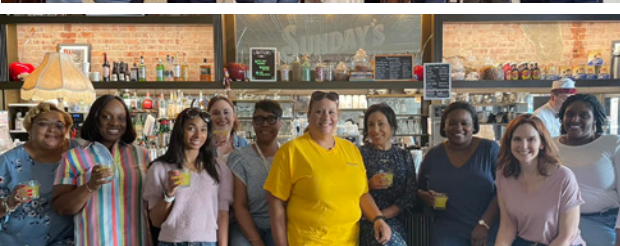


This League year, Junior League of Lafayette’s main goal was to increase **Member engagement**. We accomplished that by training Members on living their values and knowing their why, through consistent messaging with ambassador training, and by giving Members what they were asking for — connection and fun through enhanced programming at General Membership Meetings and socials. Junior League of Lafayette increased Member engagement year-over-year by an astounding 50 percent!



**Affinity groups** were established within Junior League of Lafayette out of a desire from our membership for more opportunities for social interaction internally. To accomplish this connection, Junior League of Lafayette offers numerous Member-led affinity groups that unite like-minded ladies based on mutual hobbies and interests. This year, Junior League of Lafayette offered the following affinity groups to its Members: Women of Color, "Let's Brunch" Group, Book Club, and Bridge Group.

The membership also had the opportunity to enjoy multiple Member socials, addressing their stated desire to spend time with other Members in a relaxed social setting. Membership Development is working to meet the needs of our membership by offering meaningful social interactions whether it be in the form of Affinity Groups or Member Socials.





# Members share Mission through LBDI

The second annual Little Black Dress Initiative took place March 13-18, 2023. Eighty-four Junior League of Lafayette Members proudly shared with friends, family, and co-workers the Mission of Junior League of Lafayette and how our community programs help women and children in the Lafayette area.

Advocates posted on social media, emailed networks, and texted friends and family about the fundraising campaign asking them to donate to continue our work in the community. While this initiative is not a requirement for Members, participation increased by 68 percent in our membership. Members showcased our



community programs: Health Essentials Resource Committee, the Diaper Bank, SMILES, and Happy Wheels Cart. Advocates (\$12,036) combined with sponsorships (\$8,500) raised a total of \$20,536.

"To be able to continue to grow off the success from last year's inaugural year is an accomplishment," said Little Black Dress Initiative Chair Danika Arenibas.

"More Members wanted to participate and were excited to share about the work our League contributes to the community. LBDI helps us raise additional funds to impact the lives of women and children and expand community engagement."



## Tinsel & Treasures marks another successful year

Savvy shoppers got a head start on their holiday gift purchases at this year's Tinsel & Treasures, held September 21-24, 2022.

More than 6,000 guests stopped by the market that featured 122 merchant booths spread throughout two floors of the CAJUNDOME Convention Center.

As always, the special events were a highlight of the market. The annual Wednesday kick-off, Preview Party, returned this year after being cancelled in previous years due to COVID-19. Ladies' Night on Thursday was again a big hit, and kids met Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Olaf at Saturday's Children's Event.

To close out the market, two lucky winners of the Sparkle & Shine Raffle won \$10,000 in cash or a Lee Michael's Fine Jewelry shopping spree!

And the best part?

The market (\$169,062) combined with sponsorships (\$112,995) raised a total of \$282,057 to support our Mission focused on collaboration for lasting community change, the health and development of women and children, and women's leadership.

Tinsel & Treasures 2022 was a great success – in no small part due to our wonderful sponsors. We look forward to another fabulous market next year!



## Emile's Hot Cocoa

Kids are capable of truly amazing things! We were overwhelmed by the support that our community showed 12-year-old Emile Myers at his hot cocoa fundraiser benefiting Junior League of Lafayette on December 9 in Bendel Garden subdivision. Emile's Holiday Hot Cocoa Fundraiser began with pre-sales of reindeer mugs and culminated into a lively evening of hot cocoa, live music, and holiday lights that raised an incredible \$11,313 to help the League provide important community programs that benefit the health and development of women and children in Lafayette.

We live in an amazing community of generous people who truly care about helping others. Nothing is better than seeing a child in our community make such an impactful difference and truly understanding the importance of giving back.



## Thank you to our Sponsors

Each year, Junior League of Lafayette focuses on fulfilling its Mission by partnering and collaborating with various community organizations to bring meaningful and powerful programs to the Acadiana area. Serving the community through these impactful programs is only possible with the valuable contributions of our partners and sponsors. We are grateful for the generosity of all our sponsors for Tinsel & Treasures, Little Black Dress Initiative (LBDI), and Community Programs. We look forward to continuing these relationships and developing new ones to further enhance our community programs.

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# Junior League of Lafayette is Accepting New Members.

## Why join JLL?

Each Junior League of Lafayette Member starts her journey in the League as a Provisional, completing a year of training and meeting the curriculum requirements to become an active member.



"The Provisional year plays a vital role in not only allowing new Members to create special bonds with each other, but ensures new Members have a complete grasp of all the innerworkings of Junior League of Lafayette and an opportunity to immediately plug in and make an impact," said Shalondra Lewis, Provisional Chair.

"Our goal was to ensure that these ladies had an engaging year that allowed them to understand Junior League of Lafayette while making lasting memories," she said. "It was important to us that the monthly meetings be not only educational but also impactful, fun, and memorable."

Torilyn Williams, a first year active Member, looks back on her Provisional year as an opportunity to bond and learn from her classmates.

"My Provisional experience was amazing! I met a great group of accomplished, like-minded women," Williams said. "We all bonded immediately. We still hang together as a class all the time."

In her placement this year on the Sponsorship committee, she experienced all of the hard work that goes into Tinsel & Treasures, the League's biggest fundraiser, and learned more about how the League operates. Williams' advice for any woman considering joining Junior League of Lafayette?

"Do it! If you're looking for a group of women to push, motivate, coach, and develop you, Junior League of Lafayette is it," she said. "If you're looking to serve the community and help others, Junior League of Lafayette is for you."

While Emily Bourque's Provisional year was definitely unorthodox thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, she said she still found connections and the best part about the

League is that there's a place for everyone.

"We didn't meet each other in person until our March meeting, when we were well underway planning our provisional project. That being said, I

think the experience really bonded us," Bourque said.

Now in her second Active year, she's helping young women learn the importance of voluntarism through her placement on the newly-created Spark Teen Board.

"Building a program from the ground up and working with these phenomenal young leaders of our community has been such a rewarding experience," Bourque said. "I feel like I'm making an impact, and these girls are making an impact on me."

Provisional must attend special training meetings in addition to the monthly General Membership Meetings. As they continue their journey to active membership throughout the year, Provisionals hear from representatives from each of the League's councils to learn more about how the League works and prepare them for their first Active year.

Katrena King, Public Affairs Chair, said her favorite part of her first Active year has been getting to stretch and learn new skills. She joined to be a more active volunteer, and says it's been all of that and more.

"I saw the League as a structured way for me to plug in and help make a difference," she said. "Junior League of Lafayette is more than just a group of women; it is a sisterhood that is connected by bettering the world around us, while bettering ourselves at the same time."

Provisional Chair Lewis says the sisterhood feeling is a core element of a new Member's first year. At their "Friendsgiving" celebration, this year's class collected more than 60 cell phone chargers to support the Happy Wheels Cart. Plus, they worked diligently on executing an impactful and sustainable Provisional Project.

"There's room for people of all skill sets. It's easy to give back to the community in a way that helps you grow and enhance your skills as a leader," she said.



## Provisional of the Year Award

Lisa Lazard is a valued leader in our community, a true team player, and goes above and beyond all expectations. She was always present, active, and highly involved in all provisional activities. Lisa didn't

always lead from the front, but she was in the background, adding support, lending a hand when needed, and making certain the focus remained on the task at hand.

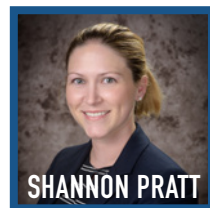


## Active of the Year Award

Under Shannon Pratt's care and leadership as Health Essentials Research (HER) Chair, two new programs came to life. She truly lived our core values as she led the largest committee in the League and successfully trained that committee on supply-chain management. She collaborated with other committees and

other Leagues to increase awareness about both diaper need and period poverty and empowered her coordinators to lead their respective sub-committees.

She took it all in stride and kept a positive attitude throughout the process of building these programs from the ground up.



## Sustainer of the Year Award

In the last four years, Jeigh Stipe has been instrumental in helping us renovate Headquarters, served as Director-at-Large during Covid, connected our partnership with Our Lady of Lourdes Women's and Children's for Diaper Bank and now EmpowHER, and helped launch our 65th Anniversary project for the Ronald

McDonald House Family Room and brought us the idea of Happy Wheels. This year she served as Sustaining Advisor to the Board.

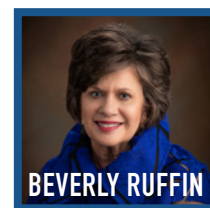
Jeigh is an engaging, smart, and dynamic woman. She truly embodies our Mission; she is a change maker, an action taker, a true civic leader in our community, and an absolute fireball.



## Presidential Award

Sutainer Beverly Ruffin is a woman who will give the shirt off her back to make you smile. She gave countless hours of volunteer time to the League behind the scenes this year. She stuffed thousands of envelopes, served as Sustaining Advisor to our Sponsorship Committee and attended every committee meeting, sponsored every

fundraiser, and attended every social event. Beverly has reengaged Sustainers who were inactive and always calls to ask how she can help. She consistently picks up diapers and period products and drops them in our bins at Headquarters. Beverly Ruffin is a true gift to our League.



## Presidential Award

Fumy Rita was an active Member behind the scenes this year—from stuffing envelopes with her children, to coordinating lunch orders with an "around the world" flair, to setting up and taking down table decorations, and bringing extra volunteers to help with almost anything. She always did her placement with a smile

and an attention to perfect detail.

Fumy helped shift the leadership's focus to ensuring the Members understood the "why." She is a joy maker, an action taker, and her work ethic is unparalleled. Her organization, heart, and passion were instrumental in accomplishing all that was achieved this year.





# Community Breakfast Awards

Junior League of Lafayette's Community Breakfast was held on March 31, 2023, at Petroleum Club. More than 100 people attended including local nonprofit leaders, Community Advisory Board Members, JLL sponsors, Board of Directors, and Management Team.

This year, two new awards were given to outstanding JLL volunteers who consistently display an immense desire to improve our community. Award recipients, Ayesha Martin and Emily Hamner, are collaborative team players, are passionate about our League, and continually go above and beyond the call of duty inside and outside of the League.

The Nedra Andrus Lifetime Achievement Award was created and given in honor of the late Nedra Andrus, who served as the League's 13th President. Nedra was very active in civic and community work and served with various organizations including Acadiana Arts Council, Preservation Alliance of

Lafayette, Acadian Village, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Acadiana Symphony Women's League, and many more. The NALA award is given to a recipient who demonstrates a profound volunteer spirit and has made an immense impact on state and local government, community partners, and especially teens in the Lafayette community during their lifetime.

The inaugural Nedra Andrus Award for volunteer lifetime achievement was awarded to Eric Searcy.

More than 60 nominations for Nonprofit of the Year. The top five finalists for Nonprofit of the Year were:

- **Hearts of Hope**
- **Hospice of Acadiana**
- **Parish Proud**
- **Miles Perret Cancer Services**
- **Healing House**

Each finalist received an award.

The 2022-2023 winner was **Parish Proud!**



## Outstanding Volunteer Award – Ayesha Martin

Her greatest community achievement: "My role as a coach with Junior League of Lafayette's Girls on the Run Community Program. I feel a sense of pride

working with and providing young girls with the skills to help enhance and inspire the many facets of their well-being and self-esteem."



## Outstanding Volunteer Award – Emily Hamner

Emily's philosophy of giving is to partner with nonprofits to help make our community stronger, healthier and a happier place to live. Emily has a giving heart and a passion for her community.

## Nedra Andrus Award Winner – Eric Searcy

Eric has made an immense impact on the lives of more than 15,000 high school students in Lafayette over the past 20 years through his keynote address on impaired and distracted driving at the League's NO FEAR NO FUTURE program. To quote Eric: "I

don't want my legacy to be defined by the challenges I faced, I want it to

be defined by how I faced the challenges."



## Nonprofit of the Year Award – Parish Proud

Parish Proud's mission is to connect people to places, and places to possibilities. Parish Proud has an unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life in our community.

With a focus on environmental sustainability, civic engagement, and community beautification, Parish Proud has significantly impacted the region through various initiatives, including litter cleanups, tree planting, and community outreach programs.



## New giving opportunity for Members

As a founding donor of Community Foundation of Acadiana, Junior League of Lafayette has formed a new funding opportunity under our traditional Junior League of Lafayette Endowment called Forever Fund.

This new funding opportunity will offer Members, Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers the opportunity to give back to our League to sustain Junior League of Lafayette for the next 65 years through named funds under our Endowment. These named funds are \$10,000 and can be paid over a one to five year time period.

We have also diversified funding to support Annual Giving. To kick off this new format of giving, local artist Hannah Gumbo designed a special commemorative kitchen towel. Members can contribute \$10 per month or donate \$100 to receive one of these special towels!



## Celebrating 55 years of 'Talk About Good!'

Our beloved and original cookbook, "Talk About Good!" turned 55 this year!

"Talk About Good!" was originally published in June of 1967. This cookbook was the first cookbook ever created by Junior League of Lafayette. It was such a great success that it led to the eventual creation of our second cookbook, "Talk About Good II," our third cookbook, "Tell Me More," and our fourth and final cookbook "Something to Talk About."

Since its inception and to date, every copy of "Talk About Good!" that is sold contributes to the charitable endeavors of Junior League of Lafayette, Inc. Not only is this cookbook beneficial to the community, but it is truly a

kitchen staple. The cookbook was the winner of the Walter S. McIlhenny Hall of Fame Award. It was also the Official Carnival Cookbook in February 2000.

With more than 800,000 copies sold to date, the green illustration on the front cover and the vibrant yellow stripes are eye-catching and a classic design. There are 1,200 plus recipes, all from Members of the League and their families and friends. They are multicultural recipes passed down from generation to generation. These recipes have stood the test of time. The same recipes enjoyed 55 years ago are still just as desired today.



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# 2022-2023 IMPACT

65 years of advancing women's leadership  
for meaningful community impact



More than \$7 million  
Mission-driven dollars  
invested in Lafayette



A diverse powerhouse of  
more than 575 members



Over 27,000 volunteer service hours

COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS &  
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Over \$102,000 to sustain & grow  
area nonprofits



DIAPER BANK

Over 102,000 diapers collected & distributed

EMPOWER.

56,550 tampons and pads collected &  
over 2,800 period purses distributed



HAPPY WHEELS HOSPITALITY CART

OVER 2,400 patients and families served

SPARK JR. & TEEN BOARD

Sparking the fire for voluntarism in young  
girls to advance women's leadership



SMILES

Over 120 Miles Perret Cancer Services  
families served through monthly activities



TALK ABOUT GOOD!

55th anniversary &  
over 800,000 copies sold



\$360,000 in funds raised  
for Community Impact



During the 2022-2023 League year, Junior League of Lafayette achieved remarkable success! Our fundraisers, Tinsel & Treasures, Little Black Dress Initiative, and Community Program Sponsorships raised over \$350,000 for Community Impact.

Sponsorship had a record year raising over \$17x4,000. As part of our Strategic Plan to grow our Endowment Fund, we started two new campaigns. Forever Fund is an offering of named funds under our Junior League of Lafayette Endowment with Community Foundation of Acadiana, and Annual Giving is an offering of monthly donations to help grow our Endowment. Our goal is to raise enough funds for our Endowment to cover all operating expenses.

Our impressive growth in 2022-2023 is the result of our commitment to our Mission and the support of our wonderful community. It is our goal to continue to expand our fundraising efforts by adding a new and exciting fundraiser, Touch-a-Truck, and ensuring no sacrifices are made to our Mission-driven programming. This diversification will grow our financial sustainability, solidifying Junior League of Lafayette's legacy as women leaders for meaningful community impact.

Thank you to all sponsors, partners, and especially our Members who contributed this year.





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