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On the morning of April 17, 2021, the Board of Directors hosted a Leadership Retreat for the JLLC chairs and co-chairs to facilitate transitions of leadership. This was the FIRST group meeting held this league year resulting in the only group photo of the 2020-2021 Board of Directors (on cover) since their introduction at the March 2020 General Meeting (shown here).

FROM THE EDITOR

Dare I say ... Slowly, but surely, life is beginning to resemble some type of "normal." But I don't want to say that too loudly, as we all know hurricane season is literally days away. (Note: Written one day before the May Flood Event; lesson learned, dare not.)

In early summer 2020, we drafted our first edition. With publication scheduled for Fall 2020, we planned to discuss: COVID-19 with spotlights on our JLLC health care workers and teachers, a few fun get-to-know-your League Leader articles, etc. And a calendar of in-person upcoming events! And then Laura happened. And our world stopped.

Little did we know the battle had just begun. Which is why we've included a special "Sustainer Spotlight" of our JLLC Sustainer Keri Forbess - McCorquodale, MS, CEAP, LPC-S, LMFT. She has a column, "Solutions for Life!" in the local Thrive Magazine. One in particular spoke directly to me following the Hurricanes, and I thought JLLC could benefit from reading it. It's hard to believe that the article was written two disasters ago! Check out her recent articles that hits closer to our current disaster-fatigued mental state. I encourage you to read them and seek help if necessary. The goal: take the time to heal, recharge, and strengthen so we can come back stronger than ever in our new League year as we continue to serve our community!

Through it all we are still a service organization. And it is with great pride that we share with you this edition which showcases the many wonderful events supported and organized by JLLC this past year. Amidst the many struggles of this year, we still showed up! Thank you! Thank you to the health care workers, the teachers, the neighbors, the friends, the helping hands... Thank you to YOU, thank you for showing up! We're all here in support of each other and ready to face the next battle together. We and the Lake Charles community are resilient and will prevail. I know this upcoming year will be our best JLLC year yet! Sending love and light to all.

Tiffany Hester
 2020-2021 BE/ST Chair



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I look back over the 2020-2021 League year, I cannot help but stand in awe of everything we have accomplished together, especially given the circumstances we have been faced with. This has arguably been one of the hardest years in many of our lives, but in typical Junior League fashion we kept moving forward. Our theme this year is "Stronger Women, Stronger Community" and there is no doubt in my mind that we will finish out this year stronger and better than ever! Through our commitment to our mission, we have continued to empower our members and improve the SWLA community we live in. Although our general meetings and community outreach has looked quite different this year, we have still been

able to give back in so many meaningful ways. As you look through the pages of this issue, you will see all the amazing things we have been able to accomplish. I am so proud of our leaders and members for stepping up and getting the job done. Thank you all for being here with me as we continue to adapt and move forward.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as the 2020-2021 President of the Junior League of Lake Charles. There is no doubt that this year has been one for the history books! I often must remind myself that your DIRECTION is more important than your speed. Although this year has been anything but typical, the Junior League of Lake Charles is headed in the right direction and I look forward to what the future holds. The 2021-2022 incoming leadership is a group of outstanding women and I cannot wait to see the amazing things the League will accomplish in the years to come!

Nealie Clement Hale

2020-2021 President, Junior League of Lake Charles

***"Stronger Women,
Stronger Community."***

S U S T A I N E R S P O T L I G H T

Published in **Thrive Magazine**, Nov. 2020
Written by **Keri Forbess-McCorquodale**

Getting By

I'm not going to lie. I'm tired. Are you tired? I've been keeping a brave face on for so many months now, I can't remember not having to have it on. This isn't how it is supposed to be. Life is supposed to be a series: a challenge occurs, you put a brave face on and soldier on, the challenge passes, and you get back to normal. The challenge isn't supposed to last for months on end, then be supersized by two hurricanes.

Normally, I am writing about gratitude for this issue. After all, it is November - a time of cooler weather (finally), warmer clothes (finally, BOOTS!), pumpkin spice everything, and Thanksgiving. What's not to be grateful for? Well, this year I am struggling.

It's not that I'm not grateful. Things could be so much worse. Even the people I know who lost everything are trying to be grateful and telling themselves "things could be so much worse." We are all trying. We really are. It's just that the weight of slogging through the physical and emotional debris of the last couple of months, when we were already heavy with pandemic pandemonium is almost too much.

Almost. That is the key word here. When I work with clients who have chronic pain issues, we use the word "almost" a lot. "It's almost too much to bear." "You almost don't want to be here anymore if you have to live like this." The word "almost" gives us a way to acknowledge the depth of our emotions without being final. The word "almost" also reminds us that we can still carry on. If it were truly too much, we wouldn't be here any longer. But we are still here. Putting one foot buried in concrete blocks in front of the other.

I want to share with you the things I have been doing to help me get through these trying times. These are the things I do regularly because I have found them to be helpful and comforting.

Exercise. I must have walked a million miles in the last nine months. Prior to the pandemic, I worked out at a gym. When the gyms were closed, I rediscovered walking, which I had always loved many years ago. I had stopped

walking, and started other forms of cardio, because I wanted to burn more calories. I forgot how much I love walking: being outside, using all 5 senses while walking, and letting my brain process and problem solve. I don't see me giving this up (and I don't think my dog will let me).

Yoga. I decided to try yoga during the pandemic. I had always heard about it, read about the benefits, and goodness knows, I needed something to help me calm down! I was never very interested in it because I was exercising in other ways and practicing mindfulness in other ways. Well, I have drunk the Yoga Koolaid. I'm a true believer now. I had no idea how much all my muscles needed to stretch. I had convinced myself that "everything hurting" when I get up in the mornings is a result of all that exercise and is normal. Now I know it doesn't have to be that way. A friend turned me on to Yoga With Adriene on YouTube. She is so calming, positive and relaxing. She doesn't know it, but she's my friend.

Podcasts. I know I'm late to the party with this one. I have always been a "book on CD" girl, and was constantly at the library checking them out. And, yes, I go in person because I need to LOOK at the book on CD. When the libraries closed, I decided to check out this podcast thing. Yet more Koolaid drinking, friends. I know there are a million podcast options out there, but I have a few favorites for you to consider:

- Armchair Expert with Dax Sheperd - he's funny, he's smart, he's committed to growth. This was my first podcast, and completely got me hooked.
- Smartless with Jason Bateman, Sean Hayes, and Will Arnett - I laugh out loud at every single episode.
- Dolly Parton's America. This is a limited series podcast. And it's about Dolly Parton. Need I say more?
- Dr. Death, Bunga Bunga, Broken, Dirty John, The Shrink Next Door, Deep Cover. All limited series, and all true stories. I was enthralled with all of them!
- Where Should We Begin with Esther Perel. Esther is a famous therapist and she meets with a couple for only one session to work her magic. She is a unicorn.

To wrap up: it's ALMOST too much for us, we are tired of putting on brave faces, we need to exercise for sanity, we need to find something that is calming for the sanity of others, and we need to lose ourselves in some way. That's our current playbook for getting by. Onward!

2019 - 2020 AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Presented at the virtual 2020 May Meeting

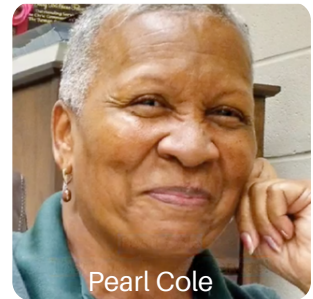
Della Krause Thielen Voluntarism Award – Mrs. Pearl Cole

Since 1994, the Della Krause Thielen Voluntarism Award has been given to honor an individual's or organization's exceptional and sustained contributions through voluntarism in one or all of the following: a variety of community service, outstanding leadership, effectiveness of community service, tenure of community service and perseverance in accomplishing an outstanding project. The award, established by Della K. Thielen's family and administered through the Junior League of Lake Charles, Inc, embodies Mrs. Thielen's own outstanding commitment to voluntarism.

The 2020 award winner is Mrs. Pearl Cole, the face and heart of Abraham's Tent. Mrs. Cole has been involved with the organization since its inception in 1986. She grew up in Kinder, LA and was 1 of 5 children. She was raised with a large family and taught her a sense of family.

Prior to her role at Abraham's Tent, she volunteered at her church, Immaculate Heart of Mary. She saw the needy come and knock on the door seeking assistance. This prompted her to take action. Soon after she worked for the Diocese of Lake Charles, which was instrumental in the formation of Abraham's Tent. She volunteered at the center for 3 years and later became the Director, where she continues to serve. Each day the center (Abraham's Tent) serves hot lunches to the disadvantaged. Prior to Covid, the center served over 400 meals per day.

Her philosophy is God has given each of us a life with a purpose. She knew this from a very young age and believes that God will take care of you if you accept what he has given to you, that calling. Her goal is to make a difference in the lives of others. She has been quoted to say, "The need is real. All are welcomed and no one is turned away."



Pearl Cole



2019–2020 Outstanding Active Service Award – Mrs. Elise Foret

Each year the Junior League of Lake Charles awards the Outstanding Active Service Award to an exceptional member who, during her time in our League, has exceeded expectations and left a lasting impression.

The common thread among other members' impression of her is that she is always willing to do the hard work with a small on her face. She is the epitome of today's southern lady: kind, generous, thoughtful, and happy to help out in any situation.

What some of our members had to say about Elise:

"In her placement this year (and every other year) she exceeded all expectations of the position by doing her duties far beyond to make it a success. This has been the case with all of her previous positions as well. She sees a problem, shortcoming, or need and without hesitation fills the gap to bring success to whatever she touches."

"I am proud to call her a good friend. All my memories of her in the League are of her saying yes to a job that no one else would agree to. She is always helpful with a smile."

"I first became familiar with her through the work she did organizing her placement binder which was handed down to me a few years later. She had taken all the chaos and demand of this position and not only conquered it but laid the foundation for her successors to efficiently handle everything the role requires. I learned that she does not only meet any task laid before her but goes beyond that and looks to help others to be successful as well. I learned that she is organized, kind, conscientious, driven, and a leader. I learned all this about her without ever meeting her. Let's just say that I became an instant admirer comparable to a Backstreet Boys fan. When I finally met her in person and thanked her, she responded with humility. She thanked me for the compliment and offered her encouragement and assistance, should I need it. She is humble. She is a true woman of service and she cares about supporting other women."

She has served on both the Community and Finance Councils in the League; twice on Healthy Choices committee, once on Truck Fest, and 2020 is her 7th year on Mistletoe & Moss; including chairing Decorations, Donations, and Finance. She still has more to give to the League and continues on in her second year as an Extender.

Additionally, this wonder woman shares her gifts with her children's school serving on the auction committee and as a room mom. She is also part of the Calcasieu Medical Society Alliance.

Her husband had this to say, "I feel like she has really enjoyed her years in the Junior League. She has enjoyed the camaraderie of other women and working on projects to reach a common goal. Mistletoe & Moss was probably her favorite where she exercised leadership and teamwork within the committee. She is a great planner and organizer; completing all these projects, all while taking care of 3 school children and a busy household. I am very proud of the things she has done, giving her time to community outreach projects and making a real difference in many lives.

Wife of Ryan, and mother of Andrew, Elise, and May. It is an honor and privilege to present the 2019 - 2020 Outstanding Active Service Award to Elise Foret.



Elise Foret

2019 - 2020 AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Presented at the virtual 2020 May Meeting

President's Award Recipients: Ashley Judd, Lauren Lebato, Kelly Hurt, Lynsay Fontenot, Kari Casey, Natalie Garrison, Alisa Burklow, and Carrie Lafargue
Cross Committee Queen: Elaine Acord



2019 - 2020 AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Presented at the virtual 2020 May Meeting

Branch Out and Grow Grants

JLLC's Branch Out and Grow Educational Grant Program supports educators' efforts to enhance their students' educational experience. This program consists of several grant awards in amount ranging from \$500 - \$2,500. Grant requests may also include a request for volunteer hours from the JLLC. All school-based professionals are eligible to apply.



2019-2020 Grant Recipients

JJ JOHNSON ELEMENTARY - MEGAN THOMAS
 DEQUINCY ELEMENTARY - RUTH ROBERTSON
 SULPHUR HIGH - PATRICIA TREJO
 LEBLEU SETTLEMENT - STEPHANIE SOILEAU
 FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY - WANDA HARRINGTON
 SJ WELSH MIDDLE - ANGELA FARQUHAR
 SJ WELSH MIDDLE - RACHEL DEMENTT MANUEL
 BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY - ANN STUTES
 LAGRANGE HIGH SCHOOL - KATHY CHAFIN

Total Grants Awarded: \$12,006.72

Number of Students Impacted: 3,538

TEACH is an acronym for Taking Education and Children Higher, which is the JLLC's aspirations in awarding this grant! The TEACH grant is a \$5,000 grant awarded to one winner during the Mistletoe and Moss Holiday Market.

Total Grant Awarded: \$5000.00

Number of Students Impacted: 298

2019-2020 Grant Recipients:

T.S. COOLEY

Community Alliance Program Grants

JLLC's Community Alliance Program is specifically for non-profit organizations with specific short-term monetary needs. Grant requests can be made for up to \$5000. Grants may also request volunteer hours from the JLLC. All non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for this grant.



2019-2020 Grant Recipients

1. CARC - LIVING ON MY OWN
2. CALCASIEU COMMUNITY CLINIC - EQUIPMENT
3. CALCASIEU AREA COUNCIL - BOY SCOUTS/AFTER SCHOOL STEM PROGRAM
4. SWLA YOUTH FOUNDATION - TRUTH, FACTS, AND LIES PROGRAM
5. ST. NICHOLAS CENTER - "MIGHTIER" SELF REGULATION APP

Total Grants Awarded: \$13,683.94

Number of Students Impacted: 1,170

2020 - 2021 SUSTAINERS

Members who have completed at least 8 years of service



Kellery Barton



Shellie Eskew



Lynsay Fontenot



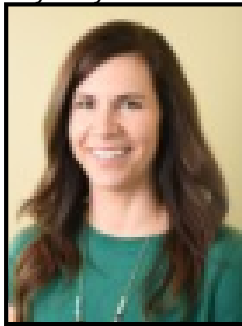
Kelly Hurt



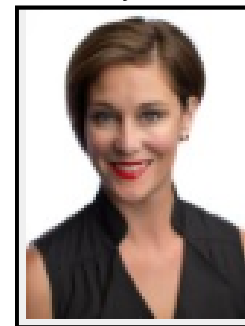
Amanda Meche



Heather Ritchie



Summer Templeton



Mallory Wall

2020 - 2021 EXTENDING ACTIVES

Members who are eligible for Sustainer, but choose to remain Active



Eloise Pruitt



Sarah Calderera-Moore



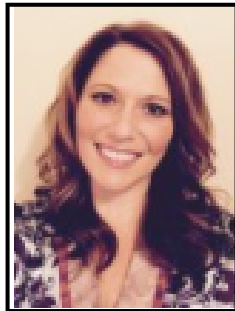
Elise Foret



Hillary Green



Stephanie Potter



Molly Lecronier



Laura Monk



Emily Pettaway



Stephanie Karpovs

2020 - 2021 GOVERNANCE BOARD



PRESIDENT ELECT
HILLARY GREEN



MANAGING DIRECTOR
TONI CANNON



NOMINATING
AMY DUFRENE



ADVISOR TO THE BOARD
WILLIE MOUNT



PRESIDENT
NEALIE
HALE



PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
CAROLINE HENNINGAN



TREASURER
MARGARET HIGGINS



ADVISORY PLANNING/BYLAWS
SAGE THIBODEAUX



SECRETARY
LAURA MONK

2020 - 2021 MANAGEMENT TEAM



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TONI
CANNON



PLACEMENT
CHAUNTEL MATHIEU



ASST TREASURER
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ELAINE ACORD



FUND DEVELOPMENT
LAUREN OLSEN



MEMBERSHIP
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2020 - 2021 PROVISIONALS

PAM ARSENEAULT	KAYLA DUPLER	ERIN MONET
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REGAN CROSS	SARAH LAVERGNE	SARAH SMITH
SARAH DECAREAUX	KOURTNEY LEBLANC	NANCY TOWER
MICHELLE DIXON	KATHARINE "KATE" MASKAS	E'JUENE "EJ" WASHINGTON
TRUC "TEE" DOAN-ROBICHAUX	SHANA MAXFIELD	KAYLA WILSON
JENNIFER "JENNY" DOWNS	VICTORIA MCDANIEL	



The Provisional class wanted to use allotted funds to address local period poverty, specifically in our middle schools. They collected and assembled toiletry bags and filled them with pads to be provided to young ladies at S.J. Welsh and F.K. White through the school nurses. Pictured is the new nurse at F.K. White with some of the bags!

SPRING 2020 - OUTREACH RESPONSE

Due to COVID-19 in early 2020, JLLC's outreach was limited due to restrictions and cancelled events. However, JLLC still managed to get creative to support the community in the following ways:

PARTNER SCHOOL SUPPORT

\$10,500 2020-2021 School Supplies Donated to Brentwood and College Oaks

FOOD SECURITY SUPPORT

475 food bags - Combre Fondel and JD Clifton Elementary
JLLC Little Free Pantry - St. Michael's & Zion Tabernacle Church

HYGIENE SUPPORT

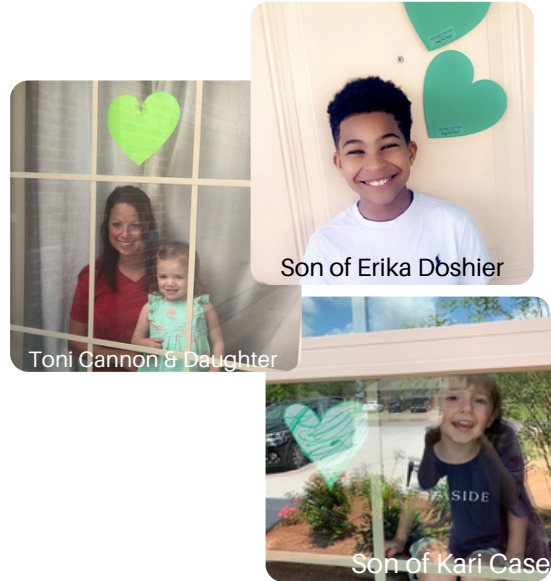
1,497 feminine products donated

EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDING \$5,000

Calcasieu Community Clinic
Salvation Army of Lake Charles
Educational and Treatment Center (ETC)
Big Brother and Big Sister
Family and Youth Counseling

JUNE 2020 HANG YOUR HEART

The Junior League of Lake Charles asked the community to join in the Hang Your Heart Project by hanging a green heart, a symbol for growth and renewal, in their window or door. The goal is that by creating these hearts with loved ones it would spark meaningful conversations as we work to educate ourselves and the next generation on race relations, inequality, and injustice.



Toni Cannon & Daughter

Son of Erika Dbshier

Son of Kari Case

JULY 2020 DIVERSITY & INCLUSION TASK FORCE



Nealie Hale, Hillary Green, Erika Doshier, Rachel Garner, Toni Cannon, and Jessica Stewart

As Junior League Leaders, we cannot stay silent and sit on the sidelines watching as our community feels the heaviness of grief. In the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic, this week has again raised the veil of racial inequities that are pervasive in our cities and in our countries, seeing racial turmoil unfold in our communities is particularly painful and difficult to witness.

As an organization that believes in building better communities and strives for leadership excellence, many of us have asked what we can do. We as Junior League women strive to be civic leaders in our communities. As such we should hold ourselves accountable for our own racism. We must do the work. We must be willing to be humiliated and vulnerable. We must speak out and we must be visible. We have to know when to be quiet and listen. And equally important, when to speak up.

-Nealie Hale
President of Junior League of Lake Charles
(05/30/2020)

In response, the JLLC formed a Diversity and Inclusion Task Force made up of 8 League Leaders aimed at meeting to share experiences and ideas for ensuring inclusivity in our League and community.

AUGUST 2020 WOMEN'S VOTE MATTERS

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT

In August, JLLC recognized the 100th anniversary of when the United States Congress ratified the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. Today, more than 68 million women vote in elections because of the courageous suffragists who never gave up the fight for equality.

It is critical to note that not all women were included in this historical moment. Women of Color were excluded and denied this core pillar of our democracy until August 6, 1965 with the passage of the Voting Rights Act. As an organization that develops women, all women, it is incumbent upon us as civic leaders to acknowledge this fact and understand the wider story surrounding the fight for suffrage in the United States.

AUGUST 2020

PROVISIONAL VIRTUAL RETREAT

Due to COVID-19, Provisionals attended their first meeting and retreat virtually. The Provisional Committee worked extra hard to make the event an informative and meaningful experience. Many League leaders were also apart of the event sharing their past experiences in the League and vision for the future. Special thanks to Lauren LeBato, Provisional Chair, for doing such a great job during these unprecedented times.

This is what "inspiring leadership" looks like...

"This placement gave me friendship."
- Lauren LeBato, Provisional Chair

Nealie Hale



"I appreciate Nealie as a great leader because she fully assesses a situation before acting on it. She can weigh out the pros and cons and make a rational decision that benefits everyone in the league. She is constantly observing and listening to members and their ideas. She is an ideal leader, and makes you want to be as poised, logical, and observant as she is!"

Serving.

Toni Cannon



"What everyone knows about Toni is that people always love when she speaks. I believe what makes her a great leader is rooted in her ability to be real and personable. She is transparent about her strengths and weaknesses and helps us to remember we are all human. Knowing Toni and how much she's grown has been my inspiration as I tackle this difficult League year."

Strengthening.

Hillary Green



"Hillary Green; because she has made me feel so at home. She was my provisional advisor and was with me every step of the way. We were also on Nominating committee together when she was Nominating chair. She is knowledgeable and very supportive."

Sustaining the Community.

Erika Doshier



"Erika Doshier; is a true example of someone with a civic-minded heart and strong work ethic. I've always admired her, especially when she presents on behalf of Family and Youth. She's such a valuable asset to our community and league. I aspire to be like her."



Lauren LeBato



"Lauren is the kind of leader who makes you want to stop what you are doing to listen to what she has to say. Her passion for her career and for Junior League is shown everyday through her actions and her voice. She is always there to listen and help anyone who asks. She is the best, and I can't wait to see what else she will accomplish in the League!"

AUGUST 2020

HURRICANE LAURA

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds each of you safe and sound as our SWLA community is reeling from the aftermath of Hurricane Laura. Like so many in our area, our members have suffered tremendous loss.

Many of us are attempting to salvage what is left of our homes and businesses, trying to find temporary housing, and frantically figuring out where our children will go to school.

We have been in communication with several other non-profits in our area, as well as AJLI, and many of our sister Leagues. It is through consensus discussions with the aforementioned groups

as well as the JLLC leadership, that we feel at this time our members should focus on themselves and their loved ones, as that is what is most important. In order to take care of the rest of the community, we have to take care of ourselves first. Please take this time to focus on the safety and well-being of your family, friends, and neighbors. This is hard for us because the JLLC is an organization that typically takes care of others, but what we are experiencing is anything but typical.

Organizations like the Red Cross and Salvation Army that are built for emergency response are meeting the immediate needs of the community. The day will come when they pack up and leave town, and that is when the Junior League of Lake Charles will be the most crucial. Please know that we have the Junior League of Lake Charles navigating forward and our leaders are working to devise a plan to provide long term relief to our community. As the Board re-groups, we will continue to communicate our plans for the future. We will share volunteer opportunities with you as they arise for those who are able and feel compelled to help at this time.

One of the best things about Lake Charles is the people that call it home. Everywhere you look you can see friends, family, neighbors, and strangers helping each other. We are a community of strong, resilient people and we will come back better than ever!

Nealie Hale

President, Junior League of Lake Charles

(9/5/2020)



Credits: NASA's Earth Observatory

SEPTEMBER 2020

HEADQUARTERS CLEAN UP

Thank you to our the members who put in work at Headquarters to help clean up the space following Hurricane Laura!

Pictured: Cameo Green & Shannon Leigh Potthast



SEPTEMBER 2020 DIAPER DRIVE

The JLLC, in partnership with Fashion Gives Back, distributed diapers, wipes, and hygiene products in front of Mimosa Boutique. These items were provided as donations by many generous members of our community.

THANK YOU to the donors, Fashion Gives Back, and all the JLLC members that helped distribute much these needed items to our community! We were able to distribute thousands of diapers, wipes, feminine products, and baby formula throughout the hardest hit areas of LC.



Diaper Drive

JLLC DISTRIBUTES DIAPERS AT MIMOSA
BOUTIQUE TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED





OCTOBER 2020 DRIVE THRU TRICK-OR-TREAT

Texas Relief Warriors, Lily's Toy Box, and 50 Star Search and Rescue, all Houston-based non-profit organizations, collected several hundred Halloween costumes and buckets of candy to distribute to Lake Charles families that were impacted by Hurricanes Laura and Delta. JLLC answered their request to partner to aid in handing out the goodies to our community at a makeshift drive-thru at JLLC HQ. We assisted distribution of over 400 Halloween costumes (and candy!) to the kiddos of Lake Charles! We are so thankful for our Texas neighbors!



NOVEMBER 2020 FREE TURKEY, CHRISTMAS TREE, & DECORATIONS

Texas Relief Warriors, 50 Star Search and Rescue, and Civeo, returned to assist our community prior to Thanksgiving in efforts to support the Lake Charles families that were impacted by Hurricanes Laura and Delta. JLLC assisted with yet another makeshift drive-thru at JLLC HQ. This event resulted in the distribution of over 500 turkeys, 500 Christmas trees, tree skirts, and sets of ornaments.



NOVEMBER 2020 SNACK SACKS

In past years, Snack Sacks are packed by members during our November General Meeting to deliver to Brentwood Elementary School students to provide food for them over the Thanksgiving break.

JLLC still made the project happen! Volunteers met at HQ and helped pack the sacks in record time! Despite COVID-19 and two hurricanes, the Community Outreach Committee was able to provide snack sacks to 160 students at Brentwood Elementary! Thank you so much to those who helped shop, pack, and deliver!



DECEMBER 2020 SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE

Special thanks to our members who helped donate and also to those who volunteered to help out our friends at Salvation Army in distribution of our toys.

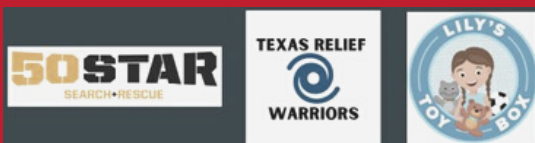
Way to go ladies! Thank you for assisting during the holiday season!



DECEMBER 2020 SANTA'S HELPERS

Once again, our neighbors showed up to help out our beloved community! In December, Texas Relief Warriors, 50 Star Search & Rescue, and Lily's Toy Box continued to show support to the SWLA community following the devastating impact from both Hurricanes Laura & Delta, this time in the way of providing Christmas gifts to families in need.

Our Junior League members provided a helping hand to help these Texas charities distribute Santa sacks full of gifts to local families at the JLLC HQ.



JANUARY 2021

BLOOD DRIVE @ HEADQUARTERS



Shelby Hoffpaur (Provisional), Debra Vaughan, & Sara Judson (Sustainer)

Thanks to the Blood Drive hosted at Junior League Headquarters, we were able to help 36 patients!

Thirty-six people will receive the gift of life, the gift of hope, and the gift of health because of those who showed up and donated!

Thank you to everyone who came to donate and those who helped make the event happen! JLLC is looking forward to hosting more blood drives in the future and we hope you will be there to roll up your sleeve!

MARCH 2021

LAKE CHARLES SPRING CLEAN

JLLC participated in the citywide cleanup that occurred in Lake Charles in March 2021. The city organized this event, asking organizations and groups from around the community to join in on efforts to clean the city streets of litter, much remaining from the previous hurricanes. JLLC accepted the challenge and several members met on Saturday morning to clean up an adopted section of Ryan Street.



“Thank you our volunteers that came out to help make our community a better place!”



APRIL 2021

NEALIE'S FINAL ZOOM GENERAL MEETING

The JLLC 2020-2021 league year was such an interesting and challenging year. Not only COVID-19, but the many weather events - Hurricanes, ice storms, floods - have caused many of us in Lake Charles to take a step back and reconsider our values. In the end, we have stuck together and made the best of it ultimately through service and giving back to our community! Of course it was only fitting to document on the final Zoom call of the year.

Best wishes and cheers to 2021 - 2022 JLLC league year!



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UPCOMING DATES

Dues reminder - All payments for next year are due May 31st.

Watch our Facebook page for updated schedules and events!



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