**Mission Statement:**

The Junior League of Austin 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.

**Vision Statement:**

The Junior League of Austin will strengthen our community through creative solutions to current and future challenges.
THIS 2010 SPRING IMPACT REPORT IS DEDICATED TO
THE NEW JUNIOR LEAGUE OF AUSTIN PROVISIONAL PLACEMENT,
FOOD IN TUMMIES, FIT!

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The Junior League of Austin: www.jlaustin.org
2009-2010 has been a year of change and growth for The Junior League of Austin. We began a new program, FIT-Food in Tummies, run by our 120 first year members, while continuing to give our time and resources to over 50 non-profits across the city. We changed both our Community Agency orientation and our Community Agency Fair-allo wing our agencies the opportunity to have valuable networking time out in the community.

This annual report is an important snapshot of how we fulfilled the mission of The Junior League of Austin this year. We will give you a picture of the many and diverse people we help as well as recognize our amazing volunteers that accomplish this meaningful work. You will also see the reason we are able to do what we do as we pay tribute to those individuals and organizations that support us financially.

We are proud to say that The Junior League of Austin is hard at work improving our community! We know that what we do as an organization each day is important work and we never take for granted that together we are changing lives-day by day, life by life. Thank you for your part in fulfilling our mission.

Best Regards,
Kathi Haralson
President
The Members of the Capitalines Committee for The Junior League of Austin are, from left to right:
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Katherine Harner, Advertising Coordinator, and Bergan Casey, Editor-Elect (not shown.)
The Resale Shop will undoubtedly always hold a special place in the hearts of members of The Junior League of Austin. Now that we’ve hung up the clothing and shelved the housewares, many wonder, what is the Provisional class doing? The answer is a three letter word: FIT.

Most of us know by now the basics of FIT, standing for Food In Tummies, The Junior League of Austin’s newest endeavor. It is designed to provide weekend nourishment to children grades K-5 who qualify for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), which provides free and reduced meals. FIT, managed by the JLA in collaboration with the Del Valle Independent School District, aims to help these hungry children by delivering backpacks of nutritious food each week to a Title 1 elementary school, which this year is Baty Elementary. Now that we’ve made it through FIT’s first year, we can start to see the real effect it has had on the League, its members and provisionals. Provisional Whitney Weeks remembers the uncertainty as she began her Provisional year knowing that an entirely new program had launched. “We all expected to be at the Resale Shop, so FIT has been a nice change of pace,” she says. “There were a lot of unknowns at first which was a bit scary, but it has turned into an amazing program.”

As an Active JLA member and FIT Team Member, Ruth Hughs has a unique perspective. Ruth was placed at the Resale Shop as a Provisional 2006-2007 and is serving in the FIT program this year as an Active. While the Resale Shop was clearly an asset to the community, Ruth explains how the two placements differ and how the FIT program’s benefits are more tangible than those of the Resale Shop. “I find the FIT experience to be uniquely rewarding because you see the impact to the community in a more direct way than we did working at the Resale Shop,” she says. “We all work together to get all the bags packed, and then we see the results of delivering them directly to the school and watching the children’s reactions.” Provisional Caroline Baldwin adds “the most beneficial part of participating in the FIT program over the Resale Shop is that we know the direct recipients of our hard work are the children.”
While many JLA members enjoyed Resale Shop shifts, the FIT placement is one everyone at JLA stands behind, even its newest members. All involved in FIT seem to have been positively affected by it. Whitney explains that the nature of the program and the ability to see her hard work touch children's lives makes her “excited to continue on” into her Active year. Caroline agrees. “Helping others is so rewarding, and my Provisional year has given me the opportunity to be part of something that is so much larger than anything I could do on my own,” she explains. Ruth remembers when they first started delivering the backpacks, the children were chanting “thank you food in tummies.” “It’s amazing to see their gratitude and how FIT really makes a difference in their lives,” she says.

This kind of passion for the League and the mission of the FIT Program is one that will truly foster stronger Provisionals and thereby a stronger League. In addition, FIT helps draw us as a League closer to the community. “For these children and their families [that receive FIT backpacks], the League is associated with support and compassion for their circumstances,” Ruth says. “We’re filling a real need in the community.” The importance of these effects is immeasurable.

The FIT Program, even in just its inaugural year, appears to have revolutionized The Junior League of Austin. The benefits of FIT have been proven at Baty by an increase in enrollment and better attendance, and they have trickled down to the JLA and its members as well. Posted on the walls of the FIT room at Headquarters are some notes from children expressing their appreciation of the program. These handwritten letters serve as a real life reminder of why members put in the long hours to make the program work. One young girl wrote about her dislike for soy milk, an item sent home in her backpack. However, she shares that there is a homeless man by her house, so she gives her soy milk to him. Whitney remembers this note well. “It’s just a reminder that FIT not only teaches us lessons but teaches the kids lessons as well. They are already paying it forward.”

-Article by Sarah Graham
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**Community Projects**
- The Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas (N/A) $100,000.00
- The Long Center for the Performing Arts (N/A) $20,000.00

**Programs of the Junior League**
- FIT- Feeding Minds and Nourishing Bodies (153) $100,000.00
- Aid for Better Classrooms (ABC Grants) (2) $11,500.00
- Coats for Kids (22) $182,585.00
- Community Assistance Fund (6) $30,000.00
- Disaster Relief Fund (6) $10,000.00
- Con Mi MADRE Program (19) $162,701.44
- Done-in-a-Day (23) $25,800.00
- Playhouse Singers (31) $250.00
- Sponsorship Fund (6) $30,000.00
- UT String Project (N/A) $2,000.00

**TOTAL 2009-2010 Community Volunteers & Contributions**
- 671  $1,116,329.44
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- Community Projects (42%)
- Coats for Kids (16%)
- Other Community Programs/Grants (1%)
- FIT- Food in Tummies (8%)
- Con Mi MADRE (14%)
- ABC Grants (1%)
- Done in A Day (2%)
- Emergency Fund (2%)
- Sponsorship Fund (2%)
- Disaster Relief Fund (1%)
- Long Term Giving (Dell Children's Medical Center) (9%)
- Long Term Giving (The Long Center for Performing Arts) (2%)

Community Giving Breakdown:
- Community Projects
- Coats for Kids
- Other Community Programs/Grants
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