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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.

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After becoming an Austinite in 2008, one of the first things I checked off the to-do-list was transfer my Junior League membership from Dallas to Austin. I knew that my desire to connect with the city and with community-minded women would be facilitated through The Junior League of Austin (JLA). It didn’t take long for me to realize that the City of Austin and JLA are inextricably linked. While Austin experiences record-breaking growth and undergoes enormous changes, The Junior League of Austin consistently evolves to meet new demands placed on our community.

In the Fall 2015 issue of Capitalines we focus on two of the League’s signature programs, Coats for Kids and A Christmas Affair, as we highlight the intrinsic value of these two events to our community. We also underscore ways that the League has engaged in an immediate impact through local and national disaster relief efforts. We examine the diversity, growth and future of our League as it parallels the shifting landscape of the City of Austin. In this issue you will gain insight and perspective on JLA from the lens of those who directly receive League funding and/or volunteer assistance. Finally, we feature the stories of two women whose JLA volunteer training and development later guided them on to positions of impact in Austin.

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Tara Akins  
Editor  
Capitalines 2015-2016
On behalf of The Junior League of Austin, welcome to A Christmas Affair 2015, Twas’ the Night Before Christmas in Texas – Y’all! In this, our 40th year of A Christmas Affair, The Junior League of Austin is very proud to host thousands of patrons for a festive holiday shopping experience. Truly, it is an Austin tradition like no other! We are extremely grateful to everyone who attends A Christmas Affair and to our generous sponsors and donors.

The 85 hard-working members of the A Christmas Affair Committee have been planning for months and months. They have created an unforgettable experience for you! Along with the committee members, over 1000 League members will volunteer their time at A Christmas Affair to make it a success. All of us are highly motivated by the underlying reason we hold this multi-day fundraising event. A Christmas Affair, which is known for kicking off the holiday season in Austin, is the League’s primary fundraiser and the reason we are able to give back to the Central Texas community. This spirit of giving is integral to the festive atmosphere around Palmer Events Center November 18-22.

Because of patrons like you, The Junior League of Austin is able to make a difference in Central Texas every day. We alleviate hunger for 1,500 young students in Del Valle ISD through FIT – Food in Tummies. We help needy children stay warm through Coats for Kids. We support 32 nonprofit organizations across the city by providing volunteers and funding. Altogether, League members will give 130,000 hours of volunteer time this year, a true testament to The Strength of Women, The Power of Community!

Thank you again for joining us for this very special event. I hope you enjoy shopping with friends, preparing for the blessings of the holiday season and supporting the JLA mission of developing the potential of women, improving the community and promoting voluntarism.

From my family to yours and with a nod to the famous Charles Dickens quote, “Here’s to honoring Christmas in your heart and trying to keep it all the year… Y’all!”

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**Rapid Response**

**Acting Fast in the Face of Crisis**

by E.J. ZAIN

In addition to providing volunteers and financial support to area nonprofit projects and programs, The Junior League of Austin (JLA) has distinguished itself as a nonprofit capable of mobilizing quickly. JLA has a proven track record of taking action when disaster strikes by providing emergency financial support to local and national disaster relief efforts.

It’s been 10 years since Hurricane Katrina, but the effects of the disaster are long lasting. Laura Wolf, President of JLA in August of 2005, recalls vividly, “Because so many New Orleans residents were evacuated to Austin, we knew that local nonprofits would see higher demands for their services and might not have the means, right away, to meet those demands. So we allocated $40,000 to a special fund to provide quick support to those organizations offering services to Katrina evacuees. We ended up giving 14 grants of approximately $3,000 each.”

Wolf worked with the JLA Board to put up to a vote in which the membership overwhelmingly supported providing this assistance: “League members were rallied to volunteer in shifts with the Red Cross, giving immediate assistance, and back packs were filled for middle school students who found themselves in Austin without the proper school supplies right before the new school year.”

Through the grant application process, JLA ascertained which nonprofits were directly assisting the evacuees and subsequently approved those to be funded. As the Community Assistance/Sponsorship Chair at the time, Morgen Hardin supervised the grants process, committing $10,000 to The Association of Junior Leagues (International), Inc. (AJLI) for its Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

“**It was an energizing experience to stand among a large group of women who can provide so much in the way of community support.**”

After the vote was taken to assist Katrina victims, Wolf distinctly remembered the positive response. One member said, “I felt so proud to stand up and vote. It was an energizing experience to stand among (a very large) group of women who can provide so much in the way of community support.” Another member said “There are so many of us who felt that the $100 or so we gave was nothing in comparison to what was needed—I felt like being a part of a $50,000 gift was very poignant, thinking of what the ‘power of community’ truly means.”

The next major disaster relief effort that JLA supported was the result of devastating fires just southeast of Austin. From September 4, 2011, to October 10, 2011, what is now known as the Bastrop County Fires seared a record on the state history books as the most destructive wildfire in Texas history. JLA looked back at what was done before and committed to the Disaster Relief Fund, using the same guidelines used for Katrina. Hardin, who served as 2011-2012 JLA President, recalled that while the applications were not so many, the opportunity was publicized to our community partners. A total of $8,000 was approved and administered by the JLA.

This year, what has been named “The Memorial Day Floods” washed through Austin and other Texas cities. According to the National Weather Service, an estimated 35 trillion gallons of rain fell in the month of May, making it the wettest month in our state history. At least thirty people went missing due to flash flooding. Property damage to homes, cars and infrastructure devastated areas in and around Austin. JLA gave $2,500 to the American Red Cross and $2,500 to the Austin Disaster Relief Network during the May 26th Board Meeting to help fund emergency aid. JLA President Casie Wenmohs said, “The JLA is thinking long term about potentially setting up some emergency grant funding related to this flooding. The Community Council is discussing that, as well as the possibility of offering disaster relief volunteer training in the future.”

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The first year I was on the Coats for Kids committee, I went to get lunch and was wearing my Coats for Kids shirt and hat in the drizzle," explains Courtney Clark, this year’s CFK Chair for The Junior League of Austin and not—come together to serve our community and guarantee that children will have warm coats for the winter months," says Elizabeth Worley, a native Austinite and JLA Active member. "Nothing quite warms your heart more than seeing a child leave happy and smiling!"

JLA first partnered with CFK in 1997. Brought to Austin by Jack Brown Cleaners in 1984, Coats for Kids succeeds with the help of its partners, which include KVUE and 98.1 KVET in addition to the JLA.

"We have the pleasure of witnessing, on a firsthand basis, the outpouring of kindness from our viewers, coupled with the joy of those accepting, as we collect and distribute these coats," says Patt C. Smith, President and General Manager of KVUE. "To know that the combined efforts of our viewers, The Junior League of Austin, Jack Brown Cleaners, KVUE and KVET has had such a positive effect on the lives of those in need is incredibly rewarding."

This enormous effort improves the holiday season for kids and families throughout Austin. Although it sometimes takes a few months for the cold weather to arrive in Central Texas, a lack of a coat when needed often results in kids missing school, which has its own domino effect of consequences.

Even though Austin does not get as cold as other parts of the USA, we felt it was a necessity. Shivering in the cold while waiting for the bus is not what we want for our kids. But thanks to Coats for Kids, Austinites and JLA members alike know exactly what to do with a spare coat come holiday season."

JLA credits the steadfast support of its partners and volunteers with championing CFK each holiday season. 

"We continue to grow and adapt to stay relevant to the community," says Clark. "And our media partners, KVUE and 98.1 KVET, help us get donors and volunteers, as well as spread the word to families who might need a coat."

"For volunteers and partners alike, the experience is rewarding year in and year out. It’s been an honor to partner with The Junior League of Austin and Jack Brown Cleaners on Coats for Kids," says Smith. "At KVUE, we consider the collection and distribution of thousands of coats to kids in need as one of the most rewarding and important initiatives we undertake at the station."

And for those receiving coats, CFK continues to be much more than just picking out a coat. "The majority of our volunteers are Del Valle ISD staff members and their families who come every year because they know that this is not only a valuable service for our students, but that the program is a well-oiled machine where their time is spent working one-on-one with families," says Bley in discussing the smaller, satellite coat distribution site in Del Valle. "Our students and parents appreciate receiving their coats from their teachers, principals, bus drivers and—and of course—the generous and always-smiling ladies of The Junior League of Austin."
Training Success Stories

How The Junior League of Austin’s impact in the community is strengthened through its emphasis on membership training and development.

by: E.J. ZAIN

Mary Harriman, a 10-year-old New York City debutante with a social conscience, founded the first Junior League in 1901. Moved by the suffering she saw around her, Harriman mobilized a group of 80 other young women, hence the name “Junior” League, to work to improve the squalid conditions in which immigrants were living on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Harriman’s vision for improving communities by using the energy and commitment of trained volunteers inspired others around the country. The second Junior League was started in Boston, Massachusetts in 1907 and was soon followed by the founding of the Brooklyn, New York Junior League in 1910.

In The Junior League of Austin (JLA), our members continue this tradition of meaningful community service. Many JLA members capitalize on invaluable volunteer training experiences and go on to use their new knowledge in nonprofit leadership positions and in their careers. Crystal Harris is a perfect example. Harris has had opportunities to work with women who have a passion for leadership and community involvement, but it was through The Junior League of Austin that she was able to get the training she sought to hone her leadership skills. While serving on the JLA Researchers Committee in 2012 and 2013, she gained tremendous insight into numerous nonprofit needs. The Researchers Committee reviews the applications submitted by local nonprofits requesting volunteers, funds or both. Harris described her role as an eye-opening experience. “Being a part of Researchers for two years gave me an all-in view of the behind-the-scenes process for JLA and for the nonprofits who apply. I highly recommend every JLA member place with Researchers at least once,” Harris emphasized.

Through JLA, Harris followed her passion and developed her strengths as a leader. She now serves as a board member for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and as a fundraising project chair for the foundation’s Hope for the Holidays gala. Prior to this position, she volunteered with different organizations to help identify what it was that resonated with her beliefs of volunteerism and supporting the community. “As a project chair for Settlement Home for Girls Run Club, and then Camp Bluebonnet for two years, as well as Researchers, I built a network of amazing people who I can reach out to for support—many of whom are now dear friends,” she said. She had heard of Camp Bluebonnet and T1 D (Type 1 Diabetes) and how JLA supported the organization. It was especially meaningful to her to increase her understanding of the disease when a college friend’s (and fellow League member’s) four-year-old daughter was diagnosed with it in October 2008. “We selected Camp Bluebonnet as our placement together that following summer and her daughter was able to join with other kids her age. It was an invaluable experience for all of us and it was clear I’d found something I’m extremely passionate about—helping to find a cure to turn Type 1 into Type NONE!” She added, “Camp Bluebonnet impacts the community by allowing kids with Type 1 Diabetes to enjoy camp in a fun and safe environment without the worry of being the only one who has to check for high and low levels of blood sugar. Volunteer medics are assigned to each age group who tests everyone as part of their normal schedule and are prepared to help any child needing assistance.”

Harris smiled when reminiscing about the week-long camp for which she took off from her job at Dell to volunteer. “Parents can send their T1 D child to camp feeling assured that they would be safe and it helps the kids realize they are not alone. Great friendships bloom and it’s something they look forward to year after year,” Harris recounted as the many benefits of the program.

Yet another example of a League member who put her volunteer training to use for the good of the community is Courtney Read Hoffman. In 1985 the Texas Legislature passed a bill for all public schools to identify and treat students with dyslexia, but the infrastructure of Austin Independent School District (AISD) at the time could not support the demand. The Junior League of Austin provided volunteers, deeming it a placement for members with a degree in education—namely, teachers. JLA Sustaining Member Hoffman stepped up to take that placement as a former AISD school teacher. ALTA (The Academic Language Therapy Association), as a nonprofit dedicated to the remediation of written language skills, trained Hoffman and many other volunteers to assist the school district with identifying and supporting dyslexic children. Hoffman added, “Back then there wasn’t a formal statewide system to gauge the effect of the law.”

Fast forward to 2009, the 81st Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 461, relating to the regulation of dyslexia therapists and dyslexia practitioners, and the bill was signed by Governor Rick Perry on June 21, 2009. As a lobbyist and owner of a consulting business, Hoffman was instrumental in making sure laws like these were passed. She is now the owner of CRH Consulting, a professional lobbyist consulting firm. When asked how her past training prepared her she said, “Today, some of the same people who trained me in that placement are the ones I represent at the Capitol. Full Circle!”
Overheard Around Austin

Nonprofits Speak Out

by MCKENZIE DEROCHER

We asked staff members at the League’s nonprofit projects how The Junior League of Austin helps support their mission and goals in the Central Texas area. Here is what they said.

The Junior League of Austin (JLA) works with a diverse roster of nonprofit organizations across the Central Texas community that addresses a wide range of community needs. Resources that the League provides are in the form of volunteer time and/or funding. With continued membership growth, the League was able to surpass the 29 nonprofits supported last year to 32 this year. Two new nonprofits working with the League this year are the Shoal Creek Conservancy and Texas Humane Heroes. Over 400 volunteers and in excess of $330,000 in funding has been allocated to the League’s community project efforts this year alone.

“Austin would not be Austin without the Junior League. The impact these powerful women have on our organization will echo throughout eternity! That simple!”

Alan Graham, President, Mobile Loaves & Fishes

“Not only was the Junior League of Austin the very first funder helping to get CASA of Travis County started back in 1985, but the League has continued over the last 30 years to believe in our mission of voluntarism.”

Laura D. Wolf, JD, Executive Director, CASA of Travis County

“The Junior League of Austin volunteers have been critical in meeting the vision for ZACH Theatre. JLA members are among our most dedicated and hard-working volunteers, and our productions simply could not happen without them. JLA volunteers are often the very first individuals our patrons interact with when visiting the theatre, ensuring that all patrons are seated correctly and on time, visit the photo booth or gift shop and know about our post-show meet and greets with the actors. It’s the difference between a good versus an extraordinary visit to the theatre, and every day The Junior League of Austin is helping us introduce children and families to theatre for the first time or create theatre experiences that encourage dialogue and discussion among our community. They are a vital part of this process, and we are deeply grateful of their service to ZACH and Central Texas.”

Kimberly Theodore Sidey, Associate Director of Development, ZACH Theatre

“Without our League Volunteers’ indispensable contributions of professionalism, compassion and commitment, Animal Trustees of Austin would not be able to provide our very low-cost veterinary services to the needy pets and clients of Austin, making a difference in the lives of every cat and dog (and their guardians) who enter our doors.”

Laura J. Kay, Director of Volunteer Services, Animal Trustees of Austin

“The Junior League of Austin has brought us volunteers who have contributed significantly to Girls Empowerment Network through direct service with high-risk girls, leadership, expanding our network and helping us to learn how to be an excellent partner to community groups. The grant has afforded us a Volunteer Manager position which has transformed our organization and our reach in the community. We feel as though we have learned as much from The Junior League of Austin volunteers who have come through our organization as they have from us and our girls. We are a better organization because of The Junior League of Austin.”

Julia Cuba Lewis, Executive Director, Girls Empowerment Network (GEN | GENAustin)

“The Junior League of Austin is renowned for its culture of volunteerism and philanthropy, and The Arc of the Capital Area benefits greatly from its stellar volunteer program. From one-day projects to special events to ongoing programs, the women of JLA contribute their time and talent, which helps our staff implement our innovative programs for Central Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The generosity of JLA as well as the volunteers’ commitment to and respect for the underserved people who rely on The Arc of the Capital Area builds a stronger community for all of us. We could not be more grateful for JLA’s support.”

Leslie J. Archambault, Director of Development & Marketing, The Arc of the Capital Area

“Austin Children’s Shelter (ACS) is proud to be a longstanding community partner with The Junior League of Austin (JLA). We are grateful for their generosity – both in terms of their financial support for our programs and the tireless efforts and unwavering commitment of their volunteers, who have been especially instrumental in helping us further our mission of protecting and healing victims of child abuse and neglect. For many years, The Junior League of Austin and its members have dedicated funds and countless hours to support programs across the entire ACS continuum of services, including our child abuse prevention programs, child development and family support center and residential programs. JLA volunteers have been an integral part of our success and a stable and consistent influence for our youth. It is because of their dedication to building a better community that we are able to care for the most vulnerable children across Central Texas.”

Stacy Bruce, VP Austin Children’s Shelter
The Junior League of Austin (JLA) has never lacked ambition in wanting to make a difference. This year, it's committed to finding ways to impact the community like never before. We've learned that JLA has already impacted the Austin-area in a number of different ways. Now, we want to consider how we might focus our influence to shape, improve and affect targeted changes in our community.

"While the JLA does not currently use an impact area model for serving the community, we are thinking about how we could start building one," says The Junior League of Austin President Casie Wenmohs. "The first step is looking at existing JLA projects and programs in context of the issues being addressed and having a conversation about that. We also want to inform our members so they can articulate the impact they are having as individuals."

Each year, JLA invests thousands of volunteer hours in local nonprofits and programs. This year, more than 1,300 JLA Active and Provisional members will provide more than 130,000 volunteer hours to our community.

In addition to the volunteer service that JLA members contribute to the community, The Junior League of Austin has provided millions of dollars over the years to fund programs and nonprofits that improve the overall well-being of our community.

The Junior League of Austin is no stranger to growth. Along with our growing city, part of our goal for the future is to remain a valued leader in the community. By considering ways to focus, plan or improve our impact capabilities, we are responding to the constantly-changing world around us. So bring on 2016—we'll be ready!

Part of the JLA's goal for the future is to remain a valued leader in the community.
Growing League, Growing City

by MCKENZIE DEROCHER

Membership growth has a direct positive impact. More members equates to more resources, which allows the League the opportunity to provide greater support for its community nonprofit projects, in addition to expanding Signature Impact Programs. For example, the League is supporting 32 community projects this year compared to 29 last year and the FIT - Food in Tummies program was expanded from one Del Valle Independent School District school (Baty Elementary School) to two (Hillcrest Elementary School) in the 2011-2012 school year due to increased funding and volunteers.

With our membership as eclectic as the Austin music and restaurant scene, JLA members represent every major community in the Greater Austin area. From mothers to lawyers, lobbyists, teachers, realtors, doctors, writers, executives and artists to name a few, the diversity of the membership brings a vast array of perspectives and skill sets. With such a diverse membership, training and educational opportunities abound, making JLA a center of learning, leadership and development.

The League's membership growth has necessitated a new headquarters. The Breaking Ground...Building On A Legacy Campaign is an initiative to raise $10 million to build JLA's new headquarters. The Community Impact Center will afford the space needed to promote the ongoing leadership, learning and volunteering efforts for JLA members, nestled on Bluffstone Drive near Spicewood Springs Road and Capital of Texas Highway in the northwest Austin area, the Community Impact Center will be a 48,000-square-foot facility on a 10.2-acre campus and will feature:

- Community events room a flexible auditorium space that can be divided or used to entertain 450 in banquet seating
- Catering kitchen
- Signature Impact Rooms for the FIT - Food in Tummies and Coats for Kids programs
- Dedicated fundraising space for A Christmas Affair
- Outdoor veranda
- Sustainer gathering space
- Member working area with Wi-Fi
- Parking for 320 cars, including a 3-story garage

The League is currently working on construction drawings with a goal of breaking ground during the 2016-2017 League year. As of mid-August 2015, the League has exceeded 66 percent of the $10 million goal. Parties interested in contributing to the Breaking Ground...Building On A Legacy Campaign should visit the “Support Us” tab on www.jlaustin.org.

Building Better Communities

The Junior League of Austin (JLA) provides volunteers and funding to area nonprofits for the benefit and enrichment of the Austin community and the development and education of League volunteers. Last year nearly 1,200 League members provided thousands of volunteer hours to the League’s community projects and programs. The JLA has also provided millions of dollars over the years to fund programs and nonprofits that improve the overall well-being of our community. To the right is a summary of volunteers and funds that are allocated to each project or program that the JLA supports.

To learn more about these projects and programs visit www.jlaustin.org.

2015-2016 JLA COMMUNITY IMPACT

By the Numbers

130,000+

VOLUNTEER HOURS

2,500

JLA MEMBERS

32

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

$769,857

DONATED TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS + PROGRAMS

Coats for Kids

28 $139,148

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Fall 2015 www.jlaustin.org
This year marks the 40th anniversary of The Junior League of Austin’s A Christmas Affair (ACA). What once started as a small event at the Driskill Hotel is now an Austin holiday institution, with more than 200 merchants and over 20,000 loyal shoppers who converge on the Palmer Events Center in late November. For many, ACA signals the beginning of the holiday season. For countless Austin organizations, it’s the source of financial assistance that will support them through a new year.

In 2014, ACA netted over $700,000 in revenue. The majority of that revenue assists community projects and programs. “Our most important goal is to raise as much money as possible while providing the most amazing shopping experience in our community,” says this year’s A Christmas Affair Committee Chair, Holly Priestner. Since organizations rely on annual financial support from The Junior League of Austin (JLA), it is critical that the event brings back shoppers each year.

This year, 32 local nonprofit organizations will benefit from A Christmas Affair. The reason that so much of the event revenue can go straight to these organizations is because ACA is powered by volunteers. All Active and Provisional JLA members donate their time to volunteer for ACA. It’s their commitment to the success of this event, whether it’s serving on the year-long committee to organize and plan the event itself, helping with preparations in the months, weeks and days leading up to the event, or taking on one of the numerous jobs needed throughout the five-day event, that allows us to make such a positive impact on the community.

“A Christmas Affair is the only JLA program where every single Active member volunteers together,” says Priestner. “The support and dedication of the entire Active membership coupled with the incredible passion and creativity of the A Christmas Affair Committee ensures success.”

Another major asset of JLA is its impressive network of Sustainers, former Active members that still support JLA (but in an advisory capacity). “Our Sustainers are unbelievable,” says Priestner. “They continue to offer guidance, support, donations and volunteer hours. A Christmas Affair is truly an all-JLA-hands-on-deck event!”

This year, A Christmas Affair will kick off on November 18 with its much-anticipated Preview Party. “We cannot wait to unveil the new Preview Party format,” says Priestner. “This year, we will welcome attendees to a 90-minute private shopping event followed by a dinner that will include a live auction and other fundraising opportunities.”

Market Days, ACA’s main feature, will take place November 19 through November 22 with more than 200 merchants—many of whom have been part of A Christmas Affair before. “We love participating in A Christmas Affair because we know our participation helps The Junior League of Austin raise funds for many needed programs in our community,” says Amanda Bates, owner of Austin-based pie shop Tiny Pies. “Since we ship our pies nationally and A Christmas Affair attendees come from all over the state, it’s been great for us to introduce our products to folks outside of the Austin area.”

The timing of ACA, generally the week before Thanksgiving, is perfect for most vendors starting the holiday retail season. “We take hundreds of pre-orders for Thanksgiving pies,” adds Bates. “We love A Christmas Affair!”

While there are always new or first-time vendors participating in ACA each year, there are also many longtime vendors that have since become some of JLA’s biggest supporters. “One of the foundations that our family business was built on is giving back to our great city and community,” says Bill Koen of Joe Koen & Son Jewelers. “We are proud to say that we have continued this tradition through four generations of Koens, and this is why we have chosen to support The Junior League of Austin’s A Christmas Affair.”

The impact to the community is just one of the many reasons vendors, volunteers and shoppers look forward to contributing to ACA year after year. In addition to the rewarding experience it gives us all, it boosts business for our vendors, helps shoppers fulfill their holiday gift lists and is truly the most joyous and jolly holiday event of the season.

“We have a complete blast at A Christmas Affair,” says Koen. “I’ve told friends and clients for years that even if we did not sell one single thing all week long, it would still be worth it to us to be there—and we haven’t missed A Christmas Affair in almost 20 years.”

More than anything else, ACA reminds Austinites that it’s the season to give. Whether it’s the charming hustle and bustle of finding gifts for loved ones, the overwhelming support of volunteers or the heartwarming fact that just being at ACA helps those in need, The Junior League of Austin’s A Christmas Affair has enough holiday spirit to last us the whole year through.
The Junior League of Austin could not have a more committed group of volunteers dedicated to creating an over-the-top customer shopping experience while mindfully watching every expense and creatively incorporating new fundraising ideas. Your vision, energy and service proudly reflect the core mission of The Junior League of Austin.

To our loyal A Christmas Affair attendees, we thank you for making our 40-year tradition part of your holiday traditions! Your participation in A Christmas Affair is what enables The Junior League of Austin to carry forth the meaningful projects that are featured in this magazine. Because of your support, we are able to make a significant impact!

This year's theme is inspired by a book read to me as a child by my Grandmother Sunshine, Twas' the Night Before Christmas in Texas That Is. I was blessed with two grandmothers who taught me everything I needed to know to be part of The Junior League of Austin: have a determined spirit set on serving others. It is humbling to be part of our 2,500-member League, made up of strong women who inspire me every day by what we accomplish together in the Austin community!

We appreciate your celebrating with us and wish you a happy holiday season – y'all!

Holly Priestner
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A Christmas Affair is the The Junior League of Austin's largest fundraiser. We extend a huge thank you to all the sponsors, donors, merchants and volunteers who have worked to make this year’s A Christmas Affair event a success.
**Party Time!**

### Ruckus ’Round the Christmas Tree

**Preview Party**  
Wednesday, November 18, 2015  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. – Private Shopping  
7:30 - 10:00 p.m. – Dinner & Live Auction  
**Tickets** - $150  
**Attire** - Texas Tux  
Kick off A Christmas Affair with the Preview Party private shopping and dinner event! Play to win a $3,000 diamond surprise donated by Diamonds Direct. Take home a package from our live auction hosted by auctioneer Chris Haskins.  
Catered by The Salt Lick  
Sponsors:  
Preview Party Sponsor: AT&T  
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### Boots ’n’ Bling

**Girls Night Out**  
Thursday, November 19, 2015  
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
**Tickets** - $50  
**Attire** - Denim, Diamonds & Boots  
Grab your girlfriends, boots and sparkle to dance the night away at our private Girls Night Out party! The event features a tasty buffet, Kendra Scott pick-a-package and photo fun with Trailer Booth Photography.  
Catered by The Peached Tortilla  
Entertainment by Radiostar  
Sponsors:  
Girls Night Out Sponsor: Texas Fertility Center  
Media Sponsor: Austin Woman Magazine

### Texas Tea By The Tree

**Brunch**  
Thursday, November 19, 2015  
9:00 a.m. – Noon  
**Tickets** - $60  
**Attire** - Sunday Brunch  
Enjoy a delicious brunch buffet and 3 hours of private shopping before A Christmas Affair opens to the public!  
Catered by Kuranit Events  
Sponsors:  
Media Sponsors: Clear Channel and Austin Way

### Rockin’ Rodeo

**Friday Date Night**  
Friday, November 20, 2015  
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
**Tickets** - $50  
**Attire** - Cowboy/Cowgirl Chic  
Find your partner and hurry down to our Friday Night Date Party. Find your inner cowboy or cowgirl by saddling up for 8-seconds on a mechanical bull! Other highlights include a delicious buffet, silent auction and the wine raffle drawing.  
Catered by Chi’lantro  
Entertainment by Tessy Lou and the Shotgun Stars  
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Mechanical Bull Sponsor: Vicki and Fred Wilkerson

### Jingle Y’all The Way

**Breakfast with Santa**  
Friday, November 20, 2015  
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Tickets** - $28  
Come jingle with jams from the Que Pastas and learn how to “play” with food! Austin’s award winning baker, Jennifer of Make it Sweet, will be on hand to offer a mini-class featuring fun food crafts. Breakfast buffet provided. Ticket includes a music download from the Que Pastas.  
Sponsors:  
Breakfast Sponsor: Randalls  
Media Sponsor: Spirit Radio

### Breakfast for the Buckaroos

**Breakfast with Santa**  
Sunday, November 22, 2015  
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Tickets** - $28  
Come raise the barn or just a gingerbread house! Each child will have the opportunity to decorate their own house with a little help from Austin’s award winning baker, Jennifer of Make it Sweet! Musical entertainment provided by Austin’s own Staci Gray.  
Sponsors:  
Breakfast Sponsor: Randalls  
Media Sponsor: Spirit Radio

### The Gilded Antler Tea

**Afternoon Tea with Santa**  
Sunday, November 22, 2015  
Noon – 2:00 p.m.  
**Tickets** - $35  
A delightful tea with bite-sized treats for the little ones and big ones too! Join us for storytime with Mrs. Claus and Rudolph followed by a very special performance from the Zach Scott Pre-Professional Company. A special take-home craft for each child will ensure that the memories of Santa’s tea will live on for years to come!  
Catered by Kurant Events  
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**The Children’s Events kick-off The Junior League of Austin’s Coats for Kids coat drive. We encourage your child to bring a new or gently used coat to donate.**

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### Tea Room Menu

Join us in our beautifully decorated tea room and enjoy one of our mouth-watering menus, which includes fresh seasonal salads, warm soups and entrees fit to satisfy even the most distinguished of taste buds.

#### Thursday, November 19, 2015
- Noon - 2:00 p.m.
- Sterling Salad: Fresh greens, sweet red bell peppers, cherry tomatoes and red onions tossed in a classic balsamic dressing and topped with feta cheese and toasted pecans.
- Served with choice of entrée
- A Classic Autumn Meatloaf with home-style gravy, mashed potatoes and fresh lemon steamed broccoli
- Or
- Red Bell Pepper stuffed with saffron infused quinoa served with roasted potatoes and fresh lemon steamed broccoli
- Dessert Pairing: Lemon Meringue Tart
- Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Coffee and Water

#### Friday, November 20, 2015
- 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Classic Roasted Tomato Basil Soup accompanied with a freshly baked garlic bread stick
- Served with choice of entrée
- Chilled Citrus Salad: Fresh mixed greens, pine nuts and feta crumbles tossed in a citrus vinaigrette
- Salad served with Grilled Shrimp OR Grilled Tofu
- Dessert Pairing - White Chocolate Bread Pudding with Bourbon Caramel Sauce
- Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Coffee and Water

#### Saturday, November 21, 2015
- 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Winter Spinach Salad: Fresh baby spinach, red onions, dried cranberries and walnuts tossed in strawberry balsamic vinaigrette
- Served with choice of entrée
- Seared Breast of Chicken served with rosemary roasted potatoes, haricots verts and pan jus
- Or
- Grilled Portobello Mushroom served with rosemary potatoes and haricots verts
- Dessert Pairing - Spiced Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing
- Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Coffee and Water

**Tickets:** $16 + tax

**Media Sponsor:** Austin Way

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### A Christmas Affair Ornament

Add Twas’ the Night Before Christmas in Texas – Y’all to your tree! Purchase a 2015 **A Christmas Affair** ornament designed exclusively for The Junior League of Austin by Kitty Keller Designs.

### A Christmas Affair Candle

Purchase your Capri Blue candle in the highly coveted Volcano scent. Each clean-burning formula absorbs more fragrance oil than any other natural wax candle, and lasts twice as long. The mercury glass jar beautifully captures the flicker of the flame and the spirit of the holiday season!
Special Events

After Market Decorations Sale
Make ‘Twas The Night Before Christmas in Texas – Y’all! part of your holiday or home décor! Thousands of decorations from A Christmas Affair will be on sale at an exclusive after-market event:
Friday, December 4 | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 5 | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 6 | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
After Market Decorations Sale takes place at The Junior League of Austin’s Headquarters, 5416 Parkcrest, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78731.
Pre-orders for decorations may be placed at the Decorations Booth located in the southeast corner of the main tree at A Christmas Affair.

Raffles

Pick your Live Auction Item
Purchase four raffle tickets for $100 for your chance to win YOUR TOP CHOICE of the A Christmas Affair Preview Party live auction items. Tickets will be on sale online from November 3-17, 2015. The lucky winner will be announced on November 17, 2015. An email will be sent to all invitation recipients on November 3, 2015 with details.

Wine Raffle
Become a wine collector overnight! From November 18-20, 2015, purchase a $50 wine raffle ticket at A Christmas Affair for a chance to win 20 bottles of wine each priced between $28-$130. The lucky winner will be announced during the Friday Night Date Party.
Wine Donated by Cindy and Mark Willis

Exclusive Diamond Event
Take home a piece of bling from Ruckus Round’ the Christmas Tree on Wednesday, November 18! Purchase an opportunity to play for $75 to win a piece of diamond jewelry worth $3,000. Game is only available onsite at Wednesday evening’s party.
Exclusive Diamond Event Sponsor: Diamonds Direct

Raffles

Past Chairs

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1981  Libby Malone  A Christmas Confection
1982  Mary Herman  Fiesta de Navidad
1983  Anne Winn  A Country Christmas
1984  Susan Baker  Christmas Around the World
1985  Chris Attal  A Colonial Williamsburg Christmas
1986  Mellisa Jackson  A Nutcracker Christmas
1987  Nancy Nation  Fete de Noel
1988  Patty Hufferas  A New York Christmas
1989  Lucie Taylor  Twas the Night Before Christmas
1990  Susan Parker  Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree
1991  Donna Stockton-Hicks  Christmas and All That Jazz
1992  Celeste Stark  The Magic of Christmas Past
1993  K. (Katharine) Rice  A Christmas Affair to Remember
1994  Nancy Prickett  An Enchanted Christmas
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1997  Sheri Krause  Heavenly Holidays
1998  Hilary Anderson  A White Christmas
1999  Elizabeth Ateyeh  Celebrate the Season
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2001  Sharron Reed  Deck The Halls
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2003  Beth Blazer  Christmas in the Quarters
2004  Tamra Bosley  Bellsisimo Natale
2005  Sandy Alcala  A Classic Hollywood Christmas
2006  Betsy Krilsky  Christmas in Austin: Home for the Holidays
2007  Kelly Goulding  The Gift of the Magi
2008  Gayla Zachry  Noel de Paris
2009  Stacy Dollar  It’s A Wild Holiday
2010  Cathy Nordholt  Enchanted
2011  Trish Kooter  The Magic of Christmas
2012  Marilyn Orr Wilton  The Twelve Days of Christmas
2013  Holly Mae Messingill  Winter Wonderland
2014  Tina McCutchin  Christmas in the City

Santa’s Corner

Photo sessions by: JWG Photography
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Photo packages will be available for purchase onsite or, to save yourself some time, buy your photo package online now at jlaustin.org!
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IBC Bank
IBC Bank’s motto is “We Do More,” and this motto is more than just a tagline. IBC works relentlessly to give back to the community on a local level through philanthropic and volunteer endeavors. Since 2009, IBC Bank has been an annual sponsor of The Junior League of Austin’s A Christmas Affair, and looks forward to another bright year as a supporter of The Junior League of Austin.

Nelson Puett Foundation
The Nelson Puett Foundation is a proud supporter of The Junior League of Austin and continues to support the mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Whole Foods Market
Whole Foods Market is proud to be working with The Junior League of Austin FIT – Food In Tummies program for the 2015-2016 school year to help support Del Valle schools and inspire families to improve children’s nutrition and wellness. Through partnerships with innovative organizations, schools and educators, the Whole Kids Foundation® works to provide children with access to fresh, nutritious meals with the goal of ending the childhood obesity epidemic. Whole Foods Market’s support of the FIT program is a great opportunity to help fulfill this mission within the Austin community.

Title
Carl C. Anderson Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation
Carl C. Anderson, Sr. and his wife, Marie Jo, established their family foundation in 1966 with the main goal to help others. The mission of the foundation is to support medical research seeking the cure and prevention of catastrophic diseases; to assist in meeting the essential needs of children; and to enhance the quality of life for elderly persons and those with mental and physical disabilities. The Carl C. Anderson Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation has been a long-term supporter of the League and, more specifically, has been a supporter of the FIT program since its inception. With the foundation’s help, the FIT program has expanded and is helping the League work toward our goal of ending weekend hunger for students in DVISD.

Diamonds Direct®
Diamonds Direct is dedicated to giving back to the communities they call home. In 2004, The Diamonds Direct Foundation was established to provide support to local nonprofit organizations with special emphasis on Women’s and Children’s philanthropies. Since then The Diamonds Direct Foundation has helped countless organizations reach their fundraising goals. This is simply their way of saying “thank you” to the communities that have entrusted them with their most important fine jewelry purchases.

Randalls Food Markets
Randalls Food Market is proud to be a long-time supporter of The Junior League of Austin working together to enrich the lives of those in our community. Randalls believes that The Junior League of Austin’s programs and remarkable volunteers are a tribute to the strength of women and the power of community.

SPRIT Radio®
SPRIT 105.9, The Spirit of Austin, features Adult Contemporary Christian music where listeners enjoy a fresh variety of music surging in popularity. The Spirit of Austin fully supports the community they serve and is proud to be partnering with The Junior League of Austin to support A Christmas Affair for the second consecutive year.

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Each month, Austin Monthly Magazine informs, entertains and intrigues readers in the capital city in an effort to provide relevant information, enrich lives and foster enthusiasm for our unique city. Austin Monthly Magazine is happy to be supporting The Junior League of Austin’s A Christmas Affair and is looking forward to being a part of this historic holiday celebration that Austinites look forward to attending every year.

Austin Community Foundation
The Austin Community Foundation is committed to helping make Austin a better place through grantmaking, providing community leadership, supporting collaborative problem-solving and leveraging resources. The Austin Community Foundation is a long time friend of the League and has helped build the League’s signature programs over the years through grants for Coats for Kids and FIT – Food In Tummies. The League is able to make a bigger difference in the lives of disadvantaged children and families in our community with the continued support of The Austin Community Foundation.

Charles H. Phipps Family Foundation
The Charles H. Phipps Family Foundation is one of the original believers in and supporters of the FIT – Food In Tummies Program, providing The Junior League of Austin help and insight into hunger within Central Texas. Pairing with many nonprofits addressing hunger within our community, the Charles H. Phipps Family Foundation continues to support the FIT program year after year, finding ways to aid hungry children, provide families with nutrition education and help to bring awareness to the issue of hunger within Central Texas.
Donald D. Hammill Foundation
The Donald D. Hammill Foundation was established to improve the quality of life for people who have disabilities, the aged and people who are financially disadvantaged, including the working poor and those who are indigent or chronically ill. By supporting local programs, including The Junior League of Austin’s FIT -- Food In Tummies Program, the Donald D. Hammill Foundation is working to supply basic needs to the Central Texas community.

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Maxwell Locke & Ritter is the largest locally owned and managed accounting firm in the Greater Austin Area with offices in downtown Austin and Round Rock. Their vision is to be a place where people love their work, provide great service and support the Central Texas community, including helping The Junior League of Austin achieve their goals.

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Sterling Affairs is the caterer of choice for the most stunning and spectacular event centers in Central Texas. With over 15 years in the business, Sterling Affairs has performed over 10,000 events in the Austin-Central Texas area. Far more than just a catering company, Sterling Affairs is a full-service company that can also provide you with event planning, rentals and management.

SXSW Community Fund of Communities Foundation of Texas
The SXSW Community Fund is SXSW’s philanthropic fund administered by the Communities Foundation of Texas. The fund has been used for honorees of the Dewey Winburne Community Service Award and the Grulke Prize for Career Act, as well as making charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations including The Junior League of Austin

Texas Fertility Center
Thomas C. Vaughn, M.D., Kaylen M. Silverberg, M.D., Lisa J. Harnard, M.D., Natalie Burger, M.D., Summer L. James, M.D., Anthony Propst, M.D.
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Texas Stars Foundation
The Texas Stars Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the community through various forms of support including financial contributions, gifts in kind and volunteerism. Formed in the summer of 2010, the Texas Stars Foundation is the official charity of the Texas Stars Hockey Club. The Foundation strives to utilize the talents and resources of the Texas Stars players, families, staff and ownership to enrich the greater central Texas area and military children throughout the United States. Texas Stars is helping the League better our community through grants for signature programs, including Coats for Kids and FIT - Food In Tummies.

The Lowe Foundation
The Lowe Foundation was created in 1988 by Erma Lowe and her daughter Mary Ralph Lowe. Their goal is to give back to the State of Texas by supporting women and children’s health and educational needs. Since its inception, The Lowe Foundation has assisted over 400 organizations, including FIT - Food In Tummies. Funding will be used to continue the mission of reducing child weekend hunger and providing health and nutrition education to families.

The Women’s Fund of Central Texas
The Women’s Fund of Central Texas awards grants annually to improve the lives of women and children in our community. This year the League was honored to receive an award for our signature FIT - Food In Tummies program. This group of dedicated women leaders is making a difference in the lives of children at Baty and Hillcrest Elementary schools by helping the League to deliver weekend nutrition for 34 weeks during the school year and to expand the number of programs we offer children and families to learn the importance of healthy eating and fitness.

Wells Fargo
Benefiting the communities where we live and work is at the heart of Wells Fargo’s culture since the company was founded. This heritage continues today through the continued support of The Junior League of Austin programs. Wells Fargo continues to support The Junior League of Austin’s A Christmas Affair year after year, ensuring that programs such as Coats for Kids and FIT - Food In Tummies continue to greatly add to the quality of life in our communities.

Lead
Clear Channel*
Clear Channel Radio Austin, – a member of iHeartRadio - houses 5 radio stations: 96.7KISSFM, KASE101, KVET Austin 98.1FM, 102.3 The Beat, & 103.1FM- AM1300 The Zone. Dedicated to supporting nonprofits throughout the Austin community, Clear Channel is proud to support A Christmas Affair year after year and is looking forward to another exciting and successful event.
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### Coats for Kids Partners

**A Special Thanks**

- **Jack Brown Cleaners**
  - Established in 1935, Jack Brown Cleaners is dedicated to providing convenient, quality products and service to its customers. Jack Brown Cleaners is the original partner of *Coats for Kids*, providing the collection, counting and free cleaning of each donated warm winter coat. Through *Coats for Kids*, Jack Brown Cleaners is committed to making a difference in Central Texas.

- **98.1 KVET**
  - Austin country music radio station 98.1 KVET has a commitment to community service that is unwavering. By partnering with 98.1 KVET, *Coats for Kids* is able to reach children all over Central Texas to distribute nearly 35,000 warm winter coats each year.

- **KVUE Austin**
  - Since signing on in 1971, community service has remained a cornerstone at KVUE. For 29 years KVUE’s partnership with *Coats for Kids* has helped in the collection and distribution of warm winter coats to children in Central Texas each year.

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**Coats for Kids**

Established in 1935, *Coats for Kids* is dedicated to providing warm winter coats to children in Central Texas.
Welcome to A Christmas Affair, the event that for 40 years has served as the unofficial start of the holiday season in Austin. When the doors open on this year’s event, you will not only be able to feel the excitement of the holiday season but also the spirit of giving that surrounds the event.

For the 1,250 Sustaining members of The Junior League of Austin, A Christmas Affair is an annual opportunity to reminisce and support the future of our organization. The majority of Sustaining members have volunteered in the past in some capacity at the event and each has her own unique A Christmas Affair memory. For all Sustainers, the event continues to be an accomplishment in which we take enormous pride. A Christmas Affair continues to be one of the proud traditions of The Junior League of Austin and is a great example of the tireless volunteer efforts of our members.

The dedication of the Active members, along with the generous support of the Austin community, enables The Junior League of Austin to provide funding and thousands of volunteer hours to area nonprofit agencies each year.

Sustaining members are those members who have completed Active status. Each year we return to A Christmas Affair to shop, support our organization and catch-up with old friends. For forty years, this event has been the gathering place where the holiday season begins. Thanks to all of you who come and join us at A Christmas Affair each year, because by doing so, you too are supporting the mission and vision of The Junior League of Austin.

KaLyn Laney
Sustaining President
2015-2016

Volunteer Registration
October 9th - December 11th

Coat Drive Competition
November 16th - December 4th

Community Coat Drive
November 16th - December 9th

Coat Sorting Week
December 8th - December 11th

Distribution Day
Saturday, December 12th

The Junior League of Austin
Letter from the Sustaining President

Volunteer for Sorting Week and Distribution Day

DONATE $15 buys a brand new coat for a child in need

DROP-OFF gently used coats to any area Jack Brown Cleaners

ORGANIZE a Coat Drive with a group, office or school

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