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Serving as the Editor of Capitalines this year, and as a member in various placements for six years in The Junior League of Austin (JLA), has been one learning experience after another. In a way, understanding the history and impact of JLA up to the present, is as daunting as mastering a comprehensive historical collection of art. Both require time and ongoing research. Each year, JLA evolves to better meet the needs of the Central Texas community. Our impact over the years has permanently embedded JLA deep into the foundation of the Austin community.

In this issue of Capitalines you’ll have the opportunity to explore the League’s impact—both past and present. You’ll learn about the League’s newest fundraiser, the Bunny Brunch. We explain how the last Provisional class of JLA members went above and beyond their standard volunteer requirements to lend an extra hand to several Austin area non-profits. We also take you on the journey of a FIT – Food In Tummies backpack.

Finally, we interview the Project Architect for the new Community Impact Center, Will Gresham, and much more.

I’d like to express my gratitude to the Capitalines Committee for their fellowship and dedication to making this a great issue, along with the many JLA leaders who provided content for the magazine. I also want to thank our advertisers and the sponsors and donors who enable JLA to make such a lasting impact on the Austin and Central Texas community. I hope our readers enjoy this chance to learn more about JLA and best wishes for a great summer.

Tara Akins
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During my year as The Junior League of Austin (JLA) President, I’ve noticed that the League means different things to different people. Some in the community know us for our volunteer and financial support of local non-profit organizations. Many are familiar with the League through our largest and most public events, A Christmas Affair and Coats for Kids. Others are aware of the JLA because they know a member and have seen first-hand their dedication year after year through their League placements.

Fewer people than you’d think know about our longstanding record of making a timeless difference in the community for the last 82 years: from helping our inaugural project The Settlement Home hire Austin’s first social worker in 1934, to supporting the development of what is now known as the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail at Lady Bird Lake, to being involved with the development of the current Palmer Events Center, to starting the Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program (now Con Mi MADRE), to helping found Ronald McDonald House, Seton League House, CASA of Travis County, SafePlace and much more. What an incredible legacy!

JLA members today continue this tradition of civic action as part of one of the city’s largest and most effective volunteer corps. Provisional Members are at the beginning of this journey and learning what the experience will look like for them. Our Active members are immersed in volunteering through their annual placements. Sustaining Members have moved into the next phase: supporting the JLA by continuing their membership while applying what they’ve learned to other endeavors.

What we do at the core of our mission is develop women civic leaders who will go on to serve our community well beyond their roles in the League. Their cumulative knowledge and experience as well as personal connections made through the League will have considerable influence in members’ professional lives as well as through non-profit and community voluntarism and leadership.

With all of this in mind, consider the following questions: For Austin as a whole, what would our city be like without The Junior League of Austin? For our members, how would your life be different without the JLA? This issue of Capitalines will share a lot of information about the League’s current impact and give you insights on these questions.

As effective as the JLA has been over the years, we must continue to evolve and adapt to be relevant to both our changing community and to members’ lives. This is crucial to our continued success in the future. A critical step is preparing for the next phase of our evolution through the Community Impact Center project. Our new building will be much more than a headquarters; it will be a collaborative community space to tackle Austin’s biggest challenges for years to come.

To reflect on the JLA’s past, present and future is very humbling. It’s been an incredible honor to play a small part in the history of this organization by serving as 2015-16 President. Many of the most meaningful moments for me have involved our incredible members. I’ve been awed over and over again by their talent, energy and dedication. In addition, our leadership and Board of Directors constantly surpassed the bar set for them with every task and decision. Looking ahead, I can’t wait to see all that’s accomplished during 2016-17 under the leadership of Sarah Valenzuela.

With our members’ vision and commitment to take action, I know Austin will be an even brighter place in the years ahead.

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What a year 2015-2016 has been for our League, its members and the greater Austin community. We have so much to be proud of and are thankful for Casie’s amazing leadership through the past 12 months.

With record-breaking new member classes, significant fundraising growth and more community non-profit partnerships we have much to celebrate.

In the year ahead, I look forward to honoring our great Junior League of Austin traditions, further strengthening our ties to critical community programs and placing dedicated focus on the personal development of our members. Our future holds great promise with the ongoing, significant contributions of our members and advancing plans for the new Community Impact Center.

The year serving as President-Elect is a gift to study and learn about the amazing work our members do, build new relationships with community partners and see our impact to Austin. Casie leaves behind a tremendous legacy and one that positions us for great things ahead.

I am humbled and honored to serve as the 2016-2017 Junior League of Austin President. Please join me in building yet another amazing year for The Junior League of Austin.

Sarah Valenzuela
President-Elect
The Junior League of Austin
For most of us, when Friday rolls around we’re already counting down to the weekend and ready to kick back and relax from the hectic pace we keep all week long. For The Junior League of Austin’s (JLA) FIT- Food In Tummies (FIT) program, however, Friday is just the beginning. Packed and ready to go, the FIT backpack finally completes stage one of its mission -- finding its way into the hands of a child who, otherwise, might not have enough food to sustain him or her for those two days away from school over the weekend. We all know it takes a lot of hard work to get that backpack there. Each week, the FIT team packs and distributes 1,400 bags to students who qualify for the National School Lunch Program at Baty and Hillcrest Elementary Schools in Del Valle Independent School District (DVISD). Multiply that by 34 weeks a year, and the FIT Committee along with a dedicated army of JLA Provisional members will deliver almost 48,000 backpacks this year. So how exactly does that backpack filled with nutritious food finally make it into the hands of an elementary school student in need? Let’s start at the beginning.

Every summer new bags are ordered, but veteran bags from the previous year are welcomed back to the team assuming they aren’t showing signs of wear and tear. They are all dutifully cleaned using a safe, natural cleaning spray just as they will continue to be cleaned on a weekly basis throughout the school year. Fresh and ready to go, the backpacks are then filled during the week with food thoughtfully inventoried and sorted by the FIT pantry team. In addition to nutritious, shelf-stable and kid-friendly food, the backpacks also contain a weekly flyer with recipe ideas and nutrition tips in both English and Spanish. Filled to the brim, the backpacks wait patiently, stacked neatly on shelves in the pantry. One by one, cart by cart, they are loaded into volunteers’ cars and delivered from the JLA pantry to Baty and Hillcrest on Thursdays. Anxiously they wait all night before finally being delivered to the classroom of their intended recipient on Friday morning. Through the weekend they provide food security through balanced nutrition. Returning empty but fulfilled on Monday, the bags are taken back to the pantry to start their journey all over again.

According to DVISD Director of Communications and Community Relations, Dr. Celina Bley, “Children who go hungry over the weekend have higher rates of absenteeism and have difficulty with concentration and classroom behavior.” She continues, “It can take a child who has gone hungry through the weekend until Wednesday to recover, only to start the cycle over again each Friday.” With FIT, we are changing that cycle. For more information, please visit www.jlaustin.org/?nd=fit.
At the inaugural Bunny Brunch event, The Junior League of Austin (JLA) created an atmosphere worthy of Peter Rabbit and Bugs Bunny alike. Even the Easter Bunny made a very special, pre-Easter appearance at the League’s new springtime celebration.

While JLA has long been known for fabulous fall events, like A Christmas Affair and Coats for Kids, it wanted to expand its event portfolio with a fundraiser that could achieve several important goals, including engaging League members and encouraging family participation along with reaching specific fundraising targets.

Held Saturday, March 5, at The University of Texas Golf Club, the Bunny Brunch actually sold out of tickets well in advance of the event date. Luckily for many attendees, the League was able to increase capacity and re-open ticket sales due to high demand just days before the event.

With an energetic focus on families, Bunny Brunch included something for everyone. Live entertainment, a petting zoo, crafts for the kids, pictures with the Easter Bunny, a festive egg hunt and a mimosa bar for the adults provided fun options for moms, dads, kids and grandparents alike.

Just like other JLA events, every detail of Bunny Brunch was coordinated by members who volunteered their time and energy. As an inaugural event, there was no precedent or prior planning document to guide the vision for the Bunny Brunch. The Spring Events Chair, Lorena Legarreta, and the Spring Events Committee created a vision, produced a plan, provided leadership and engineered every detail to perfection—all with the help of sponsors like St. David’s Children’s Hospital, Austin Regional Clinic, Sprouts Farmer’s Market, The Children’s Center of Austin and, of course, with support from JLA’s tireless volunteers.

Although the first year will be difficult to top, the League is already looking forward to next year’s event. Simply eggs-traordinary!
There are 8,760 hours in a year. Members of The Junior League of Austin (JLA) volunteer for more than 130,000 hours of community service every year. The Austin Community Foundation’s Jordan Award was established to be given to a non-profit that “effectively utilizes volunteers to further their mission.” In January, the Foundation honored the JLA with this prestigious award.

“The Jordan Award recognizes non-profit organizations that effectively leverage the time and talent of volunteers to create positive change in our community,” says Mike Nellis, CEO of Austin Community Foundation. “The Junior League of Austin has been doing just that for more than 80 years across Central Texas.”

The Jordan Award was created in 1999 by retired psychiatrist Wylie Jordan and provides a grant of $6,000 to its recipient. Impacting the Austin community is a shared goal of both the Foundation and JLA. The Foundation achieves this by building much-needed philanthropic resources for a variety of needs and causes in the Austin area through grant making and other leadership efforts. In 2015, the Foundation awarded more than $2.2 million in grants to local non-profits.

Similarly, JLA has believed in a similar mission since its inception in 1934. All members join with a commitment to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Each year, JLA invests thousands of volunteer hours to community projects and programs. This year, more than 1,300 members will contribute to JLA projects and programs such as Coats for Kids, FIT - Food In Tummies (FIT) and A Christmas Affair.

Just this past December, JLA distributed 32,659 warm winter coats to children in need through Coats for Kids. Every school year, JLA provides more than 1,400 students with backpacks full of healthy food along with bilingual recipe cards and nutrition tips through the FIT program. Additionally, every November the JLA kicks off the holiday season and raises upwards of $750,000 through its four-day Austin tradition, A Christmas Affair. JLA has provided millions of dollars over the years to fund community projects and programs that improve the overall well-being of the community.

The Junior League of Austin and the Austin Community Foundation are doing their part to improve the lives of all Austinites. Receiving the Foundation’s Jordan Award is a great reminder to JLA that important work is being done and also an important motivator to accomplish even more for this community.

“We’re so grateful that the talent and dedication of our volunteers is being recognized with the Jordan Award,” said JLA President, Casie Wenmohs, upon the announcement of the award. “The League truly has an exponential impact in the Austin area of which we’re immeasurably proud. On behalf of our 2,500 members, thank you for this huge honor.”
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Beginning in October 2015, members of The Junior League of Austin (JLA) Provisional class were given voluntary “Service Challenges.” These challenges were opportunities to bring something small and multiply the benefits exponentially in the eyes of the JLA’s Community Projects and to its Provisional members. According to Carrie Semple, Provisional Chair, “The service of organizing donations at these consecutive challenges and knowing that they were making a difference were reward plenty for our 2015-2016 Provisionals.”

Representatives from JLA Community Projects were invited to speak at Provisional meetings so the class could hear about the non-profit organization and also realize the impact they were having by rising to these challenges. Kathi Haralson, Development Director for Partnerships for Children Development and JLA President 2009-2010, spoke at one of these meetings, reaching out to the Provisional class with an inspiring message about what Partnerships for Children does in conjunction with JLA. She added “We were grateful to be a part of the Provisional drive for Partnerships for Children. The class truly went above and beyond when collecting diapers for our Rainbow Rooms! We were excited at the meeting to see so many generous women walking in with diapers, but we were really thrilled when the collection resulted in 2,587 diapers for the babies we serve. The Junior League of Austin has always been vital to the success of Partnerships. We have been thankful for the support of the League and especially this year’s Provisional class.”

In October, mascara was collected for Dress for Success, a non-profit that empowers women to achieve economic independence. In November, members executed a book drive for Coats for Kids. Books were distributed along with coats for Austin area children. They came in need of a coat and left with a coat and a book. In December, it was the diaper drive mentioned above for Partnerships for Children, a non-profit that helps CPS caseworkers with resources for the families they serve. In January, men’s socks were identified as a need for Mobile Loaves and Fishes, a non-profit that serves Austin’s homeless. In February, disinfectant wipes and cleaning wipes were collected and donated to the Ronald McDonald House. In March, toothbrushes and toothpaste were donated to SafePlace, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. In April, there was a collection for Animal Trustees of Austin (now Emancipet), which provides low-cost veterinary care. Most recently, via Amplify Austin, the JLA Fund Development Council asked the class to meet $8,000 as a FIT - Food In Tummies goal. The Provisional class responded with well over $12,000. Briana Novian, a Provisional member stated, “I feel that FIT and the many different opportunities for service that it provides, from packing bags to getting to see the children in person on delivery day, has not only been a great introduction into one of the many forms of community service that the League is involved with, but has also allowed for increased Provisional interaction and team building.”
HOW WERE YOU INSPIRED?
Some projects are challenging to find an inspiration, but that wasn’t the case for the Community Impact Center. From early visioning and programming work, we’ve been impressed with the amount of work that the JLA does in the community and the commitment that we’ve seen from members – not only in your standard programs but also from your leadership teams in the sometimes-challenging design and construction process. Coupling an owner doing such uplifting work with this amazing site so close to downtown is quite an opportunity for the design team. Our goal will be to create a place that continues to inspire you all once it’s completed and occupied.

HOW DOES THE BUILDING FIT WITHIN THE LOT? DOES IT MAXIMIZE ANY VIEWS?
The site is exceptionally beautiful with some magnificent oaks and the creek running below, but the really striking quality of the property is how secluded and peaceful it feels even though it is just off of Loop 360. The large wooded cliff-face across the creek gives us a great vista that will never be developed and effectively blocks all of the noise from a highway just yards away. The building itself will be situated about halfway between Bluffstone Cove and the creek. As anyone who has visited the property knows, the site has a steady slope down from the road to the creek bed. The design team has used this slope to our advantage, enabling us to tuck some parking and services under the main building and to emphasize the feeling of occupying the treetops for occupants inside. A visitor entering the front door will come in at ground level, but the views from windows and balconies at the back of the building on this same level will already be

For this issue of Capitalines, we got the chance to quiz Will Gresham, the Project Architect for the new Community Impact Center, about the vision for the space. Will is an Associate Architect with STG Design, an award-winning firm celebrating 40 years of innovative, sustainable design. In fact, their commitment to sustainable design is borne out of a sense of responsibility. STG Design “actively pursues roles in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and Austin Energy Green Building Program projects because [they] believe that global stewardship is the privilege and responsibility of every design professional.” You’ve almost certainly seen their work around town. STG is responsible for the re-located and re-designed children’s museum, The Thinkery. They were also behind the new studio at Laguna Gloria which houses The Contemporary Austin’s art school, the Seaholm High Rise and Power Plant redevelopment and Lamar Central at 38th and Lamar. Here’s what Will had to say when we interviewed him.
in the elevated tree canopy as the site falls away towards the creek. The views and balconies from the second level will start to rise above some of the canopy and will look over the trees to the wooded cliff-face across the creek. In short, the hope is for the building to be a space that people are happy to visit and not in a hurry to leave.

WHAT IS THE VISION FOR THE SPACE?
The goal is to provide a space not only to house League programs and volunteer work but also for members to connect with each other and the greater community. The variety of spaces, from large meeting areas and open work spaces to smaller offices and breakout rooms will bring much-needed flexibility for multiple uses. In addition to League programming, this variety of spaces will provide a facility where the community can meet and convene to discuss important topics that are shaping our city. Having neighbors from the outside community use and enjoy the space on a regular basis and engage with League members will help embody the JLA’s tagline of “The Strength of Women – The Power of Community.”

CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT THE BREAKDOWN OF THE INTERIOR SPACE?
One of the points emphasized in our programming work early in the design process was the need for variety and flexibility of spaces. In general, the entry level will be for large events and will provide the public face of the League, while the second floor will house more behind-the-scenes programs, functions and work areas. The ground floor will feature a larger double-height lobby and an adjacent large meeting room that will be able to seat over 400 for League-wide events, but can also be subdivided for smaller functions. That level will also have some smaller meeting rooms, support spaces including a catering kitchen and a room for FIT – Food In Tummies just inside from a loading dock. The second level will include a common studio space to provide flexible work areas and a number of smaller offices and meeting rooms. In addition, the second level will include program areas for fundraising work, multiple storage areas, an executive boardroom and an office/lounge set aside for use by Sustaining members.

CAN YOU GIVE ME A GENERAL UPDATE ON PROGRESS?
Designs are about 50% complete overall, and were put on hold while fundraising progressed and while the Site Development Plan was finalized and reviewed by the City of Austin. We’re working through the site development application process with the city’s reviewers now. We will incorporate their comments when we get the green light to step back into the design process.

To learn more about the Community Impact Center and the Capital Campaign, check out our website: http://www.jlaustin.org/?nd=capitalcampaign.
Promoting voluntarism. Developing the potential of women. Improving the community. These three themes are integral to the mission of The Junior League of Austin (JLA). In addition, they are at the foundation of our strategic plan.

For the past two years, the League’s focus for strategic planning was on developing a foundation upon which to build goals, objectives and targets to ensure both the short-term and long-term success of the JLA—in the form of the strategic plan. Building a plan that provides strategic direction for a three-year period is important to an organization that rotates its leadership annually. It enables a consistent, cohesive platform for decision-making and a compass for evaluating new programming, financial investments and more.

During 2015-16, strategic planning has been focused on implementing the plan. This began by developing an annual plan, made up of tactics that will help advance the overall strategic plan and lay a foundation for successful implementation of the plan over the next two years.

As a first step, the Strategic Planning Team collaborated with our League graphic designer to develop a graphic that can be used across our membership to speak to the four focus areas, or pillars, of the strategic plan: Community, Membership, Organization Alignment and Financial Stability. Represented with the four pillars are the four goals upon which the plan is built.

Next, the Board of Directors focused on defining the tactics (otherwise known as “the work”) that would need to be completed this year to set up the League for successful continued implementation of the plan over the next three years. Each of the tactics align with the targets, objectives and goals of the plan. After the tactics were defined, each was assigned at least one Board member as a sponsor. The sponsors checked in with the Council or Committee members who were responsible for implementing the tactics.

Finally, the measurement and tracking of progress is documented on an annual plan dashboard. Every month, the Board member sponsors provide status updates on the tactics. Progress is noted on a dashboard that is reviewed and discussed monthly during the Board meeting. Completed tactics are celebrated, and tactics needing attention are discussed and action plans are created. The updated dashboard is posted each month to the JLA website and can be found, along with a copy of the strategic plan in its entirety under Member Resources, Strategic Planning.

Going forward, the dashboard updates will continue, and the Board will be focused on working with our membership through Councils and Committees to either advance or complete the work detailed on the annual plan. The foundation created this year will enable the 2016-17 Board of Directors to begin the League year with a detailed set of accomplishments that lead to continued progress, all while maintaining a focus and direction that is consistent with the League’s longer-range planning.

For more information, please refer to the Strategic Plan posted under Member Resources on the JLA website.
Accessorizing To Be Stylish; Eat Cheese And Be Merry; Misfit Toy Gift Exchange; Super Powers: Science Facts, Fantasy & Fiction: These are just four of The Junior League of Austin’s (JLA’s) most recent Gathering Group events.

The League places a huge priority on membership development. JLA is one of the fastest-growing Leagues in the country, and every year it provides members with opportunities to improve themselves and, in turn, their community.

Gathering Groups has quickly become one of the League’s most popular ongoing activities. Created as a way to bring together JLA members with common interests outside of fundraising and volunteering, no Gathering Group is exactly the same, which is a perfect reflection of the League’s diverse Austin membership.

In addition to Gathering Groups, JLA hosts a training month each February. In place of the regular monthly General Meeting, members can choose from more than 30 different training events to attend. From financial education to bartending at home to Austin’s cinematic history, there is something for everyone.

“After moving to Austin from Lubbock, I was eager to make new connections with people and get familiar with the city itself,” said Jessica Price, an Active JLA Transfer member. “Even though we only needed to attend one, I attended several training events in February and already feel immersed in Austin’s culture, which I love.”

Since the League’s membership has grown significantly in the last several years, these intimate training events, which usually accommodate between 10 and 25 members, also give members a break from the large, often overflowing General Membership Meetings.

Though the interests of the League’s members span a broad spectrum of topics, JLA members are united in their desire to be the best leaders they can be. Since 1979, Leadership Austin has shaped many of Austin’s community leaders. Now, the League coordinates with Leadership Austin to provide League members with their own customized lessons in leadership through the Emerging Leaders program.

To participate in the program, members sign up for six classes over a two-month period. Leadership Austin administers and oversees each class, helping JLA members develop their personal and professional leadership skills, learn about the issues affecting Greater Austin through civic discussion and build relationships with others who want to grow as leaders and find solutions to the issues facing Central Texas.

This multitude of opportunities exemplifies the saying that “the League is a training organization.” When given the tools to lead better, more impactful lives, JLA members know there’s no limit to what the League will help them achieve.
The History Makers
by: EMILY C. LASKOWSKI

How one committee helped establish three Austin philanthropic institutions.

It was 31 years ago that the Ronald McDonald House came to Austin. On February 13, 1985, the day before Valentine’s Day, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas (RMHC) opened its doors and started extending ample amounts of much-needed love to families and children in this community with the help of one important supporter: The Junior League of Austin (JLA).

In 1983, a year before the League’s 50th anniversary, one of its committees, then known as the Project Study & Development Committee, took on the creation of RMHC as the League’s “50th Anniversary Project,” providing $100,000 over three years to establish a short-term living facility for families in the 10-county area served by Brackenridge Hospital and the Children’s Hospital of Austin.

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This wasn’t the only time the Project Study & Development Committee played an instrumental role in establishing local organizations that have now become vital to the Austin community. The committee was also responsible for the funding and planning that was critical to the founding of CASA of Travis County (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

Each of these organizations strengthened the parents, children, families and members of the community that have helped Austin evolve into the incredible city it is today.

The Ronald McDonald House gives families with children suffering from injuries and illnesses the opportunity to stay together, no matter the cost. RMHC opened its Austin doors with just one staff member and only eight bedrooms. In 2015, it served 2,071 families.

CASA believes that every abused or neglected child needs someone speaking up for them. In CASA of Travis County’s first year in 1985, the League provided $35,090 to help CASA recruit and train 43 volunteers to serve 85 children. Now, CASA supports almost 650 volunteers who advocate for more than 1,800 children each year, making it one of the top ten CASA programs in the nation.

Lady Bird Johnson’s legacy blooms throughout Texas each spring with fields of bluebonnets and other wildflowers. Starting in 1983, a year after it was founded, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (then known as the National Wildflower Research Center) received $30,000 over three years from the League to support the salary for a volunteer coordinator. A volunteer-run organization itself, JLA knew the significant value of a well-trained volunteer base and how immensely it would positively impact the center’s mission to conserve and preserve Texas’ natural beauty.

Today, the hard work once done by the Project Study & Development Committee is now part of the League’s Researchers Committee.

“Serving in a placement to help research, analyze and evaluate potential League community projects is truly one of the most rewarding and invaluable volunteer opportunities in the Junior League,” said JLA Sustaining member Libby Malone. “Not only will you gain a substantial first-hand understanding about why and how individual non-profit organizations exist and survive, but you will also fully understand and appreciate the strength of the investments of money and volunteer commitments our League makes in the community. And as a bonus, you will gain invaluable training that will help you make wise choices about your personal community service as a Sustainer. Project Study and Development was one of my most useful, stimulating and valuable placements.”

The Junior League of Austin has long been known for its ability to recognize organizations that would provide value to the Austin community. These three programs, created with the help of a single JLA committee, are no exception and helped transform Austin into the beautiful place it is today, inside and out.
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Financial Impact Report

by: NICOLE ELLIOTT

While we all know The Junior League of Austin is a membership organization that serves the community, have you ever wondered about how The Junior League of Austin operates as a non-profit with income and expenses to monitor every year? If you have, this article is for you! To help explain the overall financial picture of the League, audited numbers from 2014-15 are used to provide a complete overview of a 12-month cycle.

Our largest source of income (56%) is from A Christmas Affair (ACA), which brought in gross income of $1.3M. Our next revenue source is from donations, including funding from foundations, corporations and individuals. Also included are sponsorships for ACA as well as designated donations to our signature programs, along with undesignated general fund donations. Total donations are nearly $401,000, or 17% of our revenue. Revenue from grants that we applied for and were awarded (5%) total $119,000.

As the owners of The Square on Parkcrest, The Junior League of Austin (JLA) collects rental income, representing 10% of our total revenue. Member dues, net of our remittance to The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) contributes 10%. Rounding out our total is investment income, which provided cash for operations.

ACA expenses total $650,000 and represent 33% of our expenses. These expenses include venue rental, catering, entertainment, party costs and more.

As detailed elsewhere in Capitalines, the JLA invests significant funds in our community. This includes about 19% going to community projects, Con Mi MADRE scholarships and our Spanish Immersion program. In addition, 20% total is invested in Coats for Kids (CFK) and FIT - Food In Tummies on a combined basis.

About 9% of expenditures go toward membership services and League events. This includes training, General Meeting expenses and education, among other items.

Operations expenses, representing 19% of our expenditures, include items such as staff salaries, technology, merchant services, insurance, janitorial services, building maintenance, security, utilities and office equipment.

These expenses come from our audited financial statement; however, they are adjusted for this report to be net of in-kind donations. Also note that per accounting rules, many operational expenses are allocated to program areas. If you are interested in audited financial statements and tax filings for the past three years, you may find them on our website www.jlaustin.org under the Finance tab.

BALANCE SHEET (AS OF JANUARY 31, 2016)

Income and expenses are only a part of the financial picture. The JLA also carries significant assets and some liabilities on our balance sheet. Included in assets is any net income from above which appears on the balance sheet as cash. Also included in assets are Capital Campaign donations and pledges, an endowment of approximately $1 million, investments of about $2.2 million and miscellaneous pre-paid expenses.

The assets also include certain fixed assets, such as the Square on Parkcrest and its contents. Capital Campaign expenses
This year’s JLA Volunteer Extraordinaire, Nancy Prideaux, exemplifies the Junior League mission every day in her significant community endeavors. Her generous heart and dedication to leading by example have inspired countless others. She also makes the world a more fashionable place through her professional career as Director of the UT in NYC program and a senior lecturer in the School of Human Ecology at the University of Texas at Austin, with research focused on apparel retail and visual merchandising.

In the community, Nancy has been a beloved and instrumental advisor for many years for the local chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority and has also served as national-level officer for the organization. Similarly, Nancy took on the roles of Programs Chair and President for The Junior Austin Women’s Club. In addition, she chaired The American Cancer Society’s Cattle Barron’s Ball “with grace and ease,” according to one of her nominators. Since 2005, Nancy has contributed hours of volunteer service and leadership to the Friends of the Governor’s Mansion.

Nancy is a dedicated volunteer for the Arthritis Foundation Austin. She has openly shared her challenges living with arthritis with League members also touched by the disease. Cathy McHorse, a JLA Past President stated, “I sought her support and wisdom for myself and for my son [who was diagnosed].” Nancy was involved when the Walk to Cure Arthritis was first established in Austin as the signature fundraising event, and was the leading fundraiser and team captain. Throughout her involvement over the years, the Arthritis Foundation Austin has tripled their fundraising and participation levels. She helped “Junior League” the event to a new level in volunteer management, fundraising, and logistics. Her personal fundraising has outpaced all others and she serves as the most eloquent spokesperson for individuals living with rheumatoid arthritis, accepting various requests for radio and television appearances.

The foundation for Nancy’s community leadership was laid during her years as an Active member of the JLA, having been both A Christmas Affair Chair and President. Since becoming a Sustainer, Nancy has served as a Sustaining Advisor almost every year. In 2008-2009 she served on the JLA Board of Directors as the Sustaining President and most recently has joined the Capital Campaign Steering Committee to support the efforts to build our Community Impact Center.

As vast and amazing as all of this is, it doesn’t capture the spirit and grace with which Nancy gives her time and imparts her wisdom to the women she serves with and advises. A deep, sincere congratulations to this amazing woman!

### ABOUT THE AWARD

The Volunteer Extraordinaire is awarded to a Sustaining member who, during her years as both an Active and Sustaining member of The Junior League of Austin, has gone above and beyond the call of duty in her volunteer activities in the community. Since 1985, this award has been presented to members who have utilized their past League training to demonstrate and promote volunteerism into the community beyond their active years within the League.
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3. **Did you know if you are 70 ½ years or older, each year you can make gifts totaling up to $100,000 directly from your IRA to charities and it counts toward your minimum distribution BUT you don't have to pay any income taxes on the distribution?**

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   Questions? We are happy to visit with you about how you could include The Junior League of Austin in your estate plans, or how you could make a personally meaningful gift to The Junior League that does not impact your cash flow.

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by: MARIBEN RAMSEY

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Spring 2016
2015-2016 has been a busy year for The Junior League of Austin in our community. The League supported 32 non-profits with volunteers and funding, the highest number ever! Over 500 members served as volunteers with these Community Projects and will give a minimum of 25,000 hours of service. These local nonprofits benefit from some of the best volunteers in the city and our members gain important skills.

The League’s own programs also had a big year. Our FIT – Food in Tummies Provisional members worked approximately 4,103 FIT shifts to deliver 48,000 bags of food. The program continues to expand its program in the areas of fitness and nutritional education through collaboration with Del Valle ISD. The League continued to address basic needs through Coats for Kids and updated the Community Fair to include flu shots and the fitting of car seats and shoes. Our Done-in-a-Day program focused on short-term needs in our community, providing 3,768 volunteer hour opportunities in the Fall alone. The ¡Sí!– Spanish Immersion Program grew this year and offered classes both in the Fall and Spring to our members serving in the community as well as members who want to further their language skills. Approximately 25 members volunteered this year to perform in Playhouse Singers, a unique League program bringing both Actives and Sustainers together to entertain residents at area nursing homes, and other elder care facilities like assisted living and adult day care.

Along the lines of community impact, The Junior League of Austin is considering an impact area framework. Moving to an impact area model could help us be more strategic about where we place our volunteers and our funding, allowing us to have a more lasting and sustainable impact in the Austin community. This year, League members have engaged in conversations about the impact we’re already making on challenges facing our city through existing community projects and programs. This occurred through General Meetings, Small Group Meetings and training events.

We look forward to continuing to serve our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers for many years to come. As the JLA membership grows, so does our commitment to training future civic leaders making an impact in our community and continuing the legacy for the future. As we grow in membership, we grow in impact!
The Junior League of Austin thanks the following sponsors for their support of our charitable work in the community. League volunteers serve the community through well-known programs such as Coats for Kids and FIT - Food In Tummies, and also projects with non-profits, increasing their capacity with our members as a volunteer workforce. With every dollar raised for community programs, the League triples its impact when combined with the commitment of our trained volunteers. Thank you again to all of our donors and sponsors!

Benefactor

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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 sponsor of The Junior League of Austin and continues to support the mission of prompting 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 disease; 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.
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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 non-profit 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. Randall's 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.

SPIRIT RADIO*

SPIRIT 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 partner with The Junior League of Austin to support A Christmas Affair for the second consecutive year.

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AUSTIN MONTHLY*

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.
BANK OF AMERICA

Bank of America helps improve communities by addressing issues fundamental to economic health and sustainability. Needs addressed include; workforce development issues and education, community development, and basic needs. Not only does the Bank of America Foundation help address the immediate need, the foundation helps create a longer term solution for the issue addressed. The foundation plans to invest $2 billion over ten years. Bank of America has been a long term supporter of our FIT program and has made a significant difference in the depth of services we can provide through the JLA FIT program.

CHARLES H. PHIPPS FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Charles H. Phipps Family Foundation is one of the original believers 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 non-profits addressing hunger within our community, the Charles H. Phipps Family Foundation continues to support the FIT program year after year, finding ways to feed 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.

ST. DAVID’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. David's Episcopal Church has a long history of helping people in need in the Austin community. The Grant Committee for Community Outreach (GCCO) administers the church grant proposal process and makes funding recommendations to the church Vestry. Grant awards are $10,000 each. The Vestry determines how many grants will be awarded each year. In addition to awarding grants, the church provides direct service volunteers to area non-profit organizations and charities. The FIT program has been grateful for the support from St. David's Episcopal Church over the last three years. The church is well-versed on the issues facing our community and makes a big difference by giving generously to programs addressing these issues.

SXSW COMMUNITY FUND OF COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF TEXAS

The SXSW Community Fund is SXSW's first-ever 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 non-profit organizations including The Junior League of Austin.
TEXAS FERTILITY CENTER

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A longstanding supporter of The Junior League of Austin, Texas Fertility Center is one of the nation’s leading full-service infertility practices providing advanced infertility and reproductive endocrinology services to patients throughout Texas, the Southwestern United States and the Americas. Since 1980, Texas Fertility Center has been recognized nationally for outstanding pregnancy rates, cutting-edge laboratory procedures and innovative research programs.

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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 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, which now includes FIT - Food In Tummies program. Funding will be used to continue the mission of reducing child weekend hunger and providing health and nutrition education to families.

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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.

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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 non-profits 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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Evergreen Studios specializes in portrait photography, producing artistic as well as classical images in color, black-and-white, and our unique brown tones. Susan Hoermann, the sole owner and portrait artist has been photographing members of The Junior of League of Austin for years. In addition they have supported A Christmas Affair by providing auction packages.
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