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## **Junior League of Fort Worth Welcomes First Black and Woman of Color President and Announces New Board and Projects for 2025–2026 Year**

**Fort Worth, TX – [June 12, 2025]** — The Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) welcomes a new League year with the historic leadership of Shay Gipson, its first Black and woman of color President. Under Gipson’s direction is a Board of 12 women who not only serve as leaders of their councils within the Junior League, but also in full-time working roles at various institutions around Tarrant County. Listed below are JLFW Board Members and their involvement in and out of the League:

- Shay Gipson, President
  - Goodwill North Central Texas
- Alli D’Acosta, President-Elect
  - Cook Children’s Health Foundation
- Jordan Stimpson, Administrative Vice President
  - Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP
- Eva S. Williams, Communications Vice President
  - Trinity Metro
- Leslie Ford, Community Vice President
  - Ofi Chito
- Holly Hinsey, Education Vice President
  - Texas Health Resources
- Savannah Petronis, Finance Vice President
  - Baird Private Wealth Management
- Jenna Cox, Finance Assistant Vice President
  - Luther King Capital Management
- Kendall Riddell, Fund Development Vice President
  - Cook Children’s Health Foundation
- Chelsea James, Membership Vice President
  - Frost Bank
- Kristi Brhlik, Nominating Chair
  - HUB Fort Worth
- Elizabeth Knuckley, Sustaining Advisor
- Krista Bohr, Assistant to the Board
  - Bowie House, Auberge Resorts Collection



Listed below are nine projects for the 2025–2026 League year which receive both funding and volunteer involvement:

- Cook Children's Health Foundation, LVT Neighborhood Health Center Project
  - \$75,000 and 5 volunteers
- Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Family Garden Project
  - \$70,000 and 4 volunteers
- Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, Family STEAM Festival Project
  - \$35,000 and 12 volunteers
- Rivertree Academy, Capital Campaign
  - \$50,000 and 5 volunteers
- SafeHaven of Tarrant County, Domestic Violence Survivor Passenger Van Project
  - \$40,000 and 5 volunteers
- The Welman Project, Community Access Project
  - \$40,000 and 10 volunteers
- The Women's Center, PEARLS Project
  - \$15,000 and 4 volunteers
- Van Cliburn Foundation, Inc., Seventeenth Cliburn Competition Project
  - \$25,000 and 24 volunteers
- Volunteers of America Texas, Riverside Treatment Center Renewal Project
  - \$100,000 and 6 volunteers

#### **About the Junior League of Fort Worth**

The Junior League of Fort Worth, Inc. is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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