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President's Perspective

In every Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) year, we are women of purpose. We plan, support, direct, brainstorm, activate, discover, ideate and more. It's incredibly true that we spark possibility.

I can hardly believe it but we're well through most of the 2019-2020 JLFW year, and there is so much excitement in realizing all that you – the members of the League – have accomplished, cheered on and addressed together. The below partial list hits some highlights in our 90th anniversary year.

- The JLFW is supporting 11 Projects, totaling \$490,000 in commitments and with nearly 80 volunteers at work each month.
- Our League has committed to more than 45 Placements with 360+ volunteers serving within organizations.
- We have worked with newer-to-us nonprofits such as Fort Worth Dream Park and the Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas, as well as long-term partners such as Mayfest, SafeHaven, The Warm Place and Wings of Hope.
- The League has invited dozens of organizations from around Fort Worth and Tarrant County to participate in Day of Giving and Done-in-a-Day (DIAD) opportunities.
- Our women have completed three thriving fundraisers – 2019 *Christmas in Cowtown*, 2020 *Grand Entry Gala* and 2020 "Yell & Sell" Rodeo Program Sales – and are wrapping up final numbers to announce later this spring.
- We launched an Archives program and are protecting JLFW memorabilia and records for future generations.
- Together we attended three General Membership Meetings focused on key Impact Areas: Arts & Culture, Education & Supports Fort Worth.
- We've re-designed communications outlets including our monthly eNews and this publication, *The Lariat*.
- We hosted a Placement Fair in advance of 2020-2021 and completed the placement process, matching women with places to serve next year.
- A new initiative, the Junior League of Fort Worth Diaper Bank, is close to a full launch and has already blessed 37 families in a trial distribution; we'll make a grand opening announcement soon.
- We're gaining ground in internal operations ideas and efficiencies from administration to finance to education and more.
- We've slated the 2020-2021 Board of Directors and leadership teams.
- We've drafted a new Strategic Plan, to last from 2020-2023, that will carry us forward into this new decade.
- We will have given away more than \$500,000 in funding this year alone through Projects and our Community Opportunity Fund (COF).

That's all due to you wonderful women. Thank you for all you do to support Fort Worth and Tarrant County in a visible and tangible way. You keep our legacy of service and community care going, and that's truly special.

Happy 90th anniversary – here's to many more.

With joy,

Ashley Freer
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Mission

The Junior League of Fort Worth, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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Vision

The Junior League of Fort Worth, Inc. will strive to improve our community by directing our resources to positively impact the well-being of children and families by providing a legacy of trained volunteers.

Snapshots



1. Volunteers at Eastern Hills Elementary Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.
2. Members decorating the Christmas tree in the lobby at The Gladney Center.
3. Training orientation for Actives at Safe Haven.
4. Fort Worth Stock Show Art Program Committee Members and supporters.



90 Years of Legacy and

By Shay Dial Johnson

NINETY YEARS is a long time for any organization to be around, let alone thrive; but the Junior League of Fort Worth has done just that. A lot has changed in 90 years in the great city of Fort Worth, but the dedication and service from League members has remained the same.

Legacy can be a long-standing tradition in JLFW. For example, some members join the League because their mothers and grandmothers were members and shared their experiences. As women joined the workforce, women began serving alongside not just friends and family but co-workers as well. As a tribute to our League's 90 years of service and legacy, here are some heart-warming stories about connections in the League.

Family Ties:

Thoughts from Emily Strong, Sustainer

"My legacy story is my connection to my mother-in-law, her daughter and two daughters-in-law. I am not from Fort Worth and the small town I grew up in didn't have a League. When my husband and I moved back to his hometown of Fort Worth, my mother-in-law **Judy Strong** encouraged me to get involved. She is a philanthropic woman through and through. She and my father-in-law are on many boards, give a lot of their time to organizations around town and have instilled the importance of this in their family. My sister-in-law, **Desiree Strong**, joined the League the same year I did. We both sustained this year while our younger sister-in-law **Christal Strong Miller** (little sister to our husbands) just started her first active year. I am grateful the four of us have the League and philanthropy in common. I know my mother-in-law is proud to have all her daughters as members of the League, and to see us giving back to our community."



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A lot has changed in 90 years in the great city of Fort Worth, but the dedication and service from League members has remained the same.

d JLFW Connections



Sisters in Service: Thoughts from Tara Page, Active

“The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) includes four sororities, founded by African-American women with a common goal to better communities through the principles of Sisterhood and Service. ‘Sisterhood’ provides members with an opportunity to develop leadership skills and develop friendships and professional bonds lasting a lifetime. ‘Service’ is to better the communities in which we live and work through national programming, global initiatives or local projects. The Junior League of Fort Worth has provided women who are graduate members of an NPHC sorority an opportunity to be involved in an expansive reach of community service initiatives with a broad and diverse range of women. To my knowledge, there are three of the four NPHC sororities represented in the League; Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Sigma Gamma Rho. As president of the Tarrant County chapter of NPHC, it excites me to know the JLFW provides service-oriented women the chance to expand our legacy of service!”

Service in Work and Play:

Thoughts from Jessica Lewis,
Provisional

“Many women in the League know **Katherine Curtis**, who worked for Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains. She is the reason **Lindsay Tooker** joined the League, and Lindsay is the reason I am now a Provisional! Lindsay and I still work together at Girl Scouts. I saw her go through her Provisional year and move on as an Active, and I saw Katherine go through her leadership role. Those two women are the reason I saw the League as somewhere I could fit in. Coincidentally, the woman who held my position at Girl Scouts right before I did, **Maria Gregorio**, is a good friend of Katherine and Lindsay, then I met her and we became fast friends; she is also a Provisional with me! Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains is creating a legacy of League members, and it is perfectly fitting with our Mission.”



New Day Services for Children and Families: FOCUS Mothers Project

By Channa Barrett

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF FORT WORTH is committed to impacting education and life readiness, and, through the New Day Services for Children and Families Project, the League is teaching mothers how to be fully engaged in their children's lives.

New Day's F.O.C.U.S. (Families Offering Children Unfailing Support) provides mothers the tools and resources needed to rebuild their lives. The program serves mothers who have been referred through various court-appointed systems with the hopes of four important outcomes:

- to teach mothers how to become fully engaged in a co-parenting system
- to increase understanding of a mother's importance in the lives of her children
- to teach mothers how to remain under control in stressful situations
- to help mothers regain access to their children who might be in substitute care

For 2019-2020, the Junior League Fort Worth has committed \$20,000 to this important endeavor. Children who experience higher levels of parental involvement and a closer relationship



Through parenting classes, mothers are learning how to be sustainable influences in the lives of their children.

with their parents are less likely to exhibit behavioral problems and engage in risky behaviors. Furthermore, kids tend to have better grades, higher levels of education and experience positive emotional health.

By investing in mothers, the JLFW is also directly investing in Fort Worth families. Although the F.O.C.U.S. program has four main objectives the ultimate objective, redemption, gives mothers access to another chance. Mothers served through the program are at risk of either having their children removed from their home or their children are already in substitute care. F.O.C.U.S. for mothers attempts to reduce out-of-home placement for their children. Through parenting classes, mothers are learning how to be sustainable influences in the lives of their children.

Parenting class topics include constructive communication with the father of the child, the effects of parental acts creating patterns for children and learning to set boundaries. The F.O.C.U.S. program empowers mothers to take new knowledge of parenting and embed the knowledge into new daily practices of parenting.

The logo for New Day Services for children & families. It features a stylized orange and yellow arc above the text "NewDay Services" in blue, with "for children & families" in a smaller orange font below it.



Parent Cafés are physically and emotionally safe spaces where parents and caregivers talk about the challenges and victories of raising a family.



MHMR Visions Project: Be Strong Families Parent Café

By Channa Barrett

PARENT RESILIENCE, positive social connections, concrete support in times of need, knowledge of parenting and child development and social and emotional competence; these are the tenets, the protective factors, used to strengthen families through the Be Strong Families Parent Café process.

What are Parent Cafés and how is Junior League Fort Worth serving side by side with Tarrant County's My Health My Resources (MHMR) to make Fort Worth families stronger and healthier? Parent Cafés are physically and emotionally safe spaces where parents and caregivers talk about the challenges and victories of raising a family. Cafés are structured discussions using the principles of adult learning and family support to help develop healthy conversations and family relationships.

As part of a 2019-2020 Project, the JLFW has pledged \$20,000 to aid in the impact of Parent Cafés. Instead of sending families to different areas around town to attend Parent Cafés, MHMR provides Parent Cafés within the families' communities. **Allison Cobb**, MHMR Vision Project Development Chair (PDC) explained, "You can consider our role as a hostess. We set-up, attend and breakdown the Parent Cafés.



MHMR Committee members **Danielle Farrell**, **Judy Williams** and **Allison Cobb**.

We also provide food and structure in the Cafés creating a family-friendly atmosphere for families needing to bring their kids."

Cobb is especially proud of the community the Cafés help to develop. "Parent Cafés have been an eye-opening experience. Parents find strength in each other's trials and triumphs."

Participants leave Parent Cafés feeling inspired, energized and excited to put into practice what they've learned. The Be Strong Families Parent Café model has impacted many Fort Worth families, and JLFW is carrying out the League's Vision to positively impact the well-being of children and families.

Cook Children's Foundation:

Partnering to Provide Mental Health Support for Fort Worth's Youth

By Jenna Conan

IT MIGHT BE SUPRISING to some, but according to an article in the Cook Children's Check Up Newsroom, in the past decade suicide rates have risen 56% among young adults, with an estimated 1 in 5 high school students admitting to experiencing suicidal thoughts.

Locally, Cook Children's Medical Center is working hard to change these statistics with community partners, including the Junior League of Fort Worth. In 2019-2020, JLFW members voted to provide \$90,000 to the Cook Children's Health Foundation Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Project. These funds are being used to help Cook Children's create an environment and facilities to help children and their families when the child is suffering from a psychotic episode or suicide attempt.

As part of training opportunities for members, the JLFW recently hosted a training on suicide prevention led by the Cook Children's Behavioral Health team. During the training, members learned more about how to prevent youth suicide as well as the services Cook Children's offers to youth who are experiencing behavioral health challenges. Cook Children's offers psychiatric evaluation, an inpatient program, a partial hospitalization program, an outpatient program, a clinical therapist program and parent education and support groups for families.



Committee members **Elizabeth Northern** and **Vivian Villarreal**.

"Being a part of the Cook Children's Health Foundation project this past year has been a true privilege," says **Elizabeth Northern**, Project Development Chair. "League volunteers spend their time assisting families in various ways during

their stays at the hospital, many of us in the Child Life department. A typical shift may include painting with a patient, playing cards with sibling in a playroom and rocking a baby to sleep while a parent can stretch her legs. Our time spent with patients and family members leaves us feeling humbled, inspired, refreshed...and often laughing. As well, JLFW's funds going towards the preparation and maintenance of 'Psych Safe' spaces is the perfect example of our Health and Wellness community impact area in action."



Every person in a community can help to prevent suicide by looking out for the warning signs and assisting people in need of support. According to provided resources, suicide warning signs include:

- drug or alcohol abuse
- preoccupation with death
- hopelessness
- the feeling of being a burden to others
- declining performance
- giving away prized possessions
- isolating and withdrawing
- acting reckless
- taking risks

The Cook Children's Behavioral Health department is a wonderful, local resource if you are concerned about a child or teen or teen in your life; call **682.885.3917**. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is **800.273.8255** and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Members sort through archives and box items to send to HistoryIT.

Celebrating our Past:

The Junior League of Fort Worth's New Archiving Project

By Sarahi Rodriguez

IN FEBRUARY 1929, the Junior League of Fort Worth began as a small group of 10 women determined to improve their community. Chartered in 1930 with what is now the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), this group grew both in size and impact.

Now in its 90th year, the JLFW has more than 2,000 members and, as the current Mayor of the City of Fort Worth **Betsy Price** noted at the JLFW's September General Membership Meeting, "there is not a place in our city that the League has not impacted or touched in some way."

With this rich history in mind, the 2018-2019 JLFW Board of Directors decided to preserve and archive 90 years of material in a way which could connect with past, present and future League members. JLFW Sustainer **Michael Anne**

Pritchard (Administrative Vice President, 2018-2019) recently said, "archiving our history allows us to celebrate the past and those whose shoulders we are standing on so that we can continue to grow and proceed with lessons learned from the past."

Under the guidance and leadership of 2018-2019 JLFW Historian **Lindsay Griffiths**, the Board vetted several archiving vendors. HistoryIT, a company based out of Portland, Maine, was chosen to undertake this special project because of their comprehensive services. Their historians, archivists and digital strategists work to "transform archival materials, from whatever state they are in into a 21st century digital collection."

To begin the archiving project, JLFW volunteers helped box up and ship

46 boxes of materials to HistoryIT at the beginning of November 2019. Since then, HistoryIT professionals have begun the inventory, categorization and preservation of materials under the guidance of the 2019-2020 Board of Directors.

Once the historical files have been inspected and rehoused in acid-free folders, HistoryIT professionals will begin to create consistent metadata (which allows archives to be browsed via searchable keywords) for all materials. This will facilitate the next step: digital preservation imaging. **Rebecca Simmons**, Administrative Vice President for 2019-2020, and **Becky Schmid**, current JLFW Archives Project Chair, hope to have a partially completed, searchable and user-friendly historical website by the spring of 2020.



Old Boots, New Bling:

The Big Move to Dickies Arena

By Bobbye West

WILL ROGERS COLISEUM has been compared to Fort Worth's favorite pair of well-worn boots – broken in over the course of 76 years and slipped on each year, often with a touch of bling, as citizens attend the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR).

Since the Rodeo portion of the FWSSR made its move from Will Rogers Coliseum to Dickies Arena this year, the traditions the city has cherished made the move as well, assuring Fort Worth that the best-loved boots haven't been replaced and are ready to carry Fort Worth for many decades to come.

Many of the visual traditions of the Coliseum are present now at Dickies Arena: the foot map of the floor and the signature patriotic bunting, for example. Even the signature red boxes advertising three-dollar (\$3) Rodeo programs and staffed with Junior League of Fort Worth volunteers. Since the JLFW first began selling programs in 1957, the red boxes have become a Fort Worth icon. **Jenna Sykes**, the JLFW's Fort Worth Stock Show Art Program Team Leader, has spent nine of her ten active years within the League in rodeo-related placements and says, "Yell and Sell is a true Fort Worth experience – we are part of the celebration for those attending."

What started as a small volunteer opportunity over six decades ago has turned into a full partnership. **Lisa Ford**, a long-time Rodeo Program Sales Sustaining Advisor, stressed that revenue has been earned "one dollar at a time." JLFW receives \$1 for each \$3 program sold so each dollar is hard-earned. Ford notes that each shift and each show in those four weeks presents "a new opportunity to bring awareness to the community about what we do and how we are not afraid to go out and work for what we believe in to give back."

In 2016, the JLFW even became a part of the FWSSR badge culture. Anyone in the community can receive the JLFW lapel pin as a thank you when they donate to the JLFW Annual Fund, showing their support of the League and their passion for the FWSSR. This year's lapel pin featured the signature red box. **Hillary Bintliff**, Rodeo Program Sales Co-Chair, was given the idea to feature the red box in the lapel pin design by **Ashley Barnard**, who recently transferred to the Houston League.

"The FWSSR has given us the best possible publicity we could never afford to buy. We have been in the Moos Brothers suits, in the Stock Show Parades, in the Grand Entry, in the local paper and on the local news channels and featured on the big screen in the Arena. We are forever grateful that the FWSSR welcomed us with arms full of programs to sell."

– **Lisa Ford**,
Rodeo Program Sales Sustaining Advisor

1954

Rodeo Program Sales begin



Below: William and **Anjie Butler**. Anjie is a current JLFW Sustainer, along with her mother **Gail Landreth**, (President, 1994-1995).

Turn to page four to read more stories of legacy relationships within the League.

1958

The JLFW introduces a Rodeo Program Sales Chair

2013

Inaugural *Grand Entry Gala* themed "Two Stepping For A Cause" is introduced with Wynona Judd



2015

A new *Yell & Sell* Logo debuts and JLFW joins the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR) Grand Entry ride-in for the first time



2016

The League launches its first *Yell & Sell* logo pin

2020

The FWSSR moves to Dickies Arena along with the League's iconic Red Box.



The Diaper Bank Initiative:

Helping Babies and Beyond



We became dedicated to helping those experiencing diaper need. Our immediate goal is to become a functional diaper bank and, in the future, we hope to utilize our committee members to plan and implement drives not only within our membership but across our community.

By Bobbye West

MOST EXPERTS WILL TELL YOU by a child's first birthday they will have gone through 2,500-3,000 diapers, but you may be surprised to learn adults and seniors in need of diapers each use a near-identical number per year! In Fort Worth, the families who are struggling with the need for diapers is staggering. The Junior League of Fort Worth has begun to fill this gap and has already made a large impact on the community in the process.

Brooke Scogin and **Meredith Belew**, Co-Chairs of the JLFW Diaper Bank initiative, were shocked to learn there was such a need for diapers so close to home. Belew shared, "We became dedicated to helping those experiencing diaper need. Our immediate goal is to become a functional diaper bank and, in the future, we hope to utilize our committee members to plan and implement drives not only within our membership but across our community."

Under Scogin and Belew's purview, a diaper drive was held in September to correspond with National Diaper Need Awareness Week and more than 17,000 diapers were received in sizes ranging from premature to adult. Because diaper need has adverse physical and mental health effects on families, including rashes and urinary tract infections along with stress, anxiety and depression, the JLFW seeks to get as many diapers into the hands of the community as quickly as possible. Diapers donated in September are being donated through a soft launch in advance of the JLFW Diaper Bank opening its doors officially in late spring 2020.

Details as to how agencies in Tarrant County will apply for and receive diapers from the JLFW Diaper Bank are still being finalized. Belew says it is a huge work in progress and emphasized that the JLFW Diaper Bank will allow the JLFW to have a direct impact on the day-to-day lives of those in need while also assisting in efforts to close the poverty gap.



Pictured: **Kristen Buchanan, Brooke Scogin, Amanda Osburn, Meredith Belew, and Morgan Brisges.**



Volunteers purchase items for the Dignity Closet in fall 2019.

Dignity Stored in a Closet:

The Community Storehouse Project

By Jenna Conan

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE is an organization in north Fort Worth committed to the education and wellbeing of children in need in the community. The goal of Community Storehouse is to keep children in the classroom and support them when their families are struggling. Often when families cannot meet their children's basic needs such as nutrition, clean clothing or adequate hygiene, it prevents the children from attending school, thus widening the achievement gap between children whose families are at different income levels.

An official Project of 2019-2020, the Junior League of Fort Worth supports the Community Storehouse's Dignity Closet program this year with \$40,000 and five volunteers. The League is helping to provide items such as laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products and toilet paper to families who cannot afford these

items. Families who receive food stamps cannot use those stamps to purchase hygiene items so programs like the Dignity Closet are crucial, providing children with these necessary items.

The Dignity Closet serves the Keller, Carroll and Northwest Independent School Districts, where there are more than 12,000 students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. The organization partners with schools within these districts by finding out the hygiene items their students need and then purchasing and delivering them to the school for distribution. The JLFW has already put together over 200 bags of items for families since June 2019.

Another mission of the Dignity Closet is the Baby Dignity Closet. This program provides teen mothers with necessary baby items such as diapers, wipes, formula, baby clothing, pacifiers and strollers. The goal of the program is to

help support young mothers who may otherwise not be able to continue their education.

League member and current JLFW Team Lead **Ashley Hansen** recently shared, "It has been a pleasure working with the ladies of Community Storehouse, and I can see how passionate and genuine they are about what they are doing. I realize that being made fun of as a child can have a lasting impact on your life. I think it is awesome that Community Storehouse provides these kids the resources for hygiene items so they have one less worry and hopefully will speak up, participate and grow to their full potential."

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The Beat Goes On: 2020 *Grand Entry Gala*

By Sarahi Rodriguez

SINCE ITS INAUGURAL KICKOFF PARTY in January 2013, *Grand Entry Gala* has come to signify the beginning of Rodeo season for the city of Fort Worth.

Sponsors, Honorary Chairs and Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR) enthusiasts all come together to raise money for the community – dinner and dancing included! As the FWSSR made the big move to the new Dickies Arena this year, so did the League's *Grand Entry Gala*.

Dickies Arena is a state-of-the-art venue for large events such as concerts, sporting events, shows, community events and the FWSSR performances. The new venue has an astounding seating capacity of 9,300 for rodeo performances.

Rachael Quisenberry and **Erica Pifer**, the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW)'s 2019-2020 *Grand Entry Gala* Co-Chairs were excited for the move. These two women, who have been working for a year on this event, described the Dickies Arena as a beautiful "tribute to Fort Worth." Honorary Co-Chairs, and sisters, **Marty Leonard** and **Madelon Leonard Bradshaw**, hosted *Grand Entry Gala* at the brand new location and were honored.

In the new space, the JLFW hosted 91 tables of attendees, including an additional 11 tables compared to previous years. Table sponsors and their guests enjoyed a cocktail hour, dinner,

"We are thrilled to have made the move with the Fort Worth Stockshow and Rodeo to Dickies Arena. The new larger venue has allowed us to increase our attendance and open up new seating options with a more accessible price point."

– **Robin Greenhaw**, 2019-2020 Fund Development Vice President

a silent auction and a performance by award-winning country music artist Darius Rucker. Because of the larger venue, JLFW was also able to add concert-only tickets for the first time in the history of the *Gala*. Attendees with concert-only tickets enjoyed the concert from the box seats with complimentary beverages and snacks.

Now in its eighth year, *Grand Entry Gala* is the second-largest fundraiser for the JLFW. **Lauren Matthews**, 2013 *Grand Entry Gala* Co-Chair (the inaugural year) shared her excitement for future events with the opportunity for more space for entertainment, dinner and guests. "This is such a great fundraiser for the Junior League," Matthews noted.



Grand Entry Gala Co-Chairs and Honorary Co-Chairs, from left to right: **Erica Pifer**, **Madelon Leonard-Bradshaw**, **Marty Leonard**, (President, 1973-1974), **Rachael Quisenberry**.

Grand Entry Gala at Dickies Arena



2019-2020 Board of Directors.



Honorary Co-Chairs **Madelon Leonard-Bradshaw** and **Marty Leonard**.



Member volunteers at Grand Entry Gala.



Sara Dameron, Co-Chair **Erica Pifer**, Fund Development Vice President
Robin Greenhaw, Co-Chair **Rachael Quisenberry**.



Gittings Spotlight

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LUCINDA HOAD

Communications Vice President, 2019-2020

Lucinda (Luci) Hoad and her husband, Cory, both grew up in Fort Worth and have known each other since childhood. They met at church as kids but didn't start dating until they were both out of college and the rest is well... history! They have one son named Luke. "We love Fort Worth and all that it has to offer. There are so many different parts of town each with their own feel and fun stuff to do!"

Hoad joined the Junior League of Fort Worth a few years after she was out of college. She was previously in a sorority and appreciated the camaraderie of women getting together to serve the community. "Since then, I have also been excited by the mentoring and skill building the League has provided both intentionally and organically. I am always so impressed and proud of what our women accomplish each year. I can't imagine not being a part of it." Being a part of Junior League of Fort Worth is all about making an intentional choice to give back for Hoad. "Of course there are great rewards that come with the time commitment, but being a member is also a continual choice to continue taking the time to say 'yes' to being a part of something that is bigger than oneself."



EMILY RADLER

Community Vice President, 2019-2020

Emily Radler hails from Houston Texas, but she got to Fort Worth as fast as she could! With pit stops in Austin for college at University of Texas and Dallas for work, she and her husband, Evan, settled in Panther City after they were married in 2012. "I joined the League a few months after I moved to Fort Worth because I wanted to be around smart women who had a similar heart to serve others while getting to know our city. What better way to get to know a city than through its people," Radler shared. When asked what her favorite placement has been so far she named "serving as the Community Impact Ambassador, because I was able to share one-on-one the great work we do in our city, tell people who we are, foster new relationships with nonprofit agencies and help agencies learn how to connect with us." Radler's favorite League memory so far is delivering the news in person to grant recipients and seeing the looks on their faces. "That is something I will never forget. It is incredible how our League selects community partners every year."



REBECCA SIMMONS

Administrative Vice President, 2019-2020

Rebecca Simmons was born in Louisville, Kentucky, but grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana. She came to Fort Worth after graduating from Baylor University and following her college roommates back to the metroplex. It was here she met her husband Jack, a Fort Worth native, at a wedding. Rebecca is also mom to eight year old Jackson and six year old Joyner Rowe.

Simmons joined the Junior League of Fort Worth in 2009. "After getting married and moving to Fort Worth in the summer of 2008, I was looking to plant roots, learn about the city and the people who live here. My grandmother and mother play vital roles in various non-profits in Shreveport. I guess you could say investing in community and volunteering is in my blood." When asked about her favorite placement, she couldn't pick just one. "I have loved each one for various reasons. They have all taught me a great deal!" Her favorite League memory so far has been co-chairing All aBoard. "I had the privilege to help select the women who would be a part of that year's cohort. Being in the League means humility. Every council meeting I lead, every email I send, every member I greet, I'm humbled because this organization is so much bigger than me!"



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MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September – December 2019

TRANSFER IN

Onyinye Akujuo A
JL Atlanta

Elizabeth Brooks A
JL Lubbock

Kerri Connellan A
JL New York

Stephanie Cook A
JL Evanston-
North Shore

Leslie Eugenio S
JL San Antonio

Nchopia Nwokoma
JL Salt Lake City

TRANSFER OUT

Caitlin Kuglen A
JL Austin

Alayne Andrie A
JL Louisville

Marianne Brawner A
JL Dallas

Casey Bulls A
JL San Francisco

Nicole Cheatham P
JL Dallas

Sydni Dunn P
JL Salt Lake City

Sarajane Eisen S
JL Beaumont

Jennifer Hurd A
JL Midland

Katie Wickersham A
JL Seattle, WA

CONDOLENCES

Amy Chambers S
Loss of Father

Susan Deanovich Closuit S
Loss of Sister-in-Law

Christina Ensminger A
Loss of Father

Terri Gossett S
Loss of Mother and Father

Allison Gross
Loss of Brother

Lucy Hyden S
Loss of Mother

Sally Jakimer S
Loss of Husband

Libits Kendall S
Loss of Mother-in-Law

Laura McWhorter S
Loss of Mother-in-Law

Becky Schmid A
Loss of Grandmother

Maggie Baggett
Shori S
Loss of Father

Rebecca Simmons A
Loss of Grandmother

Shelley Simon A
Loss of Grandmother

Reese Small S
Loss of Father

Jessica Tetirick A
Loss of Grandfather

Mary Katherine
Tetirick S
Loss of Father-in-Law

Sandra Tuomey S
Loss of Mother-in-Law
Loss of Father-in-Law

Brook Small
Whitworth S
Loss of Grandfather

Kathy Womack S
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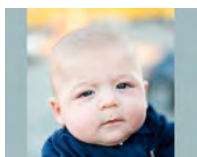
LITTLEST LEAGUERS

Our Growing Community



Charlotte Elise Massingill

Amanda and Robert Massingill welcomed their daughter, Charlotte Elise, on July 22, 2019.



Wesley Wells Goodroe

Andi and Court Goodroe welcomed their son, Wesley Wells Goodroe, on July 23, 2019.



James Michael Hardin

Cara and John Hardin welcomed their son, James Michael, on August 2, 2019.



Catherine Carter Neill

Ashley and Drew Neill welcomed their daughter, Catherine Carter, on August 23, 2019.



Graham Michael Kozan

Addy and Robert Kozan welcomed their son, Graham Michael, on September 5, 2019.



McKenzie Susan Myers

Lizzie and Jake Myers welcomed their daughter, McKenzie Susan, on October 16, 2019.



Ellie Rhine Hand

Keegan and Matt Hand welcomed their daughter, Ellie Rhine, on October 20, 2019.



Nolan Laroco Johnson

Laurimay and Vernon Johnson welcomed their son, Nolan Laroco, on October 20, 2019.

Life in the League

MARRIAGES



Magellan Taylor married Chase Brickey on April 27, 2019.



Holly O'Harra married Cameron Ayres on November 11, 2019.



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Madeline Fikar married Andrew Hunt on January 11, 2020.



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