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# President's Perspective

**J**ohnnie Dent Jr. said “If your faith doesn’t remove the mountain, get to climbing.” As 2020 has given way to 2021, the strangeness of living through a pandemic has not waned. But our League and its women are climbing and continuing to personify our theme for the year – Thrive! Our members have rallied behind our Mission and continued to amaze me. They’ve been persistent in their efforts but flexible when plans have needed to shift. They have creatively re-imagined ways to serve this community when the old way wasn’t possible. They’ve poured their hearts into causes and efforts that help our community, each other and our League. The following are just a few of the numerous examples of ways we are climbing and thriving:

- Jr. MINTS have rallied our members and community to help restore a partner school’s library destroyed by a fire.
- *Christmas in Cowtown*, *Grand Entry Gala* and Rodeo Program Sales fundraising teams have each completely reimagined, replanned and executed new ways to reach our donors when in-person events haven’t been possible with first-ever virtual magazines, letter, yard sign and social media campaigns. They’ve worked hard to ensure JLFW raises money to continue to make an impact in our community.
- Each month, our Diversity & Inclusion committee has planned a theme to help our Members engage in thoughtful dialogue, learn about other cultures and explore their own biases – all with an intent to become more open, inclusive and well rounded – as individuals and an organization.
- We’ve granted \$560,000 in project monies to 10 nonprofit agencies and those teams have creatively determined how to serve those agencies in safe and meaningful ways.
- We’ve planned and launched a new Placement Matching Tool to help our members in selecting placements that will further their personal development and allow them to serve in the most desirable ways.
- We held a Fall *Day of Giving* where almost 100 members dedicated over 300 hours to help 8 nonprofit agencies with projects of various kinds in a single day.
- Women have learned how to continue to engage with one another virtually to accomplish tasks vital to our Mission. We are all Zoom experts now!
- We’ve seen a record number of General Membership Meeting attendees as we’ve focused on 3 of our impact areas: Basic Needs, Education and Physical & Mental Health.
- We’ve given JLFW Headquarters some new technology upgrades to the conference and Amon Carter rooms.
- We’re planning a safe way to deliver the important content of Healthy Heroes: A Kids in the Kitchen initiative to school age children throughout our MINTS campuses this spring.
- We’re excited to give the children at Cook Children’s a boost with our re-imagined Pancake Picnic this spring.
- We’ve selected and slated next year’s leadership teams to ensure the League will continue to thrive.

Peter Marshall said “When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure.” Thank you to our members for being women of purpose, determination and grit. Thank you for endeavoring to thrive through the difficulty – because you matter, this League matters and this work matters!

Press on and be well,

Amber Robertson  
Junior League of Fort Worth  
President, 2020-2021



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ON THE COVER: From the left, Logan Stewart, Abby Smartt, Christina Procacci and Courtney Krauss.

## 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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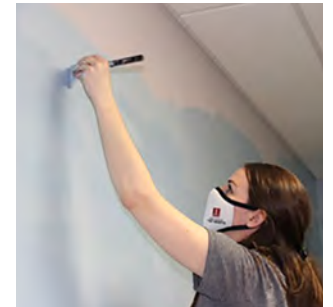


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## Vision

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



# Love our League: "Yelling and Selling" Virtual Style

*By Jenna Conan Simpson*



## **Programs supported through the Junior League of Fort Worth social media campaign**

- Diaper Bank
- Junior M.I.N.T.S. Program
- The Cliburn
- The Ladder Alliance's Welcome to the Arts
- Healthy Heroes
- Cook Children's Hospital
- Recovery Resource Council
- Fort Worth Drowning Prevention

**S**ince the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo could not take place this year due to COVID-19, the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) was unable to “yell and sell” as usual to raise money for the League by selling rodeo programs. Instead, JLFW and League members have been “yelling” about how much We Love Our League and “selling” others on supporting the League on social media. This social media campaign kicked off on February 10th, just in time for Valentine’s Day. Every other day, JLFW social media highlighted the League’s five areas of impact and specific agencies and initiatives that we support.

The first program highlighted was the JLFW Diaper Bank, highlighting how the Junior League supports our community’s basic needs. The Diaper Bank provides diapers to families who are struggling to have their basic needs met. In its first year, the Diaper Bank has distributed almost 214,000 diapers to members of the Fort Worth community. This year, JLFW also partnered with the Tarrant Area Food Bank to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to families in addition to the other items the Diaper Bank provides. Especially during the pandemic, these programs have provided crucial support for many families.

Next, League members “yelled” about the Junior Mints program, which is an example of how the Junior League supports education. Fort Worth League members volunteer more than 4,500 hours and the League gives more than \$50,000 annually to support students and teachers in our six FWISD partner

school campuses. This partnership with the League supports schools through literacy initiatives, life-readiness programs, food and book drives, teacher assistance, student tutoring and more.

JLFW also supports arts and culture in the Fort Worth community and has given \$70,000 this year toward music education, creative arts and performing arts. The League supports The Cliburn’s International and Amateur competitions through volunteers and funding. This year, the League has also partnered with The Ladder Alliance’s Welcome to the Arts program to introduce and expose their client’s children to the arts.

Health is another focus of the League, and JLFW has donated over \$250,000 to health-related programs this year alone. The Healthy Heroes program has positively impacted thousands of Fort Worth ISD students through nutrition education and healthy living choices. Other health-related organizations that the League supports include Cook Children’s Hospital, Recovery Resource Council and Fort Worth Drowning Prevention. The League’s fifth area of impact is supporting Fort Worth; all of these organizations are local community establishments that support the residents of Fort Worth.

You can still Love Our League and support these wonderful programs and many more by donating to the Junior League of Fort Worth’s rodeo program sales fund at [www.juniorleaguefw.org/rodeo-program/](http://www.juniorleaguefw.org/rodeo-program/).



# League Members Lend a Helping Hand with Day of Service

By Rémy Brown

**T**he Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW), in partnership with dozens of community nonprofit agencies, has designated two days per year in which League members are called upon to volunteer their time and skills to lend a helping hand.

The 2020 fall *Day of Giving* provided nine nonprofit organizations with 97 committed and hardworking JLFW volunteers to help with tasks from gardening to stuffing bags. Traditionally, the day consists of a three-hour shift held on a single day in November. The *Day of Giving* committee worked to provide members with flexible opportunities to ensure the health and safety of both the community organizations staff and League members. This included spreading volunteer opportunities throughout the month and offering virtual and outdoor events which allowed members to continue to participate and agencies to get the assistance they count on from the League while practicing social distancing.

“We kept an open mind when planning the fall *Day of Giving* and addressed challenges on the spot. The biggest challenge was how to safely offer *Day of Giving* shifts,” noted **Hilary Gray**, *Day of Giving* Co-chair.

Throughout the month, volunteers assisted with assembling materials for students including goody bags for The Ladder Alliance students and educational enrichment

materials for Community Storehouse. Others rolled up their sleeves to get their hands in the dirt to help winterize the garden at Opening Doors for Women in Need and assist the Master Gardener at McFarland House.

Members also volunteered to inspire young minds by participating in Fort Worth Country Days’ Breakthrough Fort Worth Program which aims to expose students to different college and career experiences. Meanwhile, others were busy packing, organizing and cleaning at organizations across Fort Worth including, Fortress, Project-44, Lighthouse for the Blind and Presbyterian Night Shelter.

According to Gray, less applications for volunteers were received this fall, so the committee decided to prioritize the participation of provisionals and transfers to ensure they were able to experience *Day of Giving*, many for the first time.

“The committee is currently reviewing applications for the spring *Day of Giving* and hopes to have more opportunities for members,” noted Gray. “Nonetheless, we will have both virtual and inperson opportunities with COVID safety protocols in place.”

*Day of Giving* allows League members to learn more about the community organizations the League supports while being hands on and giving back to these organizations who strive to make our community a better place.



# Grand Entry Gala Runs Yard Sign Campaign to Raise Funds

By Rémy Brown



Peggy Sims

**“We have learned that we have a loyal donor base, and we are thankful for their continued and generous support as we navigate a difficult year.”**



To protect the health and safety of our community, the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, scheduled to run from Jan. 15 through Feb. 6, announced Oct. 9, 2020, the event was canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It was the first time the event had been canceled since 1943.

*Grand Entry Gala*, one of Junior League of Fort Worth's (JLFW) most impactful fundraisers, is traditionally held in partnership with the FWSSR every January. Attendees slip into their favorite cowboy attire for an evening of good food, great company and even a little dancing to raise funds in support of the League's Mission to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women and improve communities.

Although the eighth annual *Grand Entry Gala* could not take place in its normal capacity this year, the committee came together and creatively crafted a campaign to bring yard signs to both the Gala donor base and JLFW members. The campaign has raised more than \$92,750 so far.

“We have learned that we have a loyal donor base, and we are thankful for their continued and generous support as we navigate a difficult year” said **Mary Lou Hillard**, Fund Development Vice President.

Beyond the *Grand Entry Gala* yard sign campaign, the Rodeo Program Sales committee partnered with the League's Communications council to utilize the League's social media to promote Rodeo Program Sales through the ongoing,

“Love Our League” digital campaign. The social media campaign provided an added layer of visibility for the FWSSR. The campaign provided a customized profile picture frame for donors and League members to declare their love for the League and the ways in which the League impacts the community. The committee also designed posts to encourage support of the League's initiatives through donations. The Rodeo Program Sales committee assisted by spreading the word and raising awareness of the League's impact areas among a broader audience.

Hillard is proud of the committee and council's work to overcome this year's challenges – pivoting to ensure the League continued to receive support despite the circumstances.

“We wanted to keep the League visible during a time of year that we typically are, and hopefully spread the word about what we do to generate impact with the funds we raise,” explained Hillard.

Hopefully the ninth annual *Grand Entry Gala* can resume as usual, allowing attendees to dust off their boots, mix and mingle yet again and support the League and the Fort Worth community.

**Despite the many challenges this year has brought, the provisional class of 2020-21 has shown creativity and resilience in continuing to build relationships with one another and meet the needs of the Fort Worth community.**

**S**imilar to many other programs and activities, the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) provisional class of 2020-21 programming has undergone major shifts this year due to COVID-19. Social distancing and the inability to have large gatherings have changed many of the experiences that provisional members usually participate in. However, this provisional class has been incredibly innovative and positive through this year's challenges. This group of women has found many new ways to serve the community and get to know one another. The challenges that this year brought also have resulted in the creation of a new position, First Year Active Chair, who will work to connect these women as they fully enter the League next year.

Provisional class meetings have not been able to take place in person, and have been held virtually instead. This has made personal connections and building community more difficult. However, groups have recently started meeting individually and in small groups in person in socially distanced settings, such as outdoors, based on the group members' comfort levels. Provisional members and their advisors have been able to go out for dinner or drinks to get to know one another, which has been a

# Provisional Class 2020-21

*By Jenna Conan Simpson*

welcome way to facilitate connections. Recently, provisionals have also begun to organize informal social gatherings in smaller groups, and are hoping they can have a larger outdoor social later in the spring.

Another challenge this provisional class has faced and overcome is their involvement in the Junior M.I.N.T.S. program, where JLFW members support high-needs schools' students and teachers. Although they were not able to visit the schools in person at the beginning of the school year, the provisionals did take-home projects to help out the teachers and have recently been able to help with end-of-day pickup. The provisional members have listened to the school communities and found ways to meet their needs. For example, the entire provisional class joined together to organize a book drive for one of their schools that lost their library in a fire. The effort was incredibly successful and the school has a library today because of their efforts! Recently, they have organized canned food drives to keep the schools' food pantries stocked for families who experience food insecurity. Over spring break, the members are also planning to go into the schools to do something special for the teachers.

Junior League's annual Pancake Picnic is another event that will look different this year, but the provisional class is being flexible and finding ways to serve the patients of Cook Children's Hospital despite COVID restrictions. They are delivering pancakes to the patients'

rooms and putting together big "goody bags" for the patients and their families. Despite the many challenges this year has brought, the provisional class of 2020-21 has shown creativity and resilience in continuing to build relationships with one another and meet the needs of the Fort Worth community.



Courageous Conversations:

# JLFW Diversity and Inclusion Facebook Group

By: Channa Barrett

If you are not a member of the JLFW Diversity and Inclusion Facebook Group, you're completely missing out! The JLFW Diversity and Inclusion Facebook Group serves as the activity space for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee's monthly topics.

In January, the group presented the topic, "Latina/Latino/Latinx/Hispanic – what do all the words mean?" They opened the topic by exploring intricacies and open dialogue of Spanish and Latin Heritage and Lineage. Hispanic refers to people with a Spanish-speaking background. Latino, on the other hand, refers to those from the geographic region of Latin America. In recent years, the word latinx has gained traction as a gender-neutral alternative to latino/a.

To further the conversation on Hispanic culture and LatinX representation in the United States, **Liz Confiliano** and **Shay Dial Johnson** hosted a Diversity & Inclusion Panel Discussion moderated by **Rachel Navejar Phillips** and panelists **Glenda Diaz, Melissa Moreno, Tamara Correa, and Frances Lopez**. The panel created open dialogue between attendees, and the discussion allowed them to learn and ask questions in a comfortable, non-judgemental setting.

In February, the group honored Black History Month with various black history facts and profiles of Fort Worth Black History makers. For example, they highlighted an incredible story of the first black undergraduate students at Texas Christian University: Patsy Brown, Allene



Parks Jones, and Doris Ann McBride. Allene Parks then went on to become the first Black faculty member of TCU teaching at the Harris College of Nursing from 1968 to 1998.

In March, the group celebrated Women's History Month by acknowledging female leaders within the Fort Worth Community: Anita Heiskell (Jack and Jill Fort Worth), Sandy Martinez Russell (Hispanic Women's Network of Texas), Christina Rodgers (Vice President of Frost Private Bank), and Dr. Timeka Gordan (Director of Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services at Texas Christian University).





As **Amy Akanni** says, “While we may not see each other face to face, we’re still using this time to reflect on how women all across the world thrive, and all the things we can do!”

The JLFW Diversity and Inclusion Facebook group is providing space for members to learn, reflect, and challenge their thinking. They strive to bring cultural and ethical awareness to JLFW. To sign up for the private group, search for the “JLFW: Diversity and Inclusion Committee Group,” join the group, and wait for admin approval.



**“While we may not see each other face to face, we’re still using this time to reflect on how women all across the world thrive, and all the things we can do!”**



# Clear the List to Fill the Shelves

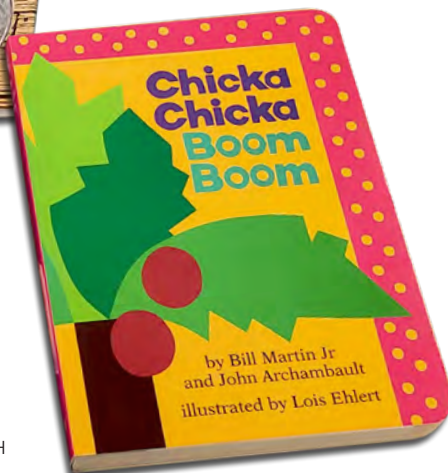
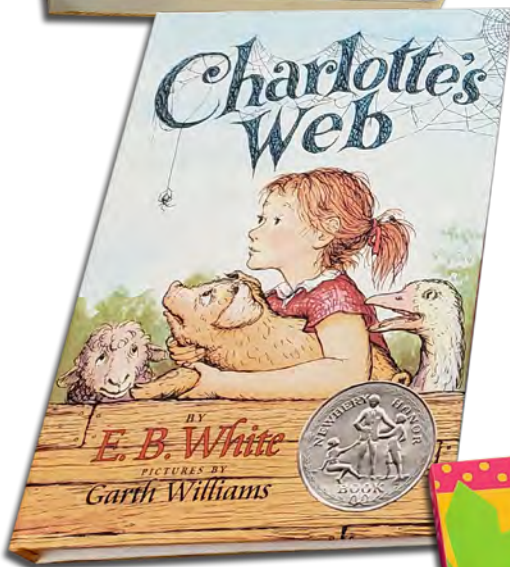
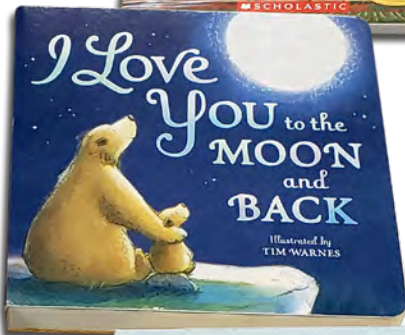
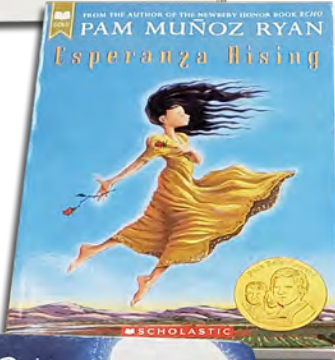
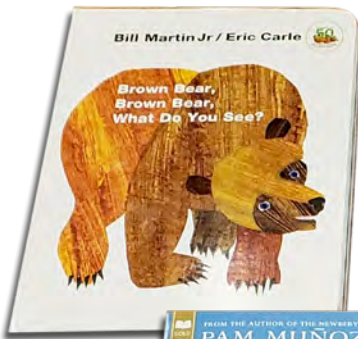
## JLFW Launches Virtual Book Drive Benefiting Walton Elementary

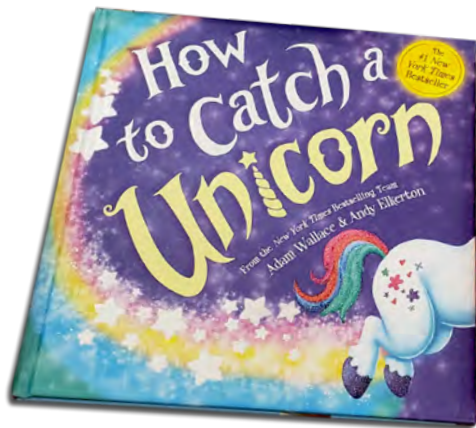
*By Meredith Lynch*

**O**n the evening of September 25, 2020, Maudrie M. Walton Elementary was tragically burglarized and the school library was set on fire just as students were preparing to return to on-campus learning. What was once a vibrant library that brought so much joy to Walton students and teachers, became a crime scene that was heavily damaged by fire and water. All of the books and contents were lost to damage. The Junior League of Fort Worth has a long-standing partnership within FWISD through the Junior M.I.N.T.S. program which provides volunteers to several underserved campuses to mentor, inspire, nurture, tutor and support. Walton Elementary is a school served through the M.I.N.T.S. program this year. Coincidentally, JLFW was scheduled to have a workday at the school the day after the fire.

League Member **Mindee Olm**, who serves as the school coordinator for M.I.N.T.S. said that she and other JLFW volunteers for Walton were stunned and wanted to help in any way that they could. The virtual book drive started as an idea and through the support and determination of our members and leadership, it was quickly brought to life through an Amazon wish list. Mindee remembers how heartsick she and the other Walton volunteers were after the fire, but how excited they were to fill the shelves and bring books back to these much deserving students. "It just kept growing and growing! The books kept coming!" Word of mouth spread quickly, as did private and corporate donations. League members were eager to support and donate books through the Amazon wish list and porch pickups. NBC5 did a feature story on the book drive as did a local radio station, which drew more attention and community participation. Fellow FWISD schools and students also chipped in hosting campus book drives to help restore the Walton library.

**"It just kept growing and growing! The books kept coming!"**





In total, JLFW in conjunction with community support was generously able to provide thousands of books to Walton Elementary which has thrilled the students and faculty. The library is still undergoing repairs and restoration, so a makeshift library has been setup in the school's auditorium, but the Walton family is thrilled with the generosity of the League and Fort Worth community. Because of the success of this project, future book drives may become a part of Junior League efforts with more FWISD campuses in upcoming years.



# Training in a Virtual World

By Elizabeth St. John

There is an adage from Henry David Thoreau stating, “things do not change; we change” — these words personify how the Training Committee overcame the shift from previous year’s in-person training program to produce an entirely virtual schedule as a result of the pandemic. Although faced with a new format that produced logistical challenges for the team, the goal of providing opportunities for members to enrich their minds, learn about our community partners, engage with speakers who sparked intellectual curiosity and grow in their own personal well-being and mental health remained steadfast.

While the Training Committee faced similar technological challenges other organizations faced, they demonstrated their ability to adapt and pivot by changing the model of facilitation at the onset of the training schedule which began on June 23, 2020. By implementing a two-facilitator model, our Training Committee was able to ensure each guest presenter was supported by traditional facilitation needs of welcoming the group and monitoring Q&A, while the other helped with attendance and addressed technical challenges attendees may have faced. In speaking with Training Co-Chair, **Clara Cantu**, it became evident that the shift in facilitation model in a virtual environment was a byproduct of the resiliency the Training Committee showed in acting swiftly to get a consistent program of trainings scheduled, up and running only two weeks after the League season officially kicked off on June 1, 2020. A key to the



Members send “Cheers” to a successful first Training Book Club Training where they discussed *The Happiness Project* by Gretchen Rubin.

scheduling success which enabled the team to prevent scheduling or technical problems was assigning Tuesdays as “training day” on the League calendar. While previous years required coordination with venues and speaker schedules, a virtual environment where guest speakers were able to simply “hop on” from their own home aided the team to get nearly 90% of the 40 yearly trainings booked and on the schedule by the end of the summer.

The consistent beat of training also allowed the team to stay attuned to what training topics seemed to be most popular with membership, allowing them to either add training they saw a need for or timely schedule training like “Leadership in the League” a few days before applications opened. Not surprising, the standout training theme surrounded positive mental health, personal well-being and managing

personal resilience in times of change, something we all have been challenged with over the past year. Although sessions aligned with personal growth in times of challenge were most attended, smaller sessions were successful in producing fruitful discussions.

Clara Cantu mentioned, “When training was in person, we were always worried about how many people would show up. Let’s say, if less than 15-20 people attended, how did it look to the presenter that not a lot of people showed up? Would attendees feel pressured to speak? However, in the virtual environment, smaller groups like we saw in the “Licensed Professional Counselor — Finding Security in an Insecure World” training were more fruitful because there was something about the safe space a small virtual room created that produced meaningful and insightful conversation.”

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Clear trends were also seen in member feedback. While members are excited to get back to in-person trainings to see the League's small business and community partners firsthand, members appreciated the flexibility virtual trainings provided and cited they felt that "more intimate conversations were able to be had" and they were able to attend a greater number of sessions of interest to them.



Bill Porter from the Gladney Center for Adoption discusses how the neurobiology of our brain works. Members came away with suggestions for improved mindfulness when our brain is under stress.

While we are unsure of what the next year will bring, one thing is certain – the pace of change will continue to get faster each day, but our Training Committee is well equipped to deliver on their promise of delivering insightful, helpful, and educational trainings for all members that are topical, timely and sometimes, as one member said, "just what I needed to hear today."



Dabney Poorter shares her best tips and tricks for navigating brands during the "Navigating Brands during COVID-19" training.

## MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February 19 – March 19, 2021

### TRANSFER IN

Suzanne Conaway S  
JL Midland  
Heather Hix S  
JL Charleston, SC  
JJ Magsig S  
JL Houston  
Kalee Perry S  
JL Midland  
Rebekah Stewart S  
JL Richmond, VA

### TRANSFER OUT

Ann Farmer S  
JL Louisville, KY  
Karah Kellam A  
JL Amarillo  
Paula Scott S  
JL Amarillo

### RESIGN

Lauren Rose A

### CONGRATULATIONS

Tishara Jackson A  
Engaged to Terrell Shaw  
January 1, 2021

### TIDINGS

Katie and Brian Wharry A  
Son, Robert Copeland  
May 21, 2020  
Hilary and Dewayne Gray A  
Daughter Helena James  
February 11, 2021  
Megan and Brad Quirk A  
Son Robert William  
January 28, 2021  
Elyse and Gavin Robinson A  
Daughter Lydia Helen  
February 10, 2021

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Loss of Aunt  
Lori Roach Davis S  
Loss of Aunt  
Karen Hutchinson Gordon S  
Loss of Mother  
Ellen Kelly S  
Loss of Brother-in-Law  
Brooke Kelly Lively S  
Loss of Husband  
Brooke E. Lively S  
Loss of Husband

Jean Wiggin Roach S  
Loss of Sister  
Alice Waters S  
Loss of Sister

### IN MEMORY

Louise Britt Carvey  
Sustainer Ermeritus  
January 31, 2021  
Diann Tavender Stadler  
Sustainer  
February 21, 2021  
Jane Wiggin York  
Sustainer  
February 21, 2021

### Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.



# Gittings Spotlight

## on Your Board of Directors

### MARY LOU HILLIARD

*2020-2021 Fund Development Vice President*

I wasn't born in Fort Worth, but my Dad was, which brought my family back to town when I was a baby. I've been married to my husband Brad Hilliard for 9 years. We "met" at a mutual friend's wedding in New Orleans, but we'd gone to college together at TCU. I have one child, Harrison (8). I have two rescue dogs, Dottie and Floppy. I joined the League in 2012. I was drawn to impactful voluntarism and meeting new people. My favorite placement has been Cook Children's Child Life. That program is a ray of light in the darkness for a lot of families visiting the hospital. I love being able to bring a tiny bit of joy to those families. If I had to pick out of CIC, GEG, or Rodeo, I would pick GEG; however, as a past GEG Co-Chair, I'm a little biased. My most favorite memory of the League will be this year. This year has been by far the most difficult, but I already know the memories will be my favorite. The League means a lot to me. It's a channel for service, a place to meet new people, and point of purpose and practice during a phase in my life where I was not in the workplace.



### BROOKE SCOGIN

*2020-2021 Membership Vice President*

I was born in Fort Worth but grew up in Portland, Texas. I moved to Fort Worth to attend TCU. I've been married to my husband Sean for almost 15 years. We met in college through mutual friends and have been together almost 20 years! We have three boys: Clark (7), Graham (3), and Maxwell (1). I have one dog, Dovey, a cocker spaniel. I joined the League as a way to connect to Fort Worth and find community. I feel like every placement has given me as much as I've given to it. Our commitment to providing training and development for our membership and our greater community is unparalleled! The year I held the Provisional Co-Chair position, we completely changed the provisional experience as a result of the closure of the Double Exposure, our resale shop. This closure brought on the opportunity to serve our school district through the Junior MINTS program and to celebrate and support Cook Children's Medical Center through the Provisional Pancake Picnic. Christmas in Cowtown is my favorite! All of the special events and amazing shopping! I have also loved serving on the Board and as one of the first Junior League of Fort Worth Diaper Bank Co-Chairs! We spent almost two years planning, meeting, writing documents, reaching out to community partners, preparing, and gathering donations! We were ready to pilot all of our systems and see them in action, and more importantly, to fulfill our goal of getting as many diapers as possible out in the community! Being in the League is such an honor. Our legacy is strong and keeps growing!



### MEGAN VALUSEK

*2020-2021 Administrative Vice President*

I am originally from Houston and grew up there as well. I came to Fort Worth for college at TCU and never left! My husband Dustin and I were married in 2018. We were "strategically" introduced by mutual friends at a backyard BBQ. We have one daughter, Finley Ann (18 months). We have two loveable fur babies: Milly (Rhodesian Ridgeback) and Annie (Border Collie/Blue Heeler). I joined the League in 2012, I wanted to learn more about philanthropic opportunities within our community as well as meet new friends as I made Fort Worth home. I am very grateful to say that both have been accomplished year after year. My favorite placements have been on the Rodeo Program Sales Committee and being a Co-chair for the committee. One of my favorite aspects of Rodeo is the opportunity we have as members to support the league by fundraising \$1 at a time while showing our community our willingness to fundraise and support them. My favorite memory in the league was serving at the Ronald McDonald House during a spring Day of Giving. This day was special to our group because once we had completed our project for the day we received a tour of the facility and learned all about the work being done and the volunteer opportunities at Ronald McDonald House. Each year, Day of Giving is one of my favorite volunteer opportunities offered in our league. Being in the league means having the opportunity to learn from one another to support each other, our league and our community.

## LITTLEST LEAGUERS

### Our Growing Community



Joanna Powell Pallone

Faith Bates and Dr. Joe Pallone welcomed their daughter, Joanna Powell, on August 16, 2019.



Keen Wesley Petronis

Savannah and Richard Petronis welcomed their son, Keen Wesley, on January 4, 2020.



Theodore Raymond Riddell

Kendall and Adam Riddell welcomed their son, Theodore Raymond, on May 04, 2020.



Margot Catherine Overturf

Michal and Travis Overturf welcomed their daughter, Margot Catherine, on September 6, 2020.



George Hubert Washechek

Brianna and Jim Washechek welcomed their son, George Hubert, on September 9, 2020.



Reese Taylor Pierson

Jess and Chase Pierson welcomed their daughter, Reese Taylor, on September 16, 2020.



Charlotte Duran

Ella and Michael Duran welcomed their daughter, Charlotte, on October 12, 2020.



Gene Fox Ezzell

Jennifer and David Ezzell welcomed their son, Gene Fox, on October 21, 2020.



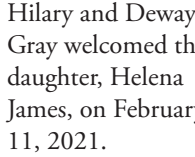
Remington Corbett and Frederica Irby Morton

Berry and Brent Morton welcomed their twins, Remington Corbett and Frederica Irby, on November 18, 2020.



Samuel Alfred Legler

Claire Kelly-Legler and Scott Legler welcomed their son, Samuel Alfred, on January 20, 2021.



Helena James Gray

Hilary and Dewayne Gray welcomed their daughter, Helena James, on February 11, 2021.



Benjamin "Hayes" Mojica

Lyndsay and Brandon Mojica welcomed their son, Benjamin "Hayes", on February 16, 2021.

## MARRIAGES



Alexis Jenkins married Tyler Craig on November 13, 2020.

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