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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.

## The Lariat Vision

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## A Message from Tiffany Rubenkoenig

**One Woman. One League. One Community.**



A new year for the League brings a new focus. Our Mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities will always be at the heart of what we do as an organization, but how we define what that looks like changes with each year. As we move into a new year, we will focus on honoring the individual efforts of each member, the effectiveness of those members coming together and working for the League, and the impact the League has made and continues to make in our community.

In reflecting on what I wanted to say to all of you in my first letter as President, I recalled a recent article by Lynn Yeakel, founder of Vision 2020 and a member of the Junior League of Philadelphia, published by the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), titled *Never Tell A Woman Something Can't Be Done*. While it definitely gave me a good chuckle to see I'm not the only one who strongly believes in that maxim, it also made me think about the many obstacles our members have withstood and consider what might have happened if they'd believed something couldn't be accomplished. Our wonderful organization was started by just 10 individual women coming together over a shared idea in 1929. What if the pressures from the start of the Great Depression had forced the founding 10 to give up? What if the commitment to a daily fundraiser and business venture, that later became the Double Exposure, had been too daunting? What if the research and ongoing oversight of community projects and events was seen as so endless and exhausting that our members walked away?

The ALJI article was a great reminder that those women before us who affected change ignored the warnings of what seemed at the time to be impossible. They probably didn't even realize they were making history - they were just living their lives and doing what they saw needed to be done. As we recognize the tireless work before us, we can all agree with Lynn Yeakel that "commitment is the source of solutions; courage is the source of action; and human dignity is the source of purpose." From those 10 women in 1929, today we have close to 1,900 members and an endless list of accomplishments within Fort Worth. Always remember that your commitment to the League brings a change to our community and through your action and purpose we'll continue to conquer the impossible.

To see the many opportunities where your commitment can be put to use, please read through this wonderful edition of *The Lariat*. Please also check your email for monthly E-Blasts, our various social media platforms for weekly updates, and attend General Membership Meetings starting this September. Everyone has been hard at work for an active 2016-2017 year and you don't want to miss out on the many options to get what you want out of the League. I look forward to the year ahead and seeing from this strong group of women everything that can be accomplished!

All the Best-

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## ***New Training Requirement Brings Lots of New Opportunities***

*By Rachel Yurek*

**B**y now, all Junior League of Fort Worth members should be aware of the changes to our membership requirements that were voted on last year. One of those changes is the requirement for Actives to attend at least two (2) training sessions each year. Provisionals are also required to attend two (2) trainings. With nearly 800 Active and Provisional members and a cap of anywhere from 25 to 150 women per session, Training Co-Chairs **Carrie Todd** and **Sarah Webb** have been working hard to plan fun, informative, and meaningful sessions our members will benefit from and enjoy. With a goal of offering a minimum of two sessions each month, Carrie and Sarah have stacked the deck with some great options for the first half of the year!

Over the summer a number of trainings were given including one on the *Placement & Nominating Process* in the League, another on *Getting the Most from Digital Cheetah* and one on the *Bylaws & Standing Rules* of the League. There was also a tour of the Tarrant Area Food Bank and on Wednesday, August 30, Fort Worth Country Day School Counselor Teresa Fuss presented *Love & Logic* parenting, a balanced parenting approach based on love and respect that is used in schools and churches around the country.

Our fall schedule kicks off on Monday, September 19, when you can join fellow League members for an interactive evening of *Crucial Conversations* and learn tools to keep a conversation moving forward when the stakes and emotions are high. This is an excellent skill for anybody to have, but will be especially valuable for someone planning to ask for a raise or promotion, or dealing with interpersonal conflicts within a team environment. And make sure you have your business cards ready on Thursday, October 20, when Shivaun Palmer, CEO and founder of Plaid for Women, will teach members how to successfully network and help them write an “elevator speech” - a brief statement about who you are and what benefits you bring to the table - to have ready the next time you find yourself in an elevator with a CEO.

In addition to these great trainings, keep an eye on the JLFW Member website, your monthly e-blasts, our JLFW Member Facebook page, and future issues of *The Lariat* for additional upcoming training sessions!

Trainings Planned for 2016 (as of August 1, subject to change)

### **September**

- Monday, September 19, 6 p.m.: Crucial Conversations
- Wednesday, September 28, 6 p.m.: Fort Worth Adolescent and Youth Adult Oncology Coalition Tour at Baylor Scott and White All Saints Center

### **October**

- Thursday, October 20 at 6 p.m.: Networking (work with external speaker)
- Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 pm: Facility Tour – Fortress Youth Development Center
- Thursday, October 27 at 12 noon: Eating Disorders by LA Shephard

### **November**

- TBD at 6 p.m.: Homelessness in Fort Worth
- Tuesday, November 15 at 6 p.m.: Public Speaking

### **December**

- TBD at 6 p.m.: Economic Impact of the Rodeo
- TBD at Noon: Placement Process
- TBD at 6 p.m.: Placement Process

*President Tiffany Rubenkoenig and Active Kathryn McGlinchy hosted an interactive conversation about the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the JLFW*



*Tarrant Area Food Bank Tour Group*



## Christmas in Cowtown Adds Sunday Hours!

By Hendrika Rhoad

With the changing of the seasons comes one of the Junior League's (and Fort Worth's) most anticipated events, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Christmas in Cowtown Holiday Gift Market (CIC)*! Bigger and better than ever, this year *CIC* expands its opening hours to Sunday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) to allow even more time for shopping, sipping, and socializing while supporting JLFW and our many wonderful community partnerships. The ever-popular *Cocktails in Cowtown Preview Party* will be Wednesday, October 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. with delicious tasting stations from some of Fort Worth's finest restaurants and live music by Phil Pritchett. For those wanting to get an early start and catch up with friends over lunch, the *High Heels & Holly Private Shopping and Luncheon* starts at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 13 and will feature the launch of our new Designer Showcase, a silent auction of holiday wreaths designed by local florists and interior decorators. General shopping for this year's market runs from Thursday, October 13 through Sunday, October 16 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center.

Find unique gifts everyone will enjoy . . . and don't forget about yourself! Local school choirs will be joining in the fun and filling Will Rogers with the holiday spirit throughout the day on Saturday, October 15 for *Performing Arts Day*. And don't forget to come on Sunday for our inaugural *Mimosas at the Market* featuring mimosas (of course) and brunch goodies. The more the merrier, so whether planning a girls' night out, afternoon excursion, or Santa shopping for the kiddos, join us and jumpstart the holiday season with live entertainment each evening, refreshing cocktails, and treats to snack on.

As we once again throw open the doors to Will Rogers and invite the community to peruse 200+ boutique and bespoke merchants from all over the country, while sipping and socializing and getting into the holiday spirit, it's important to remember the purpose behind this event - raising funds to continue our Mission of supporting local organizations in our community. The Junior League of Fort Worth has raised nearly \$2.5 million dollars over the past 10 years of *Christmas in Cowtown* and that would not be possible without the dedication, commitment, and hard work of the approximately 300 annual League volunteers who come together to make *CIC* a success. It is truly about giving back to the community!

Tickets for all events are on sale now on the Junior League website and will be available for \$12 at the door for general shopping. Remember, kids under 8 get in free, so bring the whole family! Additional information available on Junior League of Fort Worth's website ([www.juniorleaguefw.org](http://www.juniorleaguefw.org)) or check out the Facebook event page for this fabulous opportunity to give back to the community.



The 2016 Christopher Radko ornament is now available on the League website. Reserve yours now before they are gone!

## **Evolution of a Junior League “Career”:** *Being a Provisional*

By Luci Hoad

For 85 years, women in Fort Worth have been building relationships with each other and their community through opportunities provided by the Junior League. Anyone who has listened to a President’s reflections as she passes the gavel at the May meeting, or talked to an Active who will soon be transitioning into the role of a Sustainer, or even caught up with a Provisional who is busily trying to navigate the new requirements that come with League membership, will quickly realize the average Junior League career is as varied as the women who pursue it and as rewarding as it is time-consuming.

Like anything else with a history spanning multiple decades, the Junior League of Fort Worth has evolved over time. New projects and a changing city have contributed to the wide variety of volunteers opportunities that a modern Provisional class member participates in during her first year. What hasn’t changed, however, is the importance of the Provisional experience in continually crafting engaged and responsible members. Since the 1930s, the makeup of Provisional classes has grown to include women from all phases of life. The ranks boast women who are working both in and out of the home, women who are married and single and everything in between, and women with all combinations of children, pets, businesses, dreams, patience, and courage ... all linked by their shared passion for their community made manifest in the Junior League.

To be sure, the Provisional experience has definitely changed over the years! A dip into a Provisional packet from the late 60’s reveals a beautifully-scripted invitation and a tongue-in-cheek poem dedicated to the spouses of the new Provisional class members, encouraging them to take heart when dinner gets to the table a little later than usual. Past President Susan Doyle remembers when night meetings consisted of only 10 or so women who met at River Crest Country Club to get a brief synopsis of the meeting from the President-Elect. Today’s Provisional classes operate under vastly different societal norms and daily responsibilities, with night meetings now being the standard.

Even the project requirements have transformed with the march of time. Mayfest has grown into a successful community endeavor that stands on its own, and the Double Exposure has given way to Junior MINTS and other amazing new projects with the Fort Worth ISD. Despite all of this, the foundational values and spirit of service imparted during that first year remain strong and tangible, serving as key strengths of the League that enamor many new members and push them forward despite a daunting Provisional timetable of obligations.

I recall my own experience nervously walking into La Puertita, the chapel at Joe T’s, for the first meeting of my Provisional class. There were a few people I knew, but much of the evening was spent hopping from one conversation to another trying to make a good impression and avoid sweating too much before I took my directory photo. If I could go back, I would tell myself not to worry, that the year ahead of me would forge fast friendships and present ways to engage with Fort Worth that I could not even imagine.

Active **Skies Miles** remembers much of the same feeling approaching her Provisional year. Not having grown up in Fort Worth, it was a search of many local organizations that brought her to the Junior League. Being somewhat shy, she also remembers her first Provisional meeting as mostly overwhelming. Thankfully as the year progressed and more of her initial requirements were satisfied, she found that while she was still working to find “her” place in the League, each new experience propelled her to realize a better version of herself. “With each event/meeting I attend for JL, I learned more and more about the number of families who are struggling in our community and the various charities that help relieve some of that stress. Knowing that I am a part of something so great and hearing the success stories first-hand has not only been extremely rewarding, but has also increased my drive and eagerness to volunteer.”

Skies follows in a long line of women who have entered into what can often be an intimidating Provisional year only to find they are energized by becoming a part of something bigger than themselves. While the projects and commitments of new League members change over time, what remains the same is the sense of connection that emerges with each new class. The Provisional experience has helped generations of young women learn more about Fort Worth and become empowered to serve where they are most needed. Most will agree both their relationships with fellow League members, as well as their relationship with the city, are fortified by this year-long intensive training schedule. It primes them not only to become outstanding Active members of the League, but also to be engaged community citizens and even more mindful friends and family members.

What does it look like when the tools learned during the Provisional year are utilized to create change? The stories of the Active experience and its evolution over time answer just that. Keep an eye out for the next issue of *The Lariat* where we’ll take a closer look at the next stage of a Junior League “career” and how that role has changed over time.

## Provisional Spotlight: Alicia Murphy

By Luci Hoad

As part of this year's focus on celebrating individual member contributions and achievements, *The Lariat* is excited to shine a member spotlight on women in various stages of their League careers about what has drawn them to the Junior League of Fort Worth and what they are looking forward to in the future! Each issue this year will feature a different Provisional, Active, and Sustaining member of the League.

Our first Provisional spotlight focuses on **Alicia Murphy**. Alicia moved to Fort Worth from Indiana within the last two years to join her now-husband, John. In Indiana, Alicia was involved with several community organizations and wanted to find a way to serve her community in Fort Worth as well. As many of us know, relocating from out of state can be challenging - making new friends and navigating an unknown city takes time and patience. Add in taking another bar exam so she could continue to practice law, and Alicia had her hands full when she arrived in Fort Worth! After researching a variety of community involvement opportunities, Alicia felt that the Junior League provided an exciting glimpse into the local community and offered a chance to build relationships with women like herself who value giving back to the community.

This Provisional year will certainly be a busy one! Fortunately, her Outlook calendar will help her stay on top of meetings, training, DIADs, and Provisional events while still having time for other hobbies like cooking and exercising. She enjoys cycling in all of its forms, whether it is inside at a spin class or taking in the fresh air on the trails, and is training for her first triathlon this fall. Alicia and her husband are about to celebrate their first anniversary and love spending time with their Labradors, Max and Millie.



Alicia and John Murphy

So far Alicia has been impressed with the scope of the League's influence and its 85-year history. "It seems like Junior League is involved in everything in Fort Worth! Everytime I hear about a new community event, it seems like the League is involved in some capacity." The variety of service projects that make a lasting impact and the opportunities for leadership and new friends are all things that help reassure Alicia she has made the right choice to join the Junior League!

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### A few quick tidbits about Alicia:

**Coke or Pepsi?** Neither ... Coffee! Lots of Coffee!

**Surf or turf?** Surf

**Beach or mountains?** Beach

**Night on the town or Netflix and chill?** Night on the town

**Rewind 10 years or fast forward 10 years?** Fast forward 10

**Ketchup or mustard?** Mustard

**Chocolate or vanilla?** Chocolate

**Pancakes or waffles?** Pancakes (My husband makes the BEST pancakes!)

**Dogs or cats?** Dogs!

**Pedicure or massage?** Pedicure

**Check your luggage or carry on?** Check it

# League Focus

## Active Spotlight: Lisa Ferrand

By Danielle Devoto

**L**isa Ferrand has been an Active member of the Junior League since 2001. She calls Fort Worth home, so it only made sense to join the League as a way to give back to her community. She currently works for Ben E. Keith beverages in national account sales and is the proud mom of two Shih Tzus, Angel and Hope.

As a League member for 15 years, Ferrand has served in multiple In-League and Community Placements. Reflecting on her time in the League and all the different placements, it was difficult for her to choose a favorite. However, there was one placement that left a lasting impression with her - serving as Provisional Co-Chair for the 2008-2009 Provisional class. Over the years, Ferrand has been able to watch her Provisional class flourish as Active members of the League. "I can look back at all of the Provisionals who have gone on to hold amazing placements in the League, whether that's in leadership positions, out in the community or raising funds, and watch their growth throughout the League," she said. "That is probably my favorite memory."

One piece of advice she wants to pass on to the current Provisional class is something all members of our League should heed, regardless of where they are in their League careers: "Don't just check a box. Dive right in and just say yes! If someone asks something of you, say yes."



*Helping with our troops at the Pancake Picnic as a Provisional Advisor*

### A little more about Lisa:

**Beverage of choice?** Water during the day, Budweiser at night

**Favorite movie?** Pretty Woman - I still want the fairytale

**Best place to vacation?** Beach

**Steak or sushi?** Steak

**Heels or flats?** Heels

**Night on the town or dinner party?** Dinner party



*Making a difference with the Kids in the Kitchen committee*



*Cocktails in Cowtown Preview Party with JL Dallas Active Kelly Hosley*

With placements running the gamut from community events like *Kids in the Kitchen*, to organizations like the Make-A-Wish Foundation, to our fundraiser *Christmas in Cowtown* and *Grand Entry Gala*, and even the Board of Directors as Communication VP, it's easy to see Ferrand practices what she preaches by saying yes to the many opportunities presented to her throughout her time in the League. While this may be her last year as an Active, it has been a great run and years that Lisa will always treasure.

*An evening with friends Ashley Freer and Melanie Hanna at Grand Entry Gala*



## Sustainer Spotlight: Terri Sexton

By Hendrika Rhoad

Over the course of 26 years, Terri Sexton's involvement with the League has served as an inspiration for many, from being invited to join in 1990, to serving as the League's President in 2000 and now continuing her commitment as a Sustainer. Her association with the League started off unassumingly, as is often the case, with a motivated woman wanting to help her community, and grew to flourish into a form of leadership she could have never anticipated.

A mother with two young boys in 1990, Terri's Provisional year included balancing the art of being a mom and serving organizations around Fort Worth. As many members can relate to, this often meant having a tag-along crew of "junior Junior League members" who always looked forward to being treated to **Debbie Richardson's** endless supply of orange slices.

Now, nearly three decades later, Terri's boys are grown and she's still actively serving her hometown of Fort Worth.



**Favorite seasonal events in Fort Worth:** "My favorite way to spend a day is in a museum... and we also have season tickets to TCU football and the Dallas Stars, so sports are a big part of our entertainment and social life... Tailgating at TCU with dear friends is a staple of fall and my husband is the chef – he takes his role seriously! At Stars games, beer and popcorn are a must and we often high-five anyone in arms reach... it's my favorite date night! Texas Ballet Theater has also become a significant part of our lives."

**Favorite vacation destination:** "We are blessed to be able to travel and go so often. I'd say Greg and I are probably most fond of Santa Barbara... We are going to Portugal in October and Lisbon is my maternal grandmother's birthplace, so I am eager to see the city."

**Favorite placement:** "That's a tough question because I've had amazing placements! The one that has probably shaped me the most was being Project Development Chair of the Boys & Girls Club. I taught the SAT course to juniors and seniors with **Lesley Atkinson** and together, we were responsible for students getting into colleges. I never dreamed I could have that type of an impact on young lives. One of our students recently earned his Ph.D. from TCU... a very proud moment indeed."



Terri and Greg Sexton

**Favorite keepsake or sentimental item:** "Anything my sons have made for me is very special. I have a small painting of a pear from Ben and a plaster heart from Kyle that are dear. Also, when I was President of JLFW my theme was "It Starts in the Heart," and my husband gave me a beautiful heart diamond necklace as a memento of my year. I absolutely cherish it."



**Piece of advice to share with the Provisional class and Active members:** "The skills I learned working with volunteers, staff and agencies prepared me as a board and community volunteer, as well as for my days as Managing Director of Texas Ballet Theater... be willing to serve in under-served areas, to step-out in faith to do something totally unique and foreign to your day-to-day lives."

## Sustainer Fall Social

Let's kick off the JL Year with Friends!  
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## Cliburn Amateur Competition

By Mary Ellen Becker

The Seventh Cliburn International Amateur Piano Competition was held in June 2016, and the Junior League of Fort Worth provided invaluable support through the service of volunteers. The Junior League played an instrumental role in the creation of The Cliburn and has actively participated in the competition since its inception.



Actives Ashley Freer, Michelle Tilley, Lynsey Blair, Rebecca Gunter, Devon Wenske and Erin Bryant

The Cliburn International Amateur Piano Competition is open to non-professional pianists over the age of 35. More than 70 competitors take part in the festival, which is held every four years at Bass Hall in downtown Fort Worth. The Amateur Competition is one of three contests conducted by The Cliburn, which also includes The Van Cliburn International Competition and The International Junior Piano Competition.

**Lynsey Blair** served as Team Lead for this year's Amateur Competition. Lynsey first became involved in The Cliburn after

completing a Done in a Day (DIAD) event as a Provisional in 2005. "The moment

I completed my DIAD, I was enchanted with everything about this organization, from the Musical Awakenings youth arts program that introduces classical music to over 52,000 students across North Texas, to the Junior, Amateur, and

International competitions held by The Cliburn. I have been dedicated to The Cliburn for the last 11 years and it was a privilege to serve as Team Lead for the Junior League and Co-Chair of Competitor Hall." Lynsey served as Co-Chair of Competitor Hall with **Michelle Tilley**, who will lead the 2017 Cliburn International Competition as Project Development Chair.

Lynsey notes that the success of the Amateur Competition would not have been possible without the commitment of Junior League placement volunteers, including **Melissa Babich, Erin Bryant, Anne Hill, Courtney Holt, and Cathleen Redus**. These volunteers provided endless hours of crucial support to the competition's hub in Competitor Hall and the fundraising gift shop, which was run by Actives **Mary Elizabeth Van Meter** and **Mandy Purselley**.

In addition to placements, many Junior League members donated their time this summer to support the competition. **Elizabeth Ann Pike, Rebecca Gunter, Carrie Stires, Keri Hickman, and Chrissy Tefera** took on leadership roles that ensured the gift shop ran smoothly and competitors were shown Texas hospitality in Competitor Hall.

Since 1962, The Cliburn has brought international acclaim to Fort Worth and is considered one of the world's most important piano competitions. The Junior League's legacy with The Cliburn is felt from Fort Worth to Russia, China, England, Canada, and beyond.



This year **Olga Kern** (center) pictured with **Lynsey Blair** (left) and **Michelle Tilley** (right) chaired the Amateur Competition's jury. She is a 2001 Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Gold Medal winner in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition and the first woman in over 30 years to receive this award.

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## Fort Worth Drowning Prevention Coalition

By Danielle Devoto

When people think about summer in Texas, they often picture a day spent at the pool or lake with family and friends. What they don't picture is the shocking number of drowning tragedies associated with Texas. According to Fort Worth Drowning Prevention, Texas ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in the country for pool drowning deaths, and Tarrant County is the number three in Texas for total and per capita pediatric drownings.

In an effort to address these scary statistics, the non-profit Fort Worth Drowning Prevention Coalition (FWDPC) was formed in summer 2012 by Executive Director Pam Cannell. FWDPC aims to achieve its eponymous mission by offering an affordable program that teaches both parents and children the basics of water safety, when in and near water. **Mackenzie Shelton**, Project Development Chair for FWDPC, emphasized the critical need for this project, especially in communities like Fort Worth where swimming is a big part of people's lives. Shelton explained that the coalition wasn't designed to teach people how to swim, but rather the curriculum focuses on overall water safety, with learning to swim being just one component. FWDPC believes that 100% of drownings are preventable, and each of us can help in some way.

The Safe Swim program puts non-swimmers in the water, where they learn different tools to help them feel comfortable around water, including: floating on your

back, blowing bubbles, and treading water. Parents/caregivers are taught safety tools in a classroom environment for outside the water, like CPR. "Everybody should have the knowledge and the option for an affordable way to learn those basics," said Shelton.

The Safe Swim program costs five dollars per student and after completion of all eight classes, the student receives a Coast Guard-approved life jacket. Our volunteers help save lives by supporting this project, whether actually being in the water with the students, helping in the classroom, or assisting with registration.

Since the development of the Coalition, 760 non-swimmers have completed the Safe Swim course and are now safer in and around water. According to FWDPC, 90% of students are more at ease in the water by the end of the class. Additionally, 288 learn-to-swim scholarships have been awarded after successful completion of the drowning prevention courses.



Actives Morgan Strub and Shannon Street

## SafeHaven Honors Junior League of Fort Worth with Safe Star Award

By Rachel Yurek

SafeHaven is a comprehensive agency providing emergency shelters and vital services to families fleeing abusive situations, with a mission of ending domestic violence through safety, support, prevention, and social change. To support that mission, Junior League of Fort Worth volunteers with placements at SafeHaven spend time each week with the Fort Worth shelter's young residents engaging in Safe Play - fun activities like playing basketball, decorating cookies and gingerbread houses, and painting pumpkins - while their parents attend various educational meetings. While the 2015-2016 JLFW volunteers greatly enjoyed spending time with these children and worked with the Safe Play staff to develop even more activities for them, they realized there was also an opportunity to fulfill a need for the parents.

They took it upon themselves to talk to the SafeHaven staff and find out what items were most needed and then organized drives throughout the year to provide residents with basic necessities like body wash, crib sheets, and pajamas. These amazing women were able to give something to every single resident, not just the children! Not surprisingly, their dedication and kindness did not go unnoticed and they were nominated for the Safe Star Award, which recognizes organizations that contribute to make SafeHaven a better place. And on March 24, 2016, members **Christina Hanson** (Team Lead) and **Amanda Benson** were honored to accept the Safe Star Award on behalf of the League. Way to go, ladies! We are so proud of you and the way you put JLFW's Mission into action.



Actives Christina Hanson and Amanda Benson



Junior League of Fort Worth volunteers in action!

1. Donations for Louisiana flood victims
2. Child Study Center planning meeting
3. Girls Inc. SMART Camp
4. Jr. MINTS planning meeting
5. Volunteers helping out at Fortress Youth Development Center
6. *Grand Entry Gala* Co-Chairs are excited to get the planning started
7. Jr. MINTS teachers were thrilled to receive welcome fruit baskets delivered by the volunteers
8. Member Monthly Bingo & Brews
9. Opening of the new women's building at Presbyterian Night Shelter



## #oneJLFW

By Tiffany Anderson, Social Media Chair

**V**oluntarism is what we do, and we do it well! In an effort to activate brand awareness of the Junior League of Fort Worth, our 2016-17 theme of celebrating the individual contributions of one woman multiplied by the power of one League to make a huge impact on one community includes a strong social media initiative. Social media platforms will open a window to our efforts, allowing our community and partners to see the bigger picture of what we do!

Did you know you can interact with JLFW on Twitter, Instagram, AND Facebook? If not, here's your chance! Similar to word-of-mouth, the power of social media is predicated on the activism of others. As we continue to build our social presence, we ask that our members continue to "Share" and "Like" JLFW posts and post your own photos from your placements, DIADs, GMMs and Provisional meetings, and any other place you're representing JLFW in our community. Most importantly, with each post please include this year's official hashtag: **#oneJLFW**. There truly is power and value in the hashtag! Through the hashtag, we are able to track topics and conversations, which will become an ideal opportunity for JLFW to boost the strength and effectiveness of its social efforts.

As a community organization, JLFW strives to enrich the lives of women and future leaders of our community. Social media allows us to amplify our efforts, as we reach our community in a more luminous way! With your help, JLFW will continue to achieve our goals far into the future. Cheers to another impactful year! **#oneJLFW**



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### Dates to Remember:

**Thursday, September 8:** General Membership Meeting

**Thursday, September 8 at 9 p.m.:** Fundraiser/  
Collaboration Shifts open for sign-up.

**Thursday, September 8 at 9 p.m.:** Nominations and  
self-nominations begin online for committee chairs and  
appointed positions

**October 12-16:** *Christmas in Cowtown*

**Thursday, November 10:** Please plan to attend  
the GMM to vote on the 2017-2018 BOD Slate and  
Proposed Projects

**Saturday, November 12:** Fall Day of Giving

**Saturday, January 7:** *Grand Entry Gala*

## Breakthrough Fort Worth

By Danielle Devoto

**B**reakthrough Fort Worth (BFW) was founded as a partnership between Fort Worth Country Day School and the Fort Worth Independent School District in 1993. Unlike most school programs in the Fort Worth ISD, BFW operates year-round to provide opportunities for reaching milestones in a student's journey to college.

Breakthrough's mission is to prepare economically-disadvantaged middle school students in public schools to enter and succeed in college-preparatory high schools; provide support during their high school years to facilitate their entrance to college; and encourage talented and diverse high school and college students to pursue careers in education. Team Lead **Chloe Anderson** remarked that "It's incredible to be a part of a program that says 'We know what you can do and if you stick with us and make this commitment, we will get you to great places.'"



Actives Brieanna Burke, Mia Hall and Chloe Anderson with the Breakthrough Class

What makes Breakthrough so unique is that it operates on a model of "students teaching students." Breakthrough recruits and trains high school and college students from across the nation to serve as teaching fellows. With the help of professional educators, these fellows lead the middle school students through a rigorous academic

content. Anderson said that it definitely helps to have teaching fellows who are closer in age to the middle school students, as they bring a lot of excitement and energy to the program and the kids look up to them as role models.

There are two options for Breakthrough: a summer program, or a school-year program. Junior League volunteers work primarily with the summer program, assisting the teaching fellows in a number of ways, for example helping set up a booth for Club Day, where students come to learn about different ways to get involved with community service.

Anderson pointed out the teachers are overloaded with the academic portion of the program, so our job is to come in and support them in any way they need. She also emphasized this is definitely a placement where girls want to stay because they can see the immediate impact this environment has with the students. "You see how eager and excited these kids are when you are there and you realize they want to be there too, even on their summer break."

For anyone considering Breakthrough as a placement or with an interest in teaching, Anderson thinks this is the perfect opportunity. "I think if anyone wants to be involved with education, but they aren't teachers, this is a great way to give back without having that background," she said. "If you are a teacher, you still get to be around it in a unique setting and see what local education is doing in our city."

## Catholic Charities Outings

By Allyssa Welsh

**T**he Catholic Charities Assessment Center serves our community's most deprived children – often severely abused or neglected adolescents who have been removed from their homes. Through Catholic Charities Outings, Junior League volunteers take children to engaging activities and recreational outings away from the Center (e.g., TCU basketball games, the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo), providing cultural experiences in the community that are made possible by JLFW funding. With approximately twenty outings planned this year, the meaningful impact of our partnership with Catholic Charities is readily apparent as we embark on our third year as a proud supporter.



Spa Night

For **Ashley Hansen**, Project Development Chair for Catholic Charities Outings, this placement has been by far her favorite with the League and she will be the first to tell you she gets as much, if not more, out of the outings than the children do. "They [the kids] have been through so much in their short lives and still manage to have fun. They are always so appreciative of everything and you can tell how much it means that we take the time to hang out with them," shared Hansen when explaining how this placement and the children have impacted her. One of Ashley's most memorable Catholic Charities experiences was taking a group of kids to Medieval Times in Dallas, where they got to eat dinner with their hands and watch knights on horseback compete in jousting. The highlight of the evening was watching the look on a little girl's face when a knight chose her out of the audience to give his special rose. Full of pure joy, the girl jumped up

## Camp Aurora

By Allyssa Welsh

Camp Aurora is a week-long day camp for children with diabetes, sponsored by the American Diabetes Association and Cook Children's Hospital. The program offers more than 100 children diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes an exciting week of summer camp activities, while also teaching them valuable lessons on positive diabetes management.

This year, volunteers from the Junior League of Fort Worth spent June 27 - July 1 at Camp Aurora helping the young campers have fun with arts and crafts, swimming, fishing, horseback riding, and canoeing. Project Development Chair **Carly Jackson** led the group of five League volunteers and shared some of the highlights and takeaways from her experience with Camp Aurora.

Like many other volunteers, Carly did not know much about Type 1 Diabetes before volunteering with Camp Aurora and her experience there left her forever changed. Watching children do the fun activities most of us take for granted as a "typical" summer camp experience, Carly and our other volunteers were struck by the realization that these kids live with daily reminders of the extra challenges they face. They would watch as kids as young as six years old routinely monitored their blood sugar levels and managed their insulin throughout the day. While these necessary routines can often make kids with Type I diabetes feel like outsiders, one of the best things about Camp Aurora is the opportunity it provides to do "normal" kid stuff in a safe,



Camp Aurora volunteers: Regan McLain, Emily Allison, Melissa Garcia, Kelsey Mildren, and Carly Jackson

inclusive environment. When asked about her biggest takeaway from Camp Aurora, Carly wants to share with the League how incredibly brave kids living with Type 1 diabetes are in the face of the challenges it presents.

Type 1 diabetes is a chronic condition in which the pancreas produces little or no insulin, a hormone needed to allow sugar (glucose) to enter cells to produce energy. Insulin is a hormone that the body needs to get glucose from the bloodstream into the cells of the body. With the help of insulin therapy and other treatments, even young children can learn to manage their condition and live long, healthy lives. For more information on Camp Aurora and Type 1 Diabetes, please visit [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).

and down in so much excitement that the knight and the crowd couldn't help but join in with her contagious laughter and happiness. It was such a special experience for the little girl that she still reminisces about it today with Ashley and the other volunteers - truly a memory that will last a lifetime.

This is just one of the wonderful stories to come out of our work with Catholic Charities Outings. There are many more memories and stories that could be shared, which is why it makes it so hard for our volunteers to say goodbye at the end of each outing. Ashley emphasized that no matter the event, she always leaves in a much better spirit and, similar to the kids, counting down the days to the next event.



Enjoying a movie and some new furry friends

For more information on the Catholic Charities of Fort Worth, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org).



Actives Stephanie Kirchstein, Ashley Hansen, Jessica Collins and Jacqueline Dearden

# Sustainers

## Sustainer Special Interest Groups

**O**pen to all Sustainers. We look forward to planning an interesting and enjoyable year. If you have any questions, suggestions or ideas, contact Sustainer Chair **Peggy Sims** (psims2002@msn.com or 817.737.2040.)

**Epicurean Adventures:** Attention Foodies! This is the group for you. Throughout the year Epicurean cooking events will be held. Ideas or suggestions for a cooking event? Contact **Mary Kathryn Anderson** (marykanderson@sbcglobal.net)

**Fashion and Trends:** One to two times a year a special fashion event is offered. Maybe a grand opening or a boutique for newest trends with some refreshments. Ideas? Contact **Mary Anne Polson** (mapolson@swbell.net) or **Michele Reynolds** (michelereynolds54@gmail.com)

**Financial Topics for Women:** Join this informative group for financial topics and tips for today's world. Contact Helen Stephens (helen@aspwealthgmt.com)

**Health and Fitness:** Through informative and hands-on programs promoting healthy living, this group enjoys topics on healthy cooking and eating, exercise trends, and healthcare. Contact Adelaide Leavens (adleavens@charter.net)

**Loosely Stitched** (Sustainer Needlework Group): Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the JLFW Headquarters at noon. Contact **Diann Stadler** (diannstadler@gmail.com) No meetings in June, July, or August.

**NETS** (North East Tarrant Co. Sustainers): This group comprised of members in NE Tarrant Co. Suggestions or ideas? Contact **Shannon Luce** (Shannonluce11@gmail.com)

**Yell Sell Party:** Be a part of selling in your boots and kicking up some fun. The Sustainer Rodeo Night is the place for you to put down your boots. Yell and sell and then happy hour. Contact **Amy Chambers** (amyloouella@gmail.com)

**Sustainer Birthday Club:** Newest Group! Who doesn't want to celebrate their special day? There will be several birthday celebrations throughout the year. Birthdays will be enjoyed by having a dutch-treat lunch at a local country club or restaurant with a complimentary birthday dessert. Don't miss your day of celebration. Contact **Carleen Kizer** (kizerstone@aol.com) \*Please note call Debbie Richardson 817.332.7500 if you wish to participate in this group.

**Sustainer Day Book Club:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the JLFW headquarters at 11:30 a.m. Contact **Hilary George** (hggeorge@aol.com) No meetings in June, July, or August.

**Sustainer Literary Society:** The longest running special interest group. They meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at various locations. Contact **Kathy Johnson** (kathrynsjohnson@gmail.com)

**Sustainer Lite:** For Sustainers in their 30's-40's. This group will have an assortment of events and gatherings. A casual "lite" group of friends getting together, having fun! Contact **Angela Huston** (angela.huston@sbcglobal.net or 469.585.7090)

**Sustainers on the Go:** Love to get out and go, but like to do it all in one day? Then Sustainers on the Go is the perfect "getaway" opportunity for you! Enjoy everything from a museum exhibition to a clay pigeon shoot. Contact **Lynn Dunlap Teel** (lynntatedunlap@gmail.com)

**Sunshine Special:** Do you like to sing? Do you have musical talent that you would like to share? The "Sunshine Special" sings Broadway music on Tuesday afternoons for retirement homes of all levels. Musical/choral music experience and some ability to read music is important, and space is limited. Rehearsals (on Tuesday afternoons) start in September, with performances scheduled weekly on Tuesday afternoons from October through April. Contact **Janet Herald** (jgherald@charter.net)

**Special Events:** Special events are one-time events not covered by the other interest groups. Got an idea for a special event? Contact **Kelly Hanley** (kellych@charter.net)

**Tarrant Area Food Bank Volunteers:** This group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. After working the shift, the group goes to lunch at a local restaurant. Contact **Carole O'Connell** (loconn4111@aol.com) No meetings in June, July, or August.

**Sustainer Volunteer Pool:** A group of Sustainers willing to come in and lend an extra hand at the JLFW office for large projects such as the *Christmas in Cowtown* Invitation mailing. Like hanging around the office every once in a while? Then roll up your sleeves and join this group! Contact: JLFW Office Manager **Debbie Richardson** (debrichardson@juniorleaguefw.org)

## Provisional Class is Ready to Begin

By Lindsey Buckmaster and Nicole Shelton, 2016-2017 Provisional Co-Chairs



Lindsey Buckmaster



Nicole Shelton

We are so excited to welcome our 2016-2017 Provisional class to the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) and look forward to training this talented group of women to become future leaders in our community. The year officially kicked off with the Provisional retreat on Sunday, May 15, and their first Provisional training meeting will be at JLFW headquarters on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Since the 2013-2014 League year, Provisionals have had the opportunity to serve our community, build volunteer experience, and develop leadership skills through placements in the Junior MINTS program and hosting Pancake Picnic at Cook Children's Medical Center, along with several other placement options. This year, we have modified our program to more closely align with the expectations and desires of the League's strategic plan. All Provisional placements will be with Junior MINTS, either in our student mentorship program or our school support program that provides services and support a PTA would normally provide. Provisionals also have specific planning tasks to complete for the Pancake Picnic.

To further enhance the JLFW experience, each Provisional member has an assigned Provisional Advisor, an Active JLFW member who provides guidance, support, friendship, and encouragement. Throughout the Provisional year, each month will focus on a specific training topic, starting with JLFW Community Impact in September. Community VP **Ashley Freer** is our Board Sponsor for the month and she will help our Provisionals understand all the amazing things our League does in Fort Worth. And that will be the perfect foundation for October's focus on Fund Development and how *Christmas in Cowtown* supports our Mission!

We are ready for an awesome year of learning with and training these amazing women! We can't wait to see all that they will contribute to our League!



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# Member Focus



## Member Achievements

By Rachel Yurek

Our Junior League members have been busy accomplishing great things in our community! We wanted to take a moment to recognize a few of those achievements, and remind our members whenever you have exciting news - your own or about another member - WE WANT TO KNOW about it so we can CELEBRATE! When you login to the member homepage, there is a link in the News and Reminders section right at the top of the page to submit an announcement to *The Lariat*. Please use this to let the League know anytime you have news to share!

- Active **Jackie Gonzalez** admitted as Audit Partner in Weaver's Fort Worth office
- Active **Mia Hall** named Director of Board Policy, Governance and Strategic Planning for Fort Worth ISD
- Active **Christina Hanson**, former Vice Principal at Maude I. Logan Elementary, named Principal of Maudrie M. Walton Elementary
- Sustainer **Cathy Neece Brown** one of 90 women selected for Leadership Texas Class of 2016, exploring "The Future of Community: A State of Possibilities"
- Sustainer **Martha Williams** named Fort Worth Business Hall of Fame's 2016 Business Executive of the Year, along with her co-founder of Williams Trew Real Estate

## Obligation Changes for Active Members

The 2015-2016 Board of Directors approved a change to Standing Rule 7 for Active members. This change adjusts the number of General Membership Meetings you're required to attend, what can be substituted for General Membership Meetings, and adds Trainings as additional requirements. The changes are as follows:

- 1) Active members will now be required to attend 2 General Membership Meetings and 2 Trainings (instead of 4 GMMs.) If your first Active year was 2005 or earlier (Grandfathered Active Members) you will be required to attend 1 General Membership Meeting and 1 Training.
- 2) Active members can receive 1 General Membership Meeting credit by attending either a Done-in-a-Day or paying \$75. No substitutions will be given for the Training requirements.

The 2016-2017 Training committee is hard at work on organizing roughly 25 training opportunities with daytime, evening and weekend scheduling throughout the year.

In addition, Active members are still required to complete a Placement and two (2) Fundraiser/Collaboration shifts. These shifts include *Christmas in Cowtown*, *Day of Giving*, *Grand Entry Gala* and *Rodeo Program Sales*. **They DO NOT include DIAD events.** Active members in the Transfer Class and Extended Active members have slightly different obligations. Please refer to your Member Homepage to view your specific requirements.

Please contact Membership Vice President, Mary Catherine Parsons ([mcatherineparsons@gmail.com](mailto:mcatherineparsons@gmail.com)), with any questions.

## Fall Frenzy in the Fort

By Hendrika Rhoad

As the summer heat begins to simmer down and cities all around this great state gladly welcome the first signs of fall, it's prime time to revisit and explore the best of Fort Worth. From brunch on a patio to performances at Bass Hall, there's something for everyone, so grab a friend, spouse or kiddo and soak up the autumn attractions for what we deem a pretty great weekend!

### FRIDAY

#### 12 noon – Patio Lunch at La Perla Negra

Kick off the weekend early by grabbing friends for lunch and settling into La Perla's patio in downtown Fort Worth. A Latin-inspired menu offers of a wide selection of ceviches, delicious sandwiches and empanadas. 910 Houston Street., Fort Worth

#### 7 p.m. – Tunes and Tastes at Friday on the Green (October 14)

Bring a blanket and chairs to catch some free live music at Magnolia Green while trying out some of the best local food trucks around and bites from other area restaurants – perfect for date night or the family. 1201 Lipscomb Street, Fort Worth



### SUNDAY

#### 12 p.m. – Mimosas at the Market! at Christmas in Cowtown (October 16)

Take advantage of CIC's new schedule and save Sunday for shopping! Is there a better way to top-off a great weekend?! Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W. Lancaster, Fort Worth

If you're looking to add some fall fashions to your closet or home decor while you're out and about enjoying a fabulous weekend in the Fort, don't forget about the JLFW-owned businesses!

- Find cute clothes and accessories at Lady Luck Designs (online)
- Tasteful and trendy Home Decor and Gifts at Lawrence's
- Personalized Christmas and holiday cards at Press Paperie
- Treat yourself to a relaxing day at Arbor Skincare Retreat
- Enjoy at good meal at Piola Italian Restaurant and Garden

*Have a business you would like to spotlight? Submit your information through The Lariat link on your homepage. We will include as space permits.*

### SATURDAY

#### 11 a.m. – Brunch at Press Cafe

A staple of any well-spent weekend, a leisurely brunch at Press Cafe surely gives guests something to talk about. Walk along the river while waiting for a table or lounge in Adirondack chairs to watch the kids play. 4801 Edwards Ranch Road, No. 105, Fort Worth

#### 7:30 p.m. – Jive with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra (October 15)

The Beach Boys, Supremes, Simon & Garfunkel, Franki Valli and others come to life with The Beat Goes On! Music of the Baby Boomers at Bass Performance Hall. 4<sup>th</sup> and Calhoun Streets, Fort Worth

#### 10 p.m. – Late Night at Taco Heads

When it's not quite time to hit the hay, but you need to end on a high note, head to Taco Heads for that late night craving. Whether looking for a savory light bite, or four tacos and a bowl of elote later, there will be no regrets. 1812 Montgomery Street, Fort Worth

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# Membership

## Membership Vice President's Report

May 21 - July 20, 2016

### TRANSFER IN

Rachael Carlson A  
JL Denver CO

Shara Hinchey A  
JL Amarillo

Ana Garza Van de Venter A  
JL Dallas

Eryn Norris A  
JL Jackson MS

Lara Starks A  
JL Little Rock AR

Elizabeth Warren A  
JL Dallas

Jennifer Weir S  
JL Houston

### TRANSFER IN AND RESIGN

Stephanie Cart A  
JL Eau Claire WI

Kristin McDonald A  
JL Bronxville NY

Dillon Sisneos A  
JL Midland

Katherine Wardlaw A  
JL Baton Rouge

### TRANSFER OUT

Sarah Blalock A  
JL Collin County

Annie Cummins A  
JL Louisville KY

Melissa Hudson A  
JL Tulsa OK

Kate McGregor A  
JL Houston

Taylor Morgan NRP  
JL Grand Rapids MI

Kimberly Outerbridge A  
JL Houston

Brittney Pipkin A  
JL Jacksonville FL

Leslie Wade A  
JL Dallas

### CHANGE OF STATUS

Katie Copeland A to LOA

Christinna Oldham NRA to A

Karen Stiles A to NRA

### CONDOLENCE

Cheryl Alexander S  
Loss of mother

Barbara Coffey S  
Loss of son-in-law

Caroline Crawford A  
Loss of grandfather

Kelly Ann Ewin S  
Loss of father

Christina Hanson A  
Loss of father

Sug Steele S  
Loss of niece

### IN MEMORY

Ann Stephens Kimbrough  
Sustainer  
June 12, 2016

Elizabeth Weaver  
Sustainer  
March 17, 2016

## Engagements & Weddings

**LA Sheppard**  
engaged to  
John (Jammer) Moncrief  
May 12, 2016

**Susanna Gorski**  
married  
Harper Bartolomei  
June 11, 2016

## Little Leaguers

*Our Growing Community*

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Active  
Sons, William Joseph &  
Nicholas James  
December 9, 2015

Cye & Kyle Wagner

Active  
Son, Conrad Johnson  
February 18, 2016



Sarah & Michael Elliott  
Active  
Daughter, Audrey Ann  
March 6, 2016



Mary Katherine "MK" &  
Charlie Scherer  
Active  
Son, William "Henry"  
April 22, 2016

Katie & Robby Myers  
Active  
Daughter, Carolyn Rose  
April 25, 2016



Meghan & Richard Graham, Jr.



Active  
Daughter, Caroline  
Elizabeth  
May 3, 2016



Jenn & Justin Kirby  
Active  
Daughter, Evelyn Reese  
May 13, 2016

Sara & Adam Carpenter  
Active  
Son, Henry Ryan  
May 26, 2016



Faith & Joe Pallone  
Active  
Daughter, Gabriella  
Grace  
June 30, 2016



Brittyn & John Brender



Active  
Daughter, Bailey Anne  
July 5, 2016

Katy & Jarrod Sims  
Active  
Son, William Maxwell  
"Max"  
July 2, 2016



## Brooke Scogin 2016 - 2017 Education VP

**Brooke** and her husband, Sean, have been married for 10 years and have a 2-year-old son, Clark, and a dog, Dovey. Brooke grew up in Portland, Texas and moved to Fort Worth to attend TCU, where she studied Ballet and Psychology. After TCU, she attended graduate school at Midwestern State University, receiving her master's degree in Clinical/Counseling Psychology. In 2006, Brooke returned to TCU and today she is their Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Since joining JLFW, her placements have included Cook Children's Hospital, Easter Seals, and The WARM Place. Brooke's favorite placement so far was serving as Provisional Co-Chair, when the Double Exposure closed and was replaced by Junior MINTS and the Provisional Pancake Picnic. Outside of the League, Brooke has remained active with The WARM Place for almost five years now, serving as a small group facilitator for the preschool group.

## Kathleen Bundy 2016 - 2017 Nominating Chair

**Kathleen** and her husband, Jeff, have two children, Claire, 7, and Caroline, 3. Originally from Arlington, Kathleen attended TCU where she earned degrees in French and Business. While her French language skills didn't lead to a career path, her Business degree certainly helped for her role as manager of annual giving for the Texas Health Resources (THR) Foundation, planning events such as the Puttin' on the Pink Fashion Luncheon to raise funds for mobile health outreach initiatives.

Kathleen's career as a professional fundraiser provided a unique opportunity to witness the amazing accomplishments made possible by a motivated committee of volunteers and the tremendous impact that philanthropy has on a community. It was during her time at THR that she joined the League in 2006. Kathleen's placements have included *Christmas in Cowtown* Co-Chair, as well as Annual Fund and Arrangements. Kathleen enjoys traveling, especially to visit family in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and also to Napa Valley. And she love cheering on the Horned Frogs with family and friends during football season!

## Mary Catherine Parsons 2016 - 2017 Membership Vice President

**Mary Catherine** and her husband, Chad, have three children: son Alex, 9, and daughter Hattie Beth, 5, attend Fort Worth Country Day, while daughter Ida Cate, almost 3, goes to preschool at First United Methodist Church. Mary Catherine grew up in Abilene and attended college at Texas A&M University and graduate school at the University of Georgia before settling in Fort Worth, where she joined the League in 2004.

Some of Mary Catherine's favorite placements include Camp Aurora, the Salvation Army Birthday Celebrations, KinderFrogs, Child Study Center, and three different roles for *Christmas in Cowtown*. In addition to her work with JLFW, Mary Catherine serves on the Texas Health Resources Foundation Board and attends First United Methodist Church.

Watch the eBlast for a complete story on each of these amazing ladies!



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September 28, 9:45 a.m.

**KINDERGARTEN EVENTS**  
Preview: October 4, 9:30 a.m.  
Preview: October 11, 6 p.m.  
Behind the Scenes: November 10, 8 a.m.  
Christmas Event: December 7, 4 p.m.



#### Fort Worth Academy

K-8 • Est. 1982  
7301 Dutch Branch Road  
Fort Worth, TX 76132  
817.370.1191 • fwacademy.org

**KINDERGARTEN COFFEES**  
October 5, 9:30 a.m.  
October 26, 9:30 a.m.

**INTERACTIVE OPEN HOUSE (K-8)**  
November 13, 2:30 p.m.



#### Fort Worth Country Day

K-12 • Est. 1963  
4200 Country Day Lane  
Fort Worth, TX 76109  
817.302.3209 • fwcd.org  
or visitfwcd.com

**KINDERGARTEN EVENTS**  
Coffee: October 13, 9 a.m.  
Coffee: October 18, 6 p.m.  
November 30, 4 p.m.

**K-12 ADMISSION OPEN HOUSE**  
November 2, 5:30 p.m.



#### Trinity Valley School

K-12 • Est. 1959  
7500 Dutch Branch Road  
Fort Worth, TX 76132  
817.321.0116 • trinityvalleyschool.org

**KINDERGARTEN COFFEE**  
October 6, 9:30 a.m.

**KINDERGARTEN RACCOON AFTERNOON**  
October 27, 4 p.m. (with children/rsvp)

**K-12 ADMISSION OPEN HOUSE**  
November 6, 2-4 p.m.



**The Junior League of Fort Worth, Inc.**  
 255 Bailey Street  
 Fort Worth, Texas 76107

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