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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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### 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.*

## A Message from Natalie Martin



It has been my honor to represent the JLFW this year! It is amazing to look back at what our entire membership accomplished together! Each hour you have put into the League makes it what it is today. As I look back, I am proud to say that we accomplished what we set out to do - I can truly say we made an **Impact with Empathy**.

We started the year helping with Hurricane Harvey evacuees, collecting 236 bedding sets, an array of personal supplies, and toys for the children. This spring, we provided a much-needed escape for the patients and their families at Cook Children's with our Pancake Picnic and a fun setting to promote good health at *Kids in the Kitchen*. We also assisted 80 agencies, and together gave more than 50,000 volunteer hours to the community. In the meantime, with all of our volunteer hours happening every day, our fundraisers managed to raise unaudited numbers of over \$1 million net, a new League record.

We continued to increase our focus on training our members. We were asked to partner with the City of Fort Worth on its Community Conversations which helped bring more light to the issues related to diversity in our city. And we grew our *All aBoard* program, sending more trained leaders to the community which is a critical part of our Mission.

Congratulations to the Provisional class, as you become Actives. I have received so many phone calls and letters singing your praises. I also would like to give a special thank you to our Actives going Sustaining. Your dedication and hard work through the years is immeasurable.

I am thrilled about the direction of the League and the Leaders that are set and ready for the New League Year. **Carrie Cappel** and her Board have already held the Leadership Retreat to train the 2018-2019 Leaders to hit the ground running in June. Our largest Provisional class ever has already met, and are excited to start volunteering. My heart soars with the possibilities ahead with these wonderful women set and ready to go!

As my Active Membership comes to an end, I feel so blessed to have been a part of an organization that helped me grow into who I am today. The League has given me so much. The League exposed me to real issues in our community and introduced me to lifelong friends.

Throughout my League years I continually hear people say, "The League truly is what you make of it." And I absolutely feel this is true. I encourage you to use the opportunity to stretch yourself, try something new, and most of all be empathetic to yourself and others. We are a group of women whose goal is to improve ourselves and our community, so live your League life giving grace and encouragement to the wonderful women that surround us and help make our League even better! I am grateful for the League and each one of you!

*Natalie Martin*

2017 - 2018 President

## Fundraising Campaigns Break \$1 Million Net\*

By Janie Latimer

As we reflect on another year completed with the Junior League of Fort Worth, this year is ending with an unprecedented accomplishment. The Junior League of Fort Worth is committed to raising funds throughout the year, through events such as Annual Fund, *Christmas in Cowtown*, *Grand Entry Gala*, and Rodeo Program Sales, in order to give back to the local charities. It is a part of the Junior League of Fort Worth's Mission Statement, "...improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers." And it took both parts, effective action and leadership, to manage this year's efforts in raising \$1 million dollars!

"Real money. Real people. Real difference," quoted **Christina Bargas**, Finance VP, as she read the speech at the April General Membership Meeting where the fundraising endeavors were officially announced. There were lots of cheers and applause following the proclamation. Both, members of the Junior League of Fort Worth and community business partners, gave their time and treasure, not just for one event of the year, but continuously because the money raised goes back into projects around the city that are near to their hearts.

Starting with *Christmas in Cowtown*, **Natalie Martin**, JLFW President, attributed the success of the event to all of those who participated, "This year is no exception. Whether it is the volunteer who walks around and offers water to our merchant or the ladies who have worked so hard to place each merchant in just the right spot or the individual who clears glasses so our guests can see the beautiful decorations, each contributes to the success of the *Market*."

Shortly after the new calendar year started, the *Grand Entry Gala* turned up the music of entertainer LeAnn Rimes to a sold out crowd. And with the Golden Ticket opportunities, the *Grand Entry Gala* was another successful event. "We wanted to beat the highest grossing *Grand Entry Gala*, and we did. By a lot," commented **Susanna Bartolomei**, *Grand Entry Gala* Co-Chair.

Even though the flu struck the Rodeo Program Sales committee, taking out 12 of the 20 members, many alumni put their boots on and stepped up to help cover shifts. "More than 18,550 programs were sold this year. And we could not have sold that many without the help of women who came up to work shifts they normally would have off. These women really stepped up to the challenge," acknowledged **Emily Ottinger**, Rodeo Program Sales Co-Chair.

The Junior League of Fort Worth will continue to make a difference in the city of Fort Worth in the upcoming years, but what a spectacle it will be to see how the \$1 million is allocated to support projects during the 2020-2021 year. Thank you to all who gave, and to all who will continue to give.

\*Unaudited numbers



CHRISTMAS  
*in* COWTOWN  
JUNIOR LEAGUE of FORT WORTH  
HOLIDAY GIFT MARKET



## May GMM: From Empathy to the Wonder of Women

By Michelle Miles

The May General Membership Meeting (GMM) began with a celebratory introduction of the newest Provisional class. The 2018-2019 Provisional class is the largest class to date with more than 150 members. These Provisionals will be hard at work trying to top the 3,450 hours the previous class volunteered to our Fort Worth ISD schools this past year. They will also plan the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Pancake Picnic at Cook Children's.

Next on the agenda was the "Old Shoe" Award, awarded to **Teresa Moore** (check out her League spotlight on page 17). She is leaving big footsteps to follow after 17 years as an Active member of the League. Teresa has served as a Chair or Team Lead in all but her first year as an Active. She has been and will continue to be a great asset to the League as she moves on to be a Sustainer.

The League's beloved, Chris Kettner was honored next, as she prepares for new opportunities. Chris was hired in early 2002 and has been one of the backbones of the JLFW ever since. She was awarded an honorary membership to thank her for her years of service.

JLFW President **Natalie Martin**, closed the May GMM recapping the year and the many accomplishments. She showed a photo video of activities throughout the year and thanked all those who had been by her side to help guide and support her. She is "...thrilled to pass the gavel to the new round of leadership" and wished them the best for an amazing year before she adjourned the meeting.

Natalie then called the Annual Meeting to order and the time had come for the Passing of the Gavel and for 2018-2019 President, **Carrie Cappel**, to begin her year of service. Eleven Past Presidents joined Natalie as the gavel traveled down the line to Carrie who graciously accepted the responsibility entrusted upon her. She spoke high praises of the 2017-2018 President, Natalie Martin, referencing her Hurricane Harvey donations efforts, the attention to the details of the Junior MINTS program, her dedication to maintain Headquarters and her leadership as we raised over \$1,000,000 net this year.

Carrie detailed that she has high expectations for herself this year and revealed the newest theme: **Wonder of Women**. She hopes to continue to expand the Training Program, provide a support to members struggling, grow the Diversity and Inclusion Initiative and encourage your opportunity to influence the lives of future generations with Membership for the Lifetime. Carrie stated, "when we empower a woman, we change the world. We are the **Wonder of Women**" and adjourned the meeting.

Here's to a new service year, a new President, and changing the world!



Past Presidents Gail Landreth ('94-'95), Nan Matson ('96-'97), Lindy Borchardt ('07-'08), Lauri Lawrence ('09-'10), Liz Fleischer ('11-'12), Sandra Tuomey ('12-'13), Michelle Marlow ('13-'14), Paige Pate ('14-'15), Kristy Odom ('15-'16) and Tiffany Rubenkoenig ('16-'17) joined Natalie Martin ('17-'18) in Passing the Gavel to Carrie Cappel



Incoming and Outgoing Board members



Celebration after the meetings, a toast to a successful year



JLFW President Natalie Martin preparing to pass the gavel



2018-2019 JLFW President Carrie Cappel

## 200 Volunteers, 22 Agencies, 3 Hours The Impact of the Spring Day of Giving

By Janie Latimer

Twice a year, the Junior League of Fort Worth holds a community service day dedicated to supporting local agencies through hundreds of volunteer service hours. On Saturday, April 7, more than 200 League volunteers partnered with 22 agencies for a three hour shift doing various service projects, including a carnival and helping our four-legged friends.

For the first time, volunteers partnered with My Health My Resources (MHMR) to provide a fun-filled carnival event for MHMR clients. Since the late 1970's, MHMR Tarrant has been providing support and resources for people with health care needs, such as substance use disorders, psychiatric disorders, and other disabilities in order to give these individuals a future filled with hope and community. The carnival was designed with 10 different activity stations. Clients were encouraged to visit all the stations where League volunteers enthusiastically assisted them with the activity. Despite the chilly weather that morning, nothing stopped the impact these volunteers made on the clients and MHMR.

There might be some coincidence that Day of Giving is often referred to as DOG and this year, another agency that was impacted by our volunteers focused on dogs and cats. This organization was the Don't Forget to Feed Me (DF2FM). DF2FM helps provide pet food to families who are going through financial challenges to make certain pet parents can continue to provide for their four-legged family members. League volunteers received a tour of the agency and detailed instructions on how to package pet food properly.

**Kimberly DeWoody**, Day of Giving Co-Chair, reflected on this year's placement, "I loved co-chairing Day of Giving because you really see the impact Junior League volunteers can make in one three-hour shift for agencies! The amount of hours that go into these two days is amazing." Day of Giving is another example of how our members give back to the community we call home. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 10, 2018 for the Fall Day of Giving as we continue impacting our local agencies.



Campfire  
Diamond Hills Station



The Welman Project



Community Storehouse



Center for Transforming Lives  
Resale Shop



Community Enrichment Center



Don't Forget to Feed Me



Gladney Center for Adoption



Texas Girls Choir

## More Than Just Kids in the Kitchen How Fort Worth Rallies Behind Childhood Obesity

By Luci Hoad

For more than five years, the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) has been partnering with community organizations and schools to reverse the trend of childhood obesity by promoting healthy lifestyle choices to kids and families. Sponsored by Mayfest, Inc., JLFW's *Kids in the Kitchen* offers games and goodies while also providing free groceries and information about local resources to help keep families healthy. This event, started by AJLI, has been such a successful event it has grown to encompass more than 200 program locations around the world.

This year *Kids in the Kitchen* took place at the Billingsley Field House and hosted special guest, Mayor **Betsy Price**. Mayor Price spent the morning talking to participants at resource booths and graciously posing for photo opportunities. Her enthusiasm was contagious. **Monica Wyatt**, *Kids in the Kitchen* Co-Chair, noted, "It was great to see her getting to know people in the Fort Worth community who had given their time and services to be in attendance."



*Kids in the Kitchen* Co-Chairs  
Monica Wyatt and Meredith Belew with  
Sustainer, Mayor Betsy Price



Checking out an Ambulance



Potato Sack Races



Blood Sugar Level Check



TCU's Super Frog and a Super  
Dad Dancing the Day Away



*Kids in the Kitchen* Committee Members

In addition to the fair itself, an in-school curriculum outlining components of healthy eating habits and active lifestyles was supplied to Western Hills Elementary, Western Hills Primary, Como Elementary, Eastern Hills Elementary, and Rivertree Academy. This effort allowed the Junior League to serve 2,100 students in all. "We had so many awesome organizations at the fair that were able to provide services to these families including Tarrant Area Food Bank, Daniel Migael Foundation, JPS Healthy Smiles, UNT Health Science Center, and Cook Children's," said **Meredith Belew**, *Kids in the Kitchen* Co-Chair. It is safe to say that the energy and gratitude supporting *Kids in the Kitchen* ensures that it will be providing education and resources for Fort Worth's families for years to come.

## #PancakesandPassports

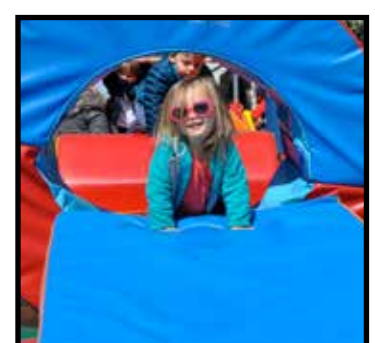
By Natalie Bowen

The word “hospital” conjures up a mix of emotions and memories for most of us — sadness and strength in supporting a friend through an illness, joy and hope in welcoming a baby into the world, and grief in saying goodbye to a family member. But it is difficult for many of us to imagine what it would be like for our child to experience a significant illness. Fortunately, Fort Worth has Cook Children’s Medical Center, whose promise is “To improve the health of every child in our region through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease and injury.” When you walk through their doors, you immediately sense the child-friendly nature of the facility itself and of their staff as a whole — the intention and thought invested in making it a place of hope, cheer, comfort and play are evident.

On Saturday, April 14, Cook Children’s, the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) and Mayfest, Inc. presented the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Picnic, and 200 children attended. This year’s theme of “Pancakes Around the World” highlighted different cultures and traditions to reflect the diversity of Fort Worth, and of Cook Children’s patients. The event included way more than pancakes, although the breakfast was very special because it was served by the Fort Worth Fire Department! From games, a dunking booth, face painting and music to dream catcher crafts, the Tooth Fairy, clowns and more, it was a “magical day,” as patient Carly’s mother described. Nine-year-old Carly looks forward to Pancake Picnic every year, and her favorite part is always visiting with the Chick-fil-A Cow. When asked to share three words about herself, Carly said she is “kind, outgoing and funny.” In line with the theme of the morning, Carly said if she could travel anywhere, she would go to Minnesota to visit family.



*Pancake Picnic Team Leader Carly Day with Admission/Provisionals Co-Chairs Teresa Baker and Anne McCarty*



**Geraldine Abello Williams**, Cook Children's Health Foundation Director of Community Programs, explained, "We treat the whole child, not just their diagnosis. Thanks to events like Pancake Picnic, childhood doesn't stop just because a child is in the hospital. Our patients and their families have a special opportunity to relax, feel like true VIPs, forget about what they're going through for a while and have fun!"



This year, the leadership structure of the Pancake Picnic was modified, with a team of three JLFW Active Members serving on the Provisional Philanthropy Committee, setting a vision, and planning the event, alongside the Admission/ Provisional Co-Chairs. The JLFW Provisional Members served as the hands and feet on the day of the event, in order to execute the plans for decor and activities. Pancake Picnic gives new members experience in event planning as they see the process from start to finish, with the training serving as a benefit throughout their years of service in the community. **Carly Day**, JLFW Provisional Philanthropy Team Leader, praised her team, "I was so lucky to work with **Alli Bequette**, **Katy Watson**, **Teresa Baker**, **Anne McCarty** and the Provisional Members. Our goal was to gift the patients and their families with a fun, stress-free day!"

**Sarah Ayala**, JLFW Provisional Member, reflected on her favorite memory from volunteering at the bubble station, "It was a cold and windy day, so all the children had to do was run with the bubble wand and let the wind do the rest. They had so much fun giggling at all the bubbles they were creating!" In addition to helping with activities outside, JLFW Provisional members lovingly prepared goodie bags for all the patients, including those who are in isolation due to being immunocompromised. A variety of goodie bags were made, in order to have age appropriate toys for the range of children served by Cook Children's. **Ayala** shared, "The other JLFW volunteers and I really thought about what would be fun for the patients to receive and would reflect the theme of Around the World. Being able to see how the kids reacted when they opened the goodie bags made all the hard work worth it. The end goal was for them to get to just be kids and play!"

>>> **Did You Know?** Cook Children's has more than one million patient encounters each year, including encounters with international patients from 40 countries. Cook Children's recently turned 100 years old, and they will be celebrating their birthday all year long! Check out [cook100years.org](http://cook100years.org) to learn more and join in the fun.

## ***From Home to the NICU: The Impact of the Mothers' Milk Bank***

*By Michelle Miles*

**T**he Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas strives to improve the health and survival of critically ill infants by providing lifesaving, carefully pasteurized, donor milk. Because women only produce milk for a limited amount of time, the Mothers' Milk Bank is in constant need of new donors. The Junior League volunteers focused on milk donor outreach by creating informational packets. Though this placement was completed from home, the packets had a huge impact locally as it supplied potential donors with the lifesaving statistics and tips of how they could get involved. The JLFW volunteers assembled more than 6,000 packets this year.

"The Junior League volunteers played an essential role in milk donor outreach by assembling new mom packets and primary educational materials for potential donors," said Mary Ashley Ray, Community Relations Coordinator for Mothers' Milk Bank. "Over the course of the last year, these packets were distributed at health fairs, breastfeeding and childbirth education classes, clinics, and doctors' offices. Support from the Junior League ensured we were able to spread the word about milk donation and reach those wonderful, generous women who want to help babies in need."

**Laura Mitchell**, Team Lead, spoke about the wide impact of this placement, "While our work is at home, the impact is widespread. I was personally affected this year when a dear friend had to send her newborn to the NICU without the chance to supply her own milk to her newborn. Her first text to me was how she wouldn't have known where the human milk was coming from if it hadn't been for my placement with the Junior League. The milk donated is truly saving lives of babies in our area."



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## Sunshine Singers Bring Light to Seniors

By Luci Hoad

Six years ago, a group of Junior League of Fort Worth Sustainers joined together to bring joy and entertainment to older members of the community through a shared love of music. The group, was once known as the Moonlight Specials, has evolved from a placement to a special group of Sustainers who continue to visit senior facilities in the area and perform as the “Sunshine Singers.”

As previous members have left and new members have joined, the Sunshine Singers’ sound has evolved. All of the participants read music and many have some additional musical background, which is important for a group that does not rehearse very often. The group only makes minor tweaks to its performance set to ensure continuity for its audience and ease of participation for its members. As the years have passed, they have added more music from the 60s to their repertoire noting that hearing hits from their childhood ensures for an upbeat and fun performance and an engaged audience.

They have also added tunes that encourage the audience to join in the performance. “We go into the audience for the sing-a-long and have songs that require audience participation like clapping. They love it and what I always notice is people who seem rather unengaged in our program will sing right along and love it,” shares **Janet George Herald**. She noted this is especially true in memory care facilities where a certain tune can spark recognition for someone who might have previously seemed remote.



*Sunshine Singers at Stayton*



*Sunshine Singers at Bethesda Gardens*

In one especially moving performance at James L. West, as the women were closing their performance with patriotic songs including “America the Beautiful” and “God Bless America,” a gentleman in a veteran’s cap towards the back of the room stood up to pay his respects. This has happened many times since then, and it continues to be an emotional moment for the audience.

The group has performed at the Junior League’s Sustainer luncheon and luncheons for the Daughters of the American Revolution, but what is most significant for Janet is the close bond all of the participants have developed through their love of music and making a difference in the community. “We’ve dealt with death, Alzheimer’s, numerous health issues and more among our spouses and us. This is an extraordinary group of women who give of themselves every week to brighten the lives of others.”

If you are interested in participating with this wonderful group, please contact the League office. Watch for information regarding upcoming performances in the monthly JLFW eBlast and on JLFW Sustainer Facebook page.



Junior League of Fort Worth volunteers in action!

1. ACH Committee shopping for the shelter
2. Western Hills Elementary Book Delivery
3. Sustainer Spring Luncheon
4. Mayfest Confetti Eggs
5. Celebrating Cook Children's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with Nancy Cychol
6. MHMR Day of Giving
7. Western Hills Jr. MINTS at "Let's Talk About the Trail"
8. Don't Forget to Feed Me Day of Giving
9. Mayor Betsy Price at *Kids in the Kitchen*

## Milestone Anniversaries...

The Junior League of Fort Worth would like to thank the following ladies for their many years of service to the community as they celebrate special anniversaries this year as Junior League members.

### More than 75 Years!

**Sarah Ray - 76 years**

### 75 Years

Francesca Gupton

### 70 Years

Vivienne Wilson

### 65 Years

Barbara Ratliff

### 60 Years

Louise Carvey

Gail Cooke

### 55 Years

Anne Bass

Ann Hudson

Estella Johnson

Constance Lefler

Lloyd Minton

Joan Russey

Alann Sampson

Virginia Street Smith

Marian Ward

### 50 Years

Kay Campbell

Malinda Crumley

Gretchen Denny

Courtney Dickerson

Mary Ellen Fahy

Lindy Hudson

Sharon Martin

Susan Pritchett

Carole Reed

Judy Steed

Barbara Van Gorder

### 45 Years

Diane Chambers

Viney Chandler

Linda Clarke

Susan Cornell

Marty Craddock

Cathy Decker

Mary Margaret Hamilton

Dianne Hughes

Libits Kendall

Jayne Landers

Missy Lawson

Norma Loughridge

Jessica Meyer

Nan Nelson

Bonnie Siddons

Sug Steele

### 40 Years

Leann Adams

Pam Ball

Sandy Barnes

Megan Bobbitt

Linda Bruce

Bonnie Cabico

Sara L. Cantey

Elaine Davis

Ellen Dungan

Mae Graves

Ann Greenhill

Sally Jakimier

Sarah Jeffers

Nancy Louise Keffler

Jean Kelly

Marion Knight

Cathy Moates

Kristi Newton

Missy Rodgers

Barbara Shrewsbury

Gale Van Ackeren

Zelime Ward

Carolyn Watson

Kay Watson

Martha Williams

### 35 Years

Donna Adams

Susi Bickley

Tracey Boyes

Gay Bush

Judith Escher

Kelly Ann Ewin

Kathy Farr

Linda Fierke

Pegie Frazier

Barbara Jiongo

Leslie Johnson

Julie Kleberg

Carolyn Lorimer

Julie Lyons

Marcy McKay

Elizabeth Murphy

Connie Osborn

Kathy Parr

Pamela Pigman

Nancy Pine

Suzy Rhodes

Peggy Sims

Melinda Spence Smith

Carol Stripling

Bridget Thomas

Jeannie Wolfe

### 30 Years

Janet Alter

Priscilla Bennett

Anita Bickley

Jeri Jo Blackmon

Lea Ann Blum

Kimberly Carb

Kimberly Carey

Cyndi Cason

Linda Christie

Lezlie Davis

Vicki Dossey

Michele Elekes

Patty Garsek

Wendy Karsten

Carol Leito

Alicia Lindsey

Holly Luke

Vivienne Mays

Diane McMullen

Jenny Miller

Kimberly Payne

Tina Phillips

Lezlie Pinto

Sally Prater

Kathleen Reeves

Linda Roark

Carolyn Roberts

Rozanne Rosenthal

Ann Rothenberg

Claire Schmid

Stephanie Spradley

Phyllis Stouffer

Lynn Teel

Lisa Waldron

Sherry Walter

Julie Watson

Dana Wilkison

### 25 Years

Stacey Bass

Beth Bond

Eddie Boswell

Connie Brown

Mary Clarke

Karen Cowden



Mary Nan Doran

Kimberly Dyess

Valerie Freeman

Debi Hicks

Joni Horton

Suzie Hudgens

Randa Jordan

Anginette Jorrey

Kelly Keller

Cameron Newberry

Jackie Parks

Marcy Phillips

Maura Rattikin

Helen Stephens

Suzanne Wood

### 20 Years

Megan Belton

Camille Curry

Stephanie Dike

Shelly Green

Kelly Greenwell

Cindi Hares

Gynna Harlin

Laura Jones

Terri Jones

Olivia Kearney

Alyssa Lange

Lauri Lawrence

Jennifer Martin

Karen McKenzie

Mary Joe Montgomery

Sherry Pounds

Kelly Pumphrey

Nan Riddle

Suzanne Sanders

Shelby Schafer

Diana Schwartz

Mairin Terry

Ann Thaxton

Janice Thompson-Burgess

Lorre Totten

Jennifer Truelson

Becky Walker

Wanda Witherow

## ***Provisionals Going Active Congratulations on completing your Provisional Year!***

Morgan Aguilar	Madeline Fikar	Addy Kozan	Tamla Ray
Jessica Allen	Heather Finley	Ryann Kuhn	Meredith Reimann
Diana Almeter	Alissa Ford	Ashley Lewis	Taylor Reisdorf
Jessica Altenberg	Melissa Foy	Amanda Libby	Kendall Riddell
Ximena Antunez de Mayolo	Lucy Gage	Taylor Lindsey	Mallory Robinson
Sarah Ayala	Lindsay Gilliam	Kristin Little	Nedra Robinson
Sarah Richardson	Alicia Graves	Diana Losty	Natalie Shanklin
Whitney Bessler	Lauren Griffin	Katy Lynch	Sarah Simmons
Austin Blacklock	Berkeley Hamann	Rebekah Mack	Jennifer Snyder
Krista Bohr	Margaret Harper	Amanda Massingill	Brooke Spears
Kristen Bolser	Lauren Harris	Sarah McCloskey	Lauren Taylor
Meredith Bond	Hannah Hegewald	Kelsey McGaw	JoBeth Thompson
Farrell Boone	Alexia Heist	Jill McKean	Alex Thomson
Jenny Breed	Savanah Hollowell	Madden Mengwasser	Lindsay Tooker
Morgan Bridges	Sarah Houston	Brittany Middleton	Meagan Trampe
Lizzie Bulls	Hillary Hoyl	Christal Miller	Jaclyn Unruh
Kaitlyn Caskey	Rachel Hyde	Mary Miller	Catherine Van Dyke
Michaela Chicotsky	Brenna Jefferies	Sarah Miller	Nicole Vantilburg
Elizabeth Coop	Brittany Johnson	Jennifer Mollenshott	Alexandra Vivar
McKenzie Cowan	Jenna Johnson	Callie Montgomery	Courtney Wagenseller
Regan Darby	Natalie Johnson	Sydney Montgomery	Lizzy Ward
Jessica Davidson	Shay Johnson	Ashley Moore	Rachel Welden
Holli Davies	Korynn Kelly	Lizzie Myers	Katie Wickersham
Alexandra Dekleva	Amanda Kinson	Jennifer Nanni	Eva Williams
Leigh Dodson	Emily Kirby	Kristen Newmeister	Julie Williams
Rebecca Early	Kathryn Kleiman	Sarah Nieswiadomy	Lynn Winter
Paige Edge	Casey Klores	Hannah Parks	Holly Yarborough
Blaine Eiband	Carla Kolber	Kate Pinkerton	
Ali Fescenmeyer	Hannah Kopriva	Precious R. Poullard	



## Welcome to the 2018-2019 Provisional Class

WONDER OF *Women*

Amy Akanni  
Claire Allen  
Diane Alvarado  
Elizabeth Andrie  
Emily Atchison  
Carsey Aycock  
Jordan Baker  
Channa Barrett  
Lauren Beam  
Leah Benson  
Kellie Beyer  
Lauren Bigham  
Madisen Boenker  
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Carolyn Clarke  
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DaNae Couch Lowe  
Elizabeth Crofford  
Stephanie Culwell  
Whitney DeNoyer  
Gretchen Diebel  
Carolyn Dollahite  
Grace Dominique  
Taylor Dunbar  
Sara Dunham  
Hillary Dunn  
Kandra Edwards  
April Escamilla  
Lauren Estlinbaum  
Ashley Evans  
Colleen Farrell  
Danielle Farrell  
Julie Firebaugh  
Whitney Fournier

Brandi Funk  
Cat Gill  
Sarah Glass  
Vanessa Gomez  
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Latoya Hipko  
Catherine Hoang  
Katie Hofmann  
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Merrill Jones  
Maggie Kamradt  
Leann Keach  
Natalie Kelly  
Jessica Kelm  
Rebecca Kennedy  
Michel Ketter  
Megan Kinne  
Kingsleigh Kramer  
Tiffany Krass  
Caitlin Kuglen  
Breanna LaMarca  
Whitney Landman  
Casey Larson  
Rachael Larson  
Celestine Leach  
Sonia Leal  
Shalee Lloyd  
Lauren Loos  
Megan Mathis  
Ashley McCaffrey  
Angelique McCall  
Delaney McCready  
Pharra McDonald  
Lauren McKnight

Meredith Miller  
Stephanie Monday  
Carley Montemuro  
Megan Montgomery  
Adrian Morse  
Calynn Mullins  
Abbie Norkett  
Michal Olmstead  
Briana Ousley  
Sydney Owen  
Caroline Padron  
Rachel Payne  
Rachel Petrocchi  
Charlotte Pollett  
Lauren Porter  
Christina Rangel-Bautista  
Natalie Ratliff  
Tara Reed  
Katharine Reeder  
Kelly Reese  
Alexandra Reynolds  
Lindsay Richardson  
Laura Rickaway  
Hayley Roe  
Emily Roll  
Megan Ross  
Sara Roush  
Laura Russell  
Madison Ryffel  
Catherine Saathoff  
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Parris Schoppa  
Jennifer Schwarzbach  
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Ashley Stone  
Kati Story  
Stephanie Swift  
Frances Taylor  
Katelyn Tenholder  
Aro Terrell  
Christen Tolley  
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Maura Tonroy  
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Madi Wade  
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*Co-Chairs Meredith Todd and Kathryn Gilpin with 2018-2019 JLFW President Carrie Cappel*



*The ladies are excited and ready to start the Provisional Year*

## Women of the Year: Membership Recognize 2017-2018 Award Recipients

By Molly MacEwan

### Sustainer of the Year: Ann Florsheim

When asked about **Ann Florsheim**, those who know her can easily rattle off all the reasons she is deserving of the 2017-2018 Sustainer of the Year Award. She's gracious, organized, dependable, always does the right thing and empowers others. "Ann is a quiet, loyal, supportive friend who is always there for you," says **Leslie Johnson**, who has known Florsheim since kindergarten at Fort Worth's Meadowbrook Elementary and helped present the award. "She's an amazing cheerleader for others and prefers not to be in the spotlight herself."

For Florsheim, being honored is still a bit of a shock. "I am still processing that I received this award! I have such respect for the members of the JLFW and for the organization itself, so I am very, very honored to receive this award," she says. "I feel that I will spend the rest of my life trying to live up to the standard of volunteerism that the League sets."

Many would say she helped set that standard. **Florsheim** joined the JLFW in 1987 and spent many years serving on the *Mayfest Central Committee*. However, one placement in particular had a lasting impact. In the early 1990s, she chose an office placement to learn how to use her home computer. After League members saw her working in the office, it led them to hiring Florsheim to keep databases and typesetting directories for their clubs. The side jobs led to a small, part-time business she still has and enjoys today.

Florsheim and her husband, Charles, have a son, Charlie, and daughter, **Claire** (who is an Active), and two granddaughters, Reagan and Lilly, who love Mayfest each year. Her advice to Provisionals, that applies to Actives as well, is to "...take advantage of committees or placements that are a 'stretch.' There are so many skills that can be learned through League involvement and the challenging jobs are usually the most rewarding." Ann Florsheim, our thanks for all of your years of service goes beyond an award. We are honored to have you in JLFW and we hold you dear to our hearts as being an inspiration for us all. Congratulations on being Sustainer of the Year.

### Active of the Year: Rachel Phillips

If you took part in Rodeo Program Sales the past few years, it's more than likely you were met with a smile from this year's Active of the Year, **Rachel Phillips**. "This award means the world to me! I am so proud of being a member of the League and to say that I volunteer along some of the most amazing and hard-working women in Fort Worth."

Since her first active year (2014-2015), Phillips has dedicated her time to program sales at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, most recently serving as the Rodeo Program Sales Co-Chair.

"She led the Rodeo Program Sales committee with calm enthusiasm," says **Amber Robertson**, who served this year with Phillips on the Fund Development Council. "She's always happy and remains unruffled by inherent problems that arise... She's thoughtful, smart and wants the best for everyone!" As Phillips says, the Rodeo Program Sales Committee became her second family.

This coming year, Phillips will be the first-ever chair to oversee the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Helping form this new committee is one of her favorite memories, "Beginning this important conversation is not only timely but

necessary," Phillips says. "We must learn and understand our differences and acknowledge that by working together we can use these differences as an asset. This will not only help our League become stronger but also our community at large."

Phillips lives in Fort Worth, her hometown, with her husband Edward, three dogs and three cats. The top of her bucket list is to buy a home in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico and retire there, but until then she enjoys supporting local businesses, especially restaurants, around town. Congratulations Rachel Phillips on being Active of the Year! Thank you for all your work on Rodeo Program Sales and we are excited to see the future impact of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.



Sustainer of the Year Ann Florsheim and Active of the Year Rachel Phillips

## Provisional of the Year: Lindsay Tooker

If her Provisional year is any indication, this year's Provisional of the Year **Lindsay Tooker** is going to do great things in the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW). Tooker knew about the League as a girl growing up in Kennedale, but it was a nudge from her boss, Communication VP **Katherine Curtis**, that encouraged her to finally join.

Earning the award came as a surprise to Tooker, but she's thankful to represent the Provisional class, "There are so many amazingly passionate and hard-working women in our class, and I'm eager to continue working alongside them throughout our Junior League careers.



Provisional of the Year Lindsay Tooker and Admission/Provisional Co-Chairs Anne McCarty and Teresa Baker

Those around her could count on Tooker to raise her hand if there was an opportunity to help. She participated in *Christmas in Cowtown*, *Done in Day*, worked with Junior MINTS at the Young Women's Leadership Academy, and more. Tooker helped plan her Provisional group's philanthropy project with the Girl Scouts, where she works as a grant writer, and lent her creative skills to the Pancake Picnic. **Brittney Cummins**, Tooker's Provisional group leader, said Tooker took the initiative and designed a handmade pancake craft for patients to assemble and found poems for their group to include with the craft.

"She came to every meeting with a great attitude and made others around her better because of it," Cummins said of Tooker. "She offered words of encouragement to other group members struggling to meet their Provisional requirements."

Her first placement as an Active will be with The Salvation Army. When not at work with the Girl Scouts or volunteering with the League, Tooker enjoys cooking for friends and family and traveling with her husband Will. Lindsay Tooker, we thank you for all you have done and look forward to all you're going to do! Congratulations on being Provisional of the Year.

## Old Shoe Award: Teresa Moore

You must be doing the Junior League right when you get a special shout out from the President. During the May General Membership Meeting, 2017-2018 JLFW President **Natalie Martin** commended **Teresa Moore** for her dedication to the League.

A few minutes before the recognition from the President, the League honored Moore as this year's recipient of the "Old Shoe" Award, which goes to an outstanding Active transitioning into a Sustainer. When accepting the award, Moore said she is "...inspired everyday by women around me..."

There to announce Moore as the winner, was **Morresa Shepherd**, a Sustainer herself who joined the JLFW in thanking Moore during the introduction. "She has a very creative mind and makes something beautiful out of anything," said **Shepherd**. "She is very dedicated to helping others in any capacity. If she can make it better, she will do so."

Moore's Provisional year was 2002-2003. She kicked off her Active years as the Night Office Assistant and held various placements including Headquarters Chair, Nominating Committee, Mayfest Central Committee Team Leader, Education Vice President, and many more.

In fact, during one of her four placements with *Rodeo Program Sales*, Moore played a part in the revamp of the Rodeo room. When asked about a time Moore went above and beyond, Shepherd tells the story of their time together on the Rodeo committee. Moore had the idea to update the procedures book and give the room a makeover. "She retyped the rules and found new theme pictures for the decorations," says Shepherd. "It began a trend and now every new Rodeo committee chooses a new theme for the room decorations."

While she won the award on May 10, 2018, Moore's Junior League year wasn't quite over. Over Memorial Day weekend, she capped off her last Active year as the Colonial Golf Tournament Team Leader. Congratulations, Teresa, we're so grateful for your dedication!



"Old Shoe" Recipient Teresa Moore and family

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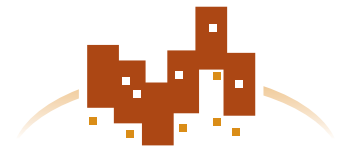
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## Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee

The Membership voted at the April General Membership Meeting for the following Actives to sit on the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee. These members will be selecting the 2019-2020 Board of Directors slate. In addition they will select the candidates for the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee slate and the 2018-2019 ODI Representatives. Nominations for the Board of Directors are currently being accepted online. Please support these ladies' effort by nominating members you believe will make great leaders for our League.



**Christina  
Bargas**



**Carrie  
Moore**



**Shelley  
Simon**



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Ashley Peeders  
Allisen Prigel  
Alice Pritchett  
Shanda Ranelle  
Johnica Reed  
Crystal Rehling  
Whitney Rudner  
Elizabeth Sparks  
Laura Thomas  
Tara Tibbetts  
Michelle Tilley  
Traci Uncel  
Blair Walker  
Julie Westerman

*\*upon completion of obligations*

# Membership

## Membership Vice President's Report

January 11 - May 25, 2018

### TRANSFER IN

Andrea Brunner S  
JL Austin

Alison Gengelbach A  
JL Nashville

Mary Gunnels S  
JL Annapolis

Caitlin Hardegree A  
JL Dallas

Amanda Kocur A  
JL Riverside

Shellie Lindley S  
JL Amarillo

Pamela Radisek A  
JL Dallas

Jody Smith S  
JL San Francisco

Amanda Wetzel  
JL Riverside

### TRANSFER OUT

Rebecca Fuener A  
Stephanie Miller A  
Lisa Martin A  
Megan McGee A  
Keeli McNair A  
Kristi Morrow A  
Nancy Nicols S

### CHANGE OF STATUS

Simone Elice A to NRA  
Erin Verrett A to NRA

### REINSTATE

Suzanne Ball S  
Aimee Burnett S  
Mary Jane Davenport S  
Maggie Krenek P  
Delaney McCreedy P  
Kelly Reese P  
Lauren Sanders P  
Marsha Webb S

### REINSTATE/TRANSFER OUT

Renita Garrett A

### CONDOLENCE

Kristen Anderson S  
Loss of father

Yancy Bradford S  
Loss of mother

Paige Cooper A  
Loss of grandmother

Ashley Davis A  
Loss of uncle

Jordan Davidson S  
Loss of father-in-law

Julie Hannan S  
Loss of mother

Stefani Hill  
Loss of grandmother

Lauri Lawrence S  
Loss of step-father

Erin Finley Lee S  
Loss of father

Sharon Martin S  
Loss of husband

Cathy Pappas  
Loss of mother-in-law

Jackie Parks S  
Loss of father

Mary Martha Richter S  
Loss of mother

Mary Martha Richter S  
Loss of husband

Christina Rodgers A  
Loss of grandmother-in-law

Missy Rodgers S  
Loss of brother-in-law

Missy Rodgers S  
Loss of mother

Jane Sykes S  
Loss of mother

### IN MEMORY

Olivia Gouger Mason  
Sustainer Emeritus  
May 11, 2018



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## Life in the League Announcements

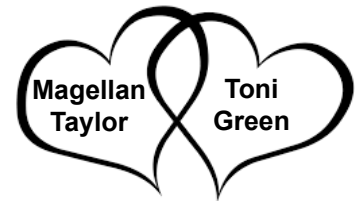
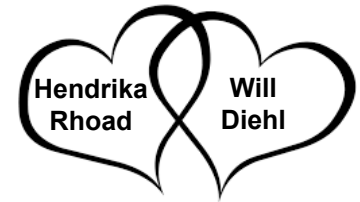
### Praises and Promotions!

Congratulations to **Destiny Row** (A) on her promotion to Associate Director at Catholic Charities Fort Worth!

Congratulation to **Shay Dial Johnson** (P) being a 2018 Fort Worth Women of Distinction award recipient with the Take Action Award!

Congratulations to the 40 Under 40 Award Recipients: **Kimberly DeWoody** (A), **Gwen Harper** (A), **Lauren Harris** (P) and **Brandy Schwarz** (S)

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September 1, 2017



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Active  
Boy, Crawford Lynn  
December 9, 2017



Sarah & Patrick Washington  
Active  
Girl, Elizabeth Green  
February 8, 2018



Courtney & Zach Wagner  
Active  
Girl, Collins Elizabeth  
September 5, 2017



Kathleen & Lance Carter  
Active  
Boy, Jack Davis  
December 11, 2017



Katy & Jarrod Sims  
Active  
Girl, Lily Kathryn  
February 21, 2018



Brianna & James  
Washechek  
Active  
Boy,  
October 25, 2017



Lindsey & Greg Ralston  
Active  
Boy, Benjamin "Gage"  
December 25, 2017



Keely & Christopher  
Nezowski  
Active  
Boy, Bowie Christopher  
March 12, 2018



Cailey & Matthew Walton  
Active  
Girl, Caroline Elizabeth  
November 15, 2017



Kate & Andy Jennings  
Active  
Girl, June Annabelle  
January 15, 2018



Meredith & Breck Ray, Jr.  
Active  
Girl, Madison Ann  
April 2, 2018



Liz & Will Northern  
Active  
Boy, William Davis, II  
December 1, 2017



Chloe & Thomas  
Anderson  
Active  
Girl, Fiona Juliet  
January 26, 2018



Shannon & William Adams  
Active  
Boy, William Barrett III  
April 23, 2018



Submit information you would like to be announced in *The Lariat* through the link on your Member homepage.



## Carrie Cappel 2018 - 2019 President

**Carrie's** career in the League began in 2004 with the help of her then boss, **Viney Chandler**. Now, with more than 14 years of serving the community under her belt, Carrie has gained experience working in numerous roles of JLFW. From Mayfest and Done-in-a-Day, to Placement Co-Chair and Community Vice President, Carrie reflects on her favorite position leading up to this point. "When you stick around this long, you end up having lots of favorites. However, nothing can top the year I served as Community VP. Serving on this council allowed me to witness all the wonderful programs JLFW implements in the community," said Cappel.

As Carrie takes the helm for this next year, her advice comes from a voice of experience and dedication: "You control your own destiny and your own path... I have the honor of serving as President likely because I took a slow, winding path that allowed me to see several areas of JLFW. I never said 'no' when asked to serve and was always committed to serving, not for myself, but my community."

## Sarah Washington 2018 - 2019 Finance Vice President

A lover of all things outdoors with her family, **Sarah** will be serving as the 2018-2019 Vice President of Finance and is going into her 5<sup>th</sup> Active year in the League. Over the course of her membership, Sarah has especially enjoyed working on the Community Opportunities Fund Committee and having a direct role in determining how our funds are allocated to various organizations. "Members work hard during the year to raise money. This committee is one way JLFW 'pays it forward' by funding agencies in need. I love seeing the direct impact our funds make throughout our community," said Washington. When not volunteering, Washington's family enjoys time at their ranch and walking their yellow lab, Lucy. The most important lesson life has taught her: to always look for the good in others and remember to give yourself grace.



## Katie Stadler 2018 - 2019 Fund Development Asst. Vice President

Katie began her career with the League in 2009 and quickly entered the world of *Christmas in Cowtown*. She spent six years working on and eventually Co-Chairing the event. Although she enjoyed her time in the world of Fund Development she says her favorite placement has been this past year as the School Coordinator for the Junior MINTS program at Western Hills Primary. "I was so amazing to watch the impact our volunteers at all the amazing events," she states.

Kaite's advice to the Provisional Class is to take every opportunity to learn about the League. Plan happy hours and dinners together and get to know one another. Use this year to learn about yourself as a leader and volunteer.

Being with her family is what makes her happiest. She cherishes the times everyone is e dinner table together. The number one thing on her bucket list is top travel to every continent with her family.



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 Colorado State University  
 Dallas Baptist University  
 DePaul University  
 Duke University  
 Elon University  
 Fordham University  
 Furman University  
 Grand Canyon University  
 Harding University  
 Hardin-Simmons University  
 Hollins University  
 Howard Payne University  
 Hunter College of the CUNY  
 Indiana University at Bloomington  
 Liberty University  
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 Loyola Marymount University  
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