



The Junior League of Corpus Christi
2024-2025, Volume 77

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Vision

The Junior League:
Women Around the World
as Catalysts for Lasting
Community Change.

Mission

The Junior League of Corpus Christi is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.



Purpose

The purpose of The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. is to add value to its member Leagues in their fulfillment of The Junior League Mission.

History

Founded in 1901 by New Yorker and social activism pioneer Mary Harriman, the Junior Leagues are charitable nonprofit organizations of women, developed as civic leaders, making a demonstrable impact on their communities. In 1921 the Leagues joined forces as an association, which is today known as The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., in order to bolster their power and amplify their voice through shared knowledge and common causes.

The Junior League of Corpus Christi

Started in 1937 by Lorine Jones Spoots and twelve young women known as the Junior Assistance Club, the group researched and established the Central Index Bureau, which was a clearinghouse for relief and social agencies of the city. This index later became the United Way. The Junior Assistance Club patterned itself from the beginning on the lines of the Junior League and, for this reason, became a Junior League sooner than is customary. The local Junior League was accepted into the Association of Junior Leagues of America in 1944, becoming one of 296 participating Leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and England. Since 1944, the Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. has continued its commitment to the city by investing countless hours of volunteer service and hundreds of thousands of dollars into numerous ongoing community programs.



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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
**CORPUS
CHRISTI**

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A letter from our president

2024-25

As I reflect on my year serving as President of the Junior League of Corpus Christi, my heart is full—of pride, of gratitude, and of deep appreciation for the journey this role has given me.

When I first joined the Junior League a decade ago, I knew I wanted to as President one day. I was inspired by the incredible women leading the organization—women whose strength, presence, and servant leadership left a lasting impression. What I didn't know then was just how profoundly this sisterhood would shape my life. Ten years later, I stand in awe of how much I've grown—professionally, personally, and emotionally—because of the Junior League.

This year brought moments of great joy and meaningful challenge. It also brought unwavering support from women who have walked this path before me. Our past Presidents were just a text away whenever I needed guidance, encouragement, or simply a sounding board. To those women—you know who you are—thank you for answering every call, late-night message, and leadership SOS.

It might be time to change our group chat name to “Past Presidents,” but to me, you'll always be my leadership lifeline.

Serving as President has been one of the greatest honors of my life—not because of the title, but because of the women I've stood beside. Each of you brings something unique and meaningful to this League. You are the pieces of the puzzle that make up who I am, and I am so thankful for every moment we've shared.





One of the proudest parts of this journey has been showing my children what leadership and service truly look like. Just as I watched my own mother lead as President of our local Chamber of Commerce when I was a child, my kids have watched me dedicate my time, heart, and energy to giving back. Through the Junior League, I've been able to pass on the values she instilled in me—compassion, responsibility, and community commitment. That legacy lives on in them now, and there's no greater gift.

Our theme this year, Stronger Together, wasn't just a message—it was our truth. We are stronger when we lift each other up. When we listen. When we lead, side by side. Every community event, every committee success, every act of service—these things happened because we worked together.

To the Junior League of Corpus Christi—thank you for trusting me, for believing in me, and for walking this path alongside me. I will forever carry this experience in my heart and continue to believe in the extraordinary power of women to change the world—because we are, and always will be, Stronger Together.

Misty Ash

**Junior League President
2024-25**

2024-25 Board of Directors



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Jaclyn Guerra
External Events VP

Organizational Chart

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Member Essentials Chair

Taylor Feldmann Kenne
HUGS Chair

Jaclyn Guerra
External VP

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Literacy Chair

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Trucks Chair

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The Junior League of Corpus Christi is run by both External and Internal Committees, as well as the Board of Directors.

The External Committees include S.T.E.M., Literacy, Touch a Truck, and Women's Day Luncheon. These committees are on the forefront in the community, preparing and hosting all of the amazing events. They do an incredible job every year, but they do not work alone.

The Internal Committees include H.U.G.S., the New Member Committee, and Member Essentials. Placement, Nominating, Planning & Training, Funding Development, and Communications also work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the league wheels running.

Get to know OUR LEAGUE

Luncheon

Brittanie Hinz (chair), Wendy Jordan, Beverly Odle, Zelina Rittiman, Amanda Villarreal, Cecilia Orozco, Hamina Bhakta, Daniela Garcia, and Morgan Farenthold

Trucks

Angie Knott (chair), Kat Cooley, Michelle Fricks, Tanshanita Erpelding, Bianca Prado, Amanda Bliss Vega, Erica Bhakta, and Priscilla Vasquez

Literacy

JoJo Perez (chair), Jennifer Horrocks, Christina Lozano, Sylvia McMahon, Kristen Fredlund, Veronica Garcia-Salinas, Sarah Corbett, Victoria Pantoja, and Emily Hunt

S.T.E.M.

Liz Slaton (chair), Damaris Marquez, Peggy Hatcher, Michelle Pennington, Kris Cardona, Elizabeth Darkhabani, Amber Lee, and Erika Roelse

H.U.G.S.

Taylor Feldmann Kenne (chair), Leslie Jimenez, Amanda Weaver, Yvonne Venegas, Christin Lageschulte, and Ashleigh Thomas

Planning & Training

Mary Jane Camacho (chair), Lander Russmonte (elect), Mattie Whatley, and Priscilla Waters

Funding

Erika Roelse (chair), Jessie Hutchason (elect), Erika Lunsford, Viviana Vela, and Angela Soto

Communications

Kelly Black (chair), Mica De La Rosa, Cayce Martinez, Lisa McKinstry, Amber Delaney, and Melanie Granado

Nominating

Darcy Esparza (chair), Heather Smith, Brittany Sandbach, Sophie Ruefle, and Andrea Gatlin

New Member

Amy Cooley (chair), Brianna Salinas - Davis, and Melissa Kasprzyk

Placement

Samantha Mendoza (chair), Kiki Garcia (elect), Katherine Hewett, Elisabeth Tabor, and Andrea Gatlin (A&B)

Member Essentials

Kristen Heslip (chair), Stacey Sherman (elect), Angela Pena, and Ann Zastryzny

New member class



Spring Break Backpack Project

The New Member class hosted the Spring Break Backpack Project with the goal of providing food over Spring Break for children who face food insecurity. This year, they spent 6 months organizing the fundraiser and event, then filled 1,500 bags with food, socks, and hygiene items that will last the duration of the 9 days of Spring Break.

League hours: 182
Funds raised: \$19,500



WAVE OF RED
JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
CORPUS CHRISTI



September
Tacos Not
Bombs



October
Ronald
McDonald House



December
Bokenkamp

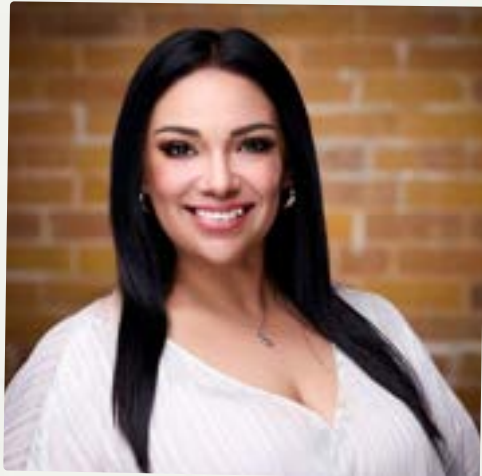




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GENERAL MEETING SPEAKERS



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AUGUST

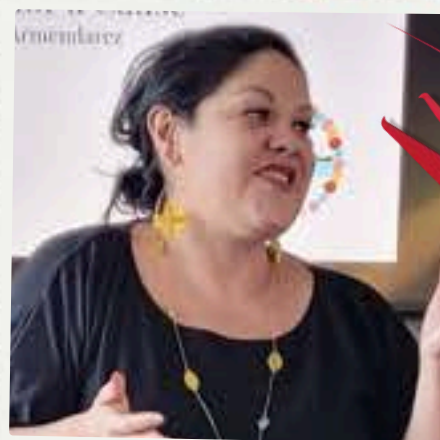
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Stefany Schade
NOVEMBER



Joseph Vasquez



Adriana Armendarez

MARCH



GENERAL MEETINGS



AUGUST KICKOFF





OCTOBER

SpeaKouts



DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY



H.U.G.S. SOCIALS

September

Mahjong



Cooking Class



October



November

Ornament Painting



Pumpkin Patch



Movie Night



Vision Board Social



December

January

February

Bingo



ROCKETS

Raising Our Children's Knowledge
by Educating Through Science

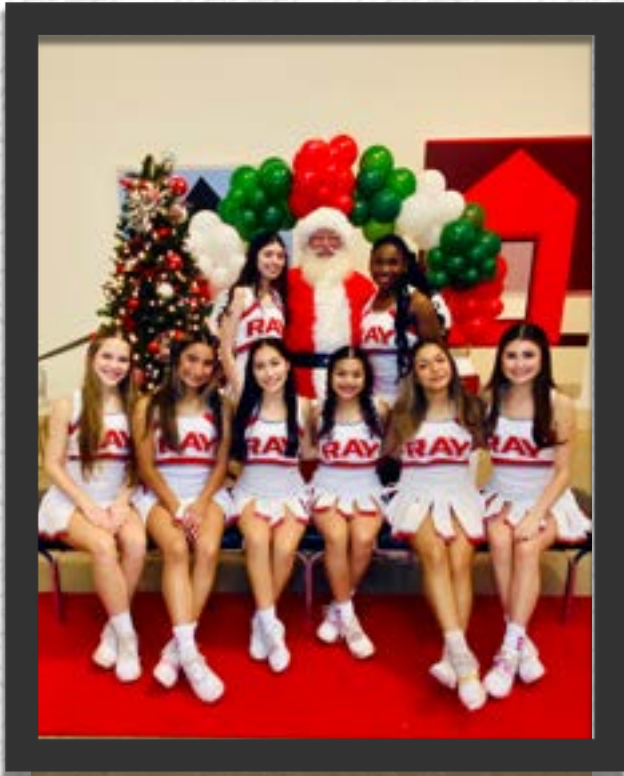




The 2024 ROCKETS event took place at the CC Gym on October 5. A total of 64 families attended the event with 216 participants who took part in STEM experiments.

League hours: 150





Christmas Tree Forest



Almost 2,500 visitors attended the 2024 Christmas Tree Forest event, which amounted to more than 500 families. A total of 30 trees were given to families through the Garcia Center and were put on display. Families had the opportunity to take pictures with Santa, read a book with an elf, watch dancing, cheerleading, and choir Christmas performances, participate in a craft activity, and take home a book. More than 900 books were given to children of all ages, and this year there were many options to choose from.

Volunteer hours: 186
Funds raised: \$15,000



December

14 

2024



International Women's Day Luncheon



The International Women's Day Luncheon, held on March 8, was a celebration of women's achievements in the Coastal Bend as well as a fundraiser for the mission of JLCC. Keynote speaker sports icon Nancy Kerrigan was an inspiring presence. The community impact included awarding five Women of Honor designations. These women were nominated by their peers for their contributions to the community, and the Luncheon committee evaluated each nomination and chose each honoree.

Total Revenue: \$7,098

There were 180 attendees at the Luncheon



Julie Pina



Alexa Fulbright

2025

WOMEN

UNSTOPPABLE
CELEBRATING WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

OF HONOR



Sharon
Sedwick



Bianca
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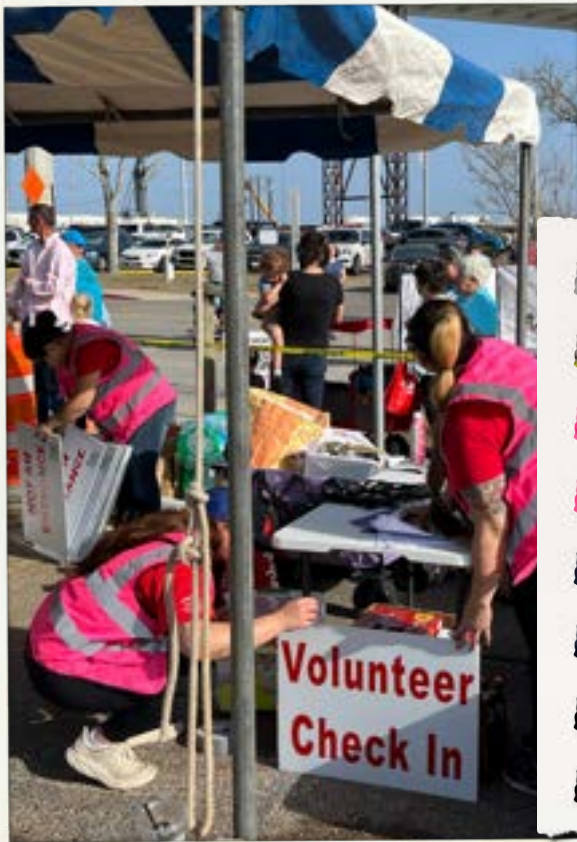


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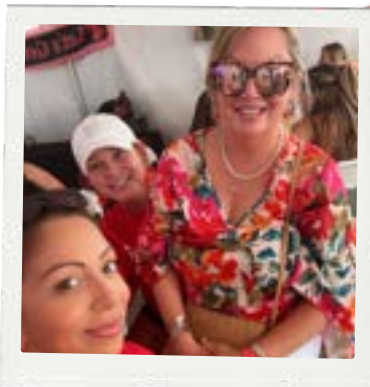
This year was the 7th annual Touch-A-Truck event at Whataburger Field and it was an absolute success! We had more than 5,000 attendees who were able to get up close and personal with trucks, buses, and even a Cybertruck. Local nonprofits and businesses also had several tents and handed out information and resources to families. Children of all ages were encouraged to touch and explore all of the vehicles during this event, and families enjoyed the Kids Zone as well, which included food trucks, face painting, a glitter bar, clown, petting zoo, and career information.







Crawfish for a Cause



In 2025, JLCC was selected as a recipient of part of the proceeds from Crawfish for a Cause. League members came together to volunteer for this non-League event, and at the end, JLCC received \$30,000 from the Cause.



Wondering how you can join the Junior League of Corpus Christi?

Visit corpuschristi.jl.org or scan the QR Code to find out more! Applications are accepted each summer and the New Member year runs August through May. You can also visit the website to find out dates for our annual events!



A Note from the Editor

This year was my first year active and my first step into motherhood! I overestimated the amount of time I would have to dedicate to the League this year, and I was worried about my place in the League. The Junior League meets you where you are and helps you grow where you want it, whether it's as a leader, in an area of the organization you want to experience, or if it's in something you already do and just need a chance to shine. If you need people in your corner, you get what you give in Junior League, and you don't want to miss out on the relationships you can build in this loving community.

Cayce Martinez

SAVE THE DATE!

ROCKETS
Oct. 25, 2025

CHRISTMAS
TREE FOREST
Dec. 13, 2025

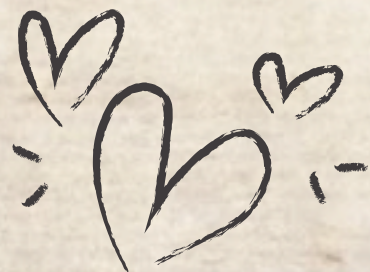
WOMEN'S DAY
LUNCHEON
March 2026

TOUCH-A-TRUCK
March 21, 2026

Junior
League in

Action





New Births to League Members



Haven Winslet Hunt
October 14, 2024
Parents: Emily and Carter Hunt



Harper Mae Kenne
January 20, 2025
Parents: Dr. Taylor Feldmann
and Barton Kenne



Rowan Levi Martinez
August 2, 2024
Parents: Cayce and Steven Martinez



Thomas Edward Marck
November 4, 2024
Parents: Brittney and John Marck



James Michael Whatley
April 2, 2025
Parents: Mattie and Payne Whatley

2024-25 Sustainer Events



New Member / Sustainer Social



Cookie Exchange



Galentines



Annual Meeting

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION





Board Awards



Past Presidents



2025 League Awards



Sustainer of the Year

MICHELLE RAMIREZ

The Sustainer of the Year award is given to a Sustaining Member who, through her spirit and commitment to the standards, ideals, and purposes of the JLCC, has contributed in an outstanding manner both to the League and to the community.

Active of the Year

ANGIE KNOTT

The Active of the Year award is given to an Active Member who exemplifies the purposes of the JLCC, which are to promote voluntarism, to develop the potential of its members, and to demonstrate the effectiveness of trained volunteers.



Love Award

VERONICA HUDLOW

The Love award is given to an Active or Sustaining Member, specifically for her service to the JLCC. Her work is considered extraordinary in nature and performed in an exceptional manner. A discretionary award, it is not necessarily given every year.



Annual Community Awards

The logo for Cooper Advertising, featuring the word "COOPER" in white, bold, uppercase letters inside a green rounded rectangle with a white border.

Each year, the membership of the Junior League of Corpus Christi honors a Community Partner who has contributed in an outstanding manner both to the League and to the community.

This year's award was presented to Cooper Advertising in recognition of their direct support of the Touch-A-Truck community event by featuring it on a billboard. Texas Roadhouse was also presented with an award and helped keep the League within budget by providing food and refreshments during meetings throughout the year.

Past Presidents Luncheon



Current, recent, and remote JLCC presidents gathered to share knowledge of the League and its future plans.

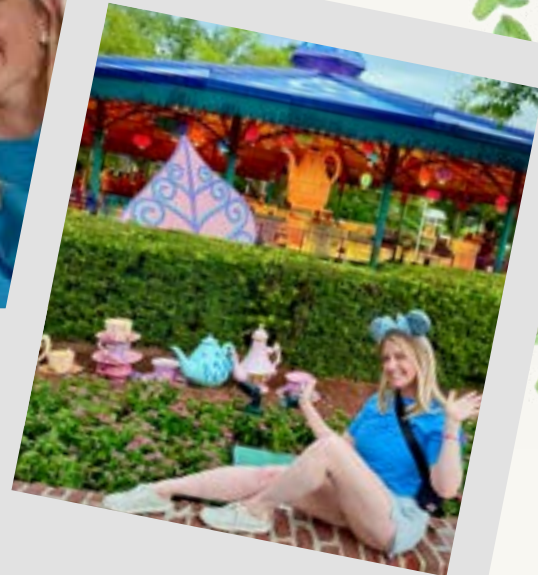
Incoming / Outgoing Board Dinner



New incoming Board members met with the prior year's outgoing Board members to begin the process of handing over the reins of leadership.

AJLI Annual Conference 2025

In May 2025, JLCC sent three delegates to the Junior League Annual Conference in Florida: incoming president Lyndsey Shinn, incoming president-elect Taylor Feldmann, and Lander Beck-Russmonte. They represented Corpus Christi among 293 Junior League chapters from across four countries.





Incoming President

Dear Sisters,

As I prepare to serve as your President, I find myself standing on the edge of something truly special — a year full of opportunity, curiosity, and connection.

A year... *Where Wonder Grows*

This theme, inspired by the timeless magic of Alice in Wonderland, is more than whimsical imagery.

It's a reflection of what I believe happens when women come together with open hearts and bold intentions. When we lead with imagination. When we plant seeds of purpose and stretch toward the unknown.

When we water each other, we grow — inward and outward.

In the year ahead, I want us to follow our curiosity. Explore new ideas, ask meaningful questions, and challenge ourselves to think bigger. Like Alice, we may find ourselves in unfamiliar territory, facing challenges that seem a little upside down. But also like Alice, we'll find our way by trusting our strength, leaning on our community, and staying open to transformation.

This year, we'll focus on growing not just what we do, but who we are. As individuals. As leaders. As a League. From the way we serve our community, to how we show up for one another, to the legacy we continue to shape — our impact will be rooted in both wonder and intention.

Every member, every moment, every bit of progress matters. Whether you're stepping into leadership, joining a new committee, or cheering from the sidelines, your presence helps our garden flourish.

Thank you for trusting me with this role and for bringing your heart to the journey ahead.

Let's step through the looking glass together and discover what's possible when we lead with wonder.



Lindsey Shinn

Lindsey Shinn
JLCC President, 2025-2026



Incoming President-Elect

Dr. Taylor Feldmann Kenne

Taylor joined the Junior League in 2016 and will serve as the JLCC President for the League Year 2026-2027.

Taylor was born in Japan as a “military brat.” She was raised everywhere but spent high school in Bandera, TX.

“I joined to volunteer. I stayed for the friendship. I’m continuing for the personal growth and development.”



Her past placements include:

- o Points committee
- o Communications
- o Planning and research
- o Placement
- o Placement elect
- o Nominating

As I step into the role of President-Elect, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the year ahead. There is something truly powerful about the opportunity to grow with this League—alongside women who inspire, uplift, and challenge each other to do more and be more for our community.

In the upcoming year, I hope to focus on growth, efficiency, and accessibility. My goal is to streamline some of the everyday “chores” we all take on as members, making more effective use of Member Essentials to simplify processes and give you back time for connection, creativity, and service.

One of my passions is bringing our League’s rich history out of the closet—literally. I’m working on a plan to make our archived documents and materials accessible to all members, so we can learn from our past and build an even stronger future. Our legacy should be a living resource, not hidden away.

Most importantly, I want to learn from you. I look forward to hearing what you want from your League experience—what energizes you, what challenges you, and how we can continue to evolve together.

Here’s to a year of growing, streamlining, and deepening our roots in service and sisterhood. I’m honored to be on this journey with each of you.

With gratitude,

Dr. Taylor Feldmann Kenne

JLCC President-Elect, 20265-2026

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OF SOUTH TEXAS**

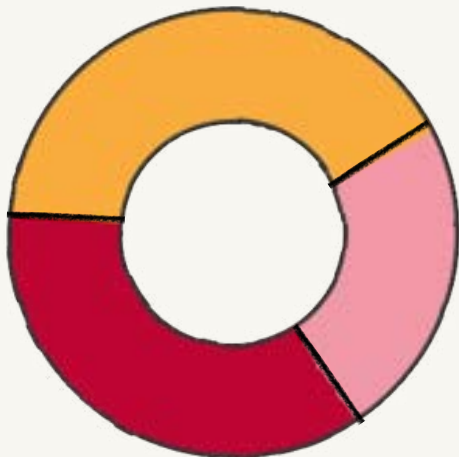
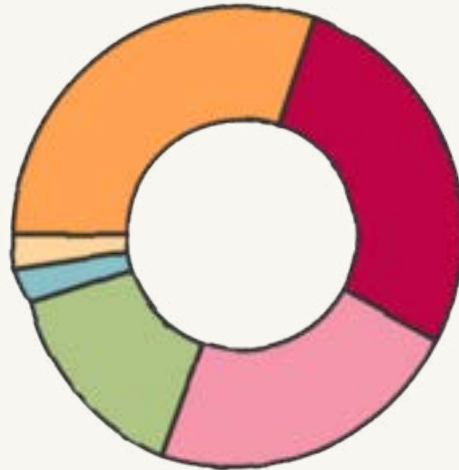
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2024-2025 Financial Report

Revenue

Donations	\$63,851.25	●
Dues	\$47,470.16	●
Fundraisers	\$49,835.78	●
Other	\$2,962.09	●
Gain on Investments	\$2,963.18	●
Dividends on Investments	\$21,708.76	●

Total Revenue \$188,791.22



EXPENSES

● \$52,756.39	Member Development & Training
● \$34,774.74	Support Services
● \$60,467.41	Community Programming/ Fundraising

\$147,998.54 Total Expenses

Statement of Financial Position

as of May 31, 2025

ASSETS: \$669,745.58

\$202,430.85
Cash & Cash
Equivalents (unrestricted)

\$17.60 \$467,297.13
Accounts Endowment
Receivable Fund

LIABILITIES: \$34,003.71

\$23,016.69
Unearned Dues

\$2,085.56 \$8,901.46
Accounts Sustainer
Payable Accounts

**\$635,741.87
TOTAL
EQUITY**



JUNIOR LEAGUE CORPUS CHRISTI

Sponsor Contribution Agreement 2025-2026

YES! I would like to support the Junior League of Corpus Christi

<input type="checkbox"/>	General Sponsorship Sponsor Level: _____ Amount: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Event Sponsorship Event: _____ Sponsor Title: _____ Amount: _____
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Contact Information:

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Type of Donation:

<input type="checkbox"/> Send Invoice including a link to pay by credit card	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Donation <small>(Please describe products and/or services with fair market value.)</small>
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