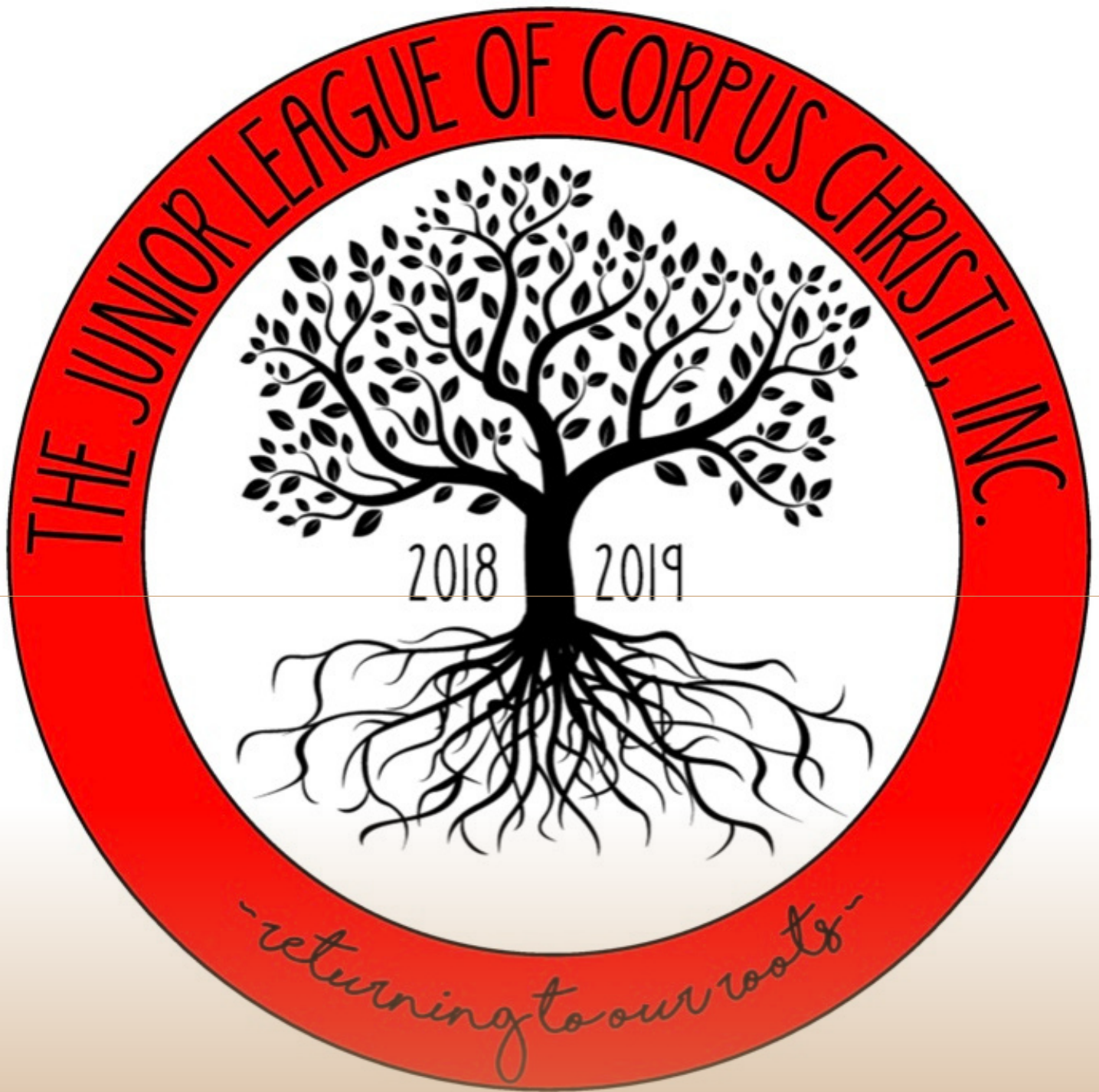


Community

Funding

Membership



TIDES
SUMMER 2019 VOLUME 72

Mission:

The Association of the Junior League International, Inc. (ALJI) 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.

Vision:

Together we will build a better future by responding to community needs, working together for positive change, and enhancing the potential of our membership.

Purpose:

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



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CORPUS CHRISTI, INC.
Women building better communities®

Editor's Note

Over 250+ Social Media Posts, 16 TV Interviews, Radio, Bus Bench, Electronic Billboard, and Magazine Advertisement, your Communications Teams has worked tirelessly to engage our Coastal Bend Community in our collective civic engagement!



Words cannot express how thankful we are to have AMAZING media sponsors.

Our Communications Team was "SMALL but mighty":

Jennifer Vincent - E-League Extraordinaire, integrating the Remind App to keep us all informed by text, posting & sharing over Newsday Tuesday, Facebook, Twitter and all platforms. This sister was the HUB of our communication wheel!

Maria Mia Beauford- "Anything you need, I can help!" This sister stepped in to lend a helping hand, photographer at community events, orchestrating signage pick up and collecting press releases from committee chairs. She worked tirelessly for our league as a new member!

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

-Maya Angelou

As I make my exit as the VP of Communications, this quote from Maya Angelou could not ring more true for me. When I joined the league in 2015, I was not clear to what my impacts would be on the organization. Yet to my surprise our league has provided an irreplaceable benefit. The Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. has cultivated me into a leader and exposed me to a whole new skill set in the public relations world, while allowing me to contribute my time and talents to our Coastal Bend community and gain invaluable sisterhood among ladies, whom paths I may not have crossed otherwise.



Our finale to complete our 2018-2019 League Year is our annual Tides Publication. We hope you enjoy and reflect on the IMPACT, standing tall on our mission

"Together we will build a better future by responding to community needs, working together for positive change, and enhancing the potential of our membership."

Sisterly,
Leticia Wilson
VP of Communications 2018-2019

#JLCTX
#Sisterhood



**VERONICA HUDLOW
PRESIDENT 2018-2019**



What an amazing year this has been! It was full of laughter, hard work, membership participation, and bonding. Thank you to Governance Board and Management Team for implementing the new cross training programs that will help to grow membership and train new volunteer leaders for the Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc.

This year commemorates our 75th Anniversary with a signature project of installing 75 Little Free Libraries throughout our city and the surrounding Coastal Bend area. This signature project is a work in progress and we hope to have it completed by the end of summer 2019. We did this with the goal to instill the love of reading to all children and to give everyone the opportunity to have access to books. A huge thank you to our sustainers for helping to research this project and to Janice Cagle, for taking the lead in making the installation a reality.

We had a busy year serving our community through various educational programs. Our community programs include Helping Hands, R.O.C.K.E.T.S., Wave of Red, and Literacy and Learning.

Helping Hands was busy this year with several impactful projects. They partnered with Food Bank of Corpus Christi and HEB to complete the Back Pack Program. This program provided 1333 children in the Corpus Christi Independent School District with nutritional foods to sustain them through 2019 Spring Break. They organized Operation Coats and collected 250 coats for students in need at Evans Elementary.

Raising Our Children's Knowledge by Educating Through Science, better known as R.O.C.K.E.T.S., partnered with HEB Tournament of Champions to organize and host multiple after school STEM events that reached over 150 students at Oak Park and Zavala Elementary schools. They also partnered with the Museum of Science and History to host a Family Day where JLCC members coached approximately 250 students as they made flashlights, created bubbles with soap and dry ice!

Wave of Red, our outreach committee, kicked off the year helping Fish for Life with a back to school shopping spree in August at our local JC Penny. Students from West Oso ISD shopped for school clothes at no cost to their families, thanks to the generosity of Braselton Homes. Wave of Red also organized our first Day of Service honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. I want to especially thank Leslie Ruta, for recommending Day of Service as an event that JLCC needed to honor. Other service projects led by Wave of Red included helping Habitat for Humanity build a home and a cleanup of one of our beautiful beaches.

Serving our Community:

HELPING HANDS

Food Bank-Back Pack Program

Operation Coats

R.O.C.K.E.T.S.

After school STEM event

Museum of Science and History-Family Day

WAVE OF RED

Fish for Life

MLK Day of Service

Habitat for Humanity

Beach Cleanup

LITERACY AND LEARNING

Christmas Tree Forest at the Art Museum

Comic Fair at local library

Fundraisers:

- Pitchin Clays*
- A Night In Texas*
- Touch A Truck*
- Rummage Sale*
- Kendra Scott Profit Share*
- Party*
- Taste of the Coastal Bend*

Literacy and Learning, in partnership with HEB, held another successful Christmas Tree Forest event this year at the Art Museum of Corpus Christi with over 2,700 folks attending the event. After the event, the 30 trees, decorated by local school groups, were donated to families at a special party held at Garcia Community Center. Literacy and Learning also hosted a Spring into Learning event at the Corpus Christi Public Library with a ComicCon theme with well over 800 attending the event.

Thank you to Community Council and all the chairs that organized and executed these programs flawlessly.

Our community programing is only possible through partnerships with funding partners and the efforts of our Funding Council. We created opportunities for everyone to contribute to our organization with several diverse fundraisers. This year's funding events were Pithcin' Clays, A Night in Texas, the JLCC Rummage Sale, and Touch-A-Truck.

Thank you to all our wonderful partners and sponsors. A special thanks to our Premier Sponsors. Again this year, L&F Distributors supported every effort JLCC endeavored to undertake. HEB and HEB Tournament of Champions made several events possible through financial and program support. To both the teams at L&F Distributors and HEB, we could not do the work we do without your support.

Pitching Clays was the kick-off fundraiser again this year, and gave the public an opportunity to test their skeet shooting skills or participate in a washer tournament, while also enjoying delicious barbecue and participating in a raffle.

In November, L&F Distrubtors' main warehouse was transformed into A Night in Texas, a wonderful evening event featuring a variety of culinary treats by the Texas Chef Association. This event gave you an opportunity to taste food prepared by top chefs in the Coastal Bend along with live music and silent auction.

Rummage, one of our most popular community fundraisers, allows the community to shop high end furniture, housewares, clothing, jewels and much much more at a discounted price. This year's sale opened with the usual Pre-Sale night, attended by Elvis (or a fella who looked like him!)

And finally, in March, Touch a Truck allowed children and adults the opportunity to learn about the different vehicles used around the city and in different businesses. This great event brought out 706 adults and 1236 children to the beautiful Water's Edge Park on Corpus Chirsti's beautiful bayfront. It's an event thats fun for all.

Fund Development was also hard at work holding events to supplement traditional funding events. Before the year even started, the folks at iHeart Radio invited JLCC to hold a silent auction at their fun event - Taste of the Coastal Bend. They also shared some of the profit from ticket sales with us. Thinking creatively, this committee hosted a profit share party with the generous group at the Kendra Scott in La Palmera Mall, and introduced Gift Card Balance transfer program to collect unused balances on gift cards.

Our Communication Council did an amazing job of marketing and promoting everyone of our programs and events. We thank you for your hard work. Media mentions

Membership Council did an amazing job training and hosting monthly President Lunches. Congratulations on a job well done. Membership also successfully brought 17 talented women into the JLCC sisterhood as the 2018-2019 New Member class.

While we were taking caring of our community, fundraising, and training, we decided it was time for a little change. We had a wonderful group of JLCC women go above and beyond to help us find a new office location. We have moved from Hamlin Shopping Center to the new Kleberg Building located at 5350 South Staples Suite 208. This move will save us a significant amount rent and overhead costs as well.

I am profoundly proud of all the hard work and determination our membership has shown to make our organization successful with our community programs and all our fundraising. Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc., is comprised of women that are compassionate about the needs of our community, and passionate about improving our community. We empower each other and we are powerful role models to the community that we serve. We're not afraid to take on new projects, and we're not afraid to ask for guidance in order to execute a great event or program.

Our plan is to continue our legacy of service to our organization and community.

Our goal as an organization is to enhance the potential of each woman, while responding to our community's needs and working together for positive change.

Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. remains committed to training women leaders and empowered volunteers. Thank you all for your continued dedication to the Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc.

Sincerely,

*Veronica Hudlow
President 2018-2019*



Thank You To Our Sponsors



**SOUTH
COAST**
REAL ESTATE

MODERN
METHODS.

*Southern
Charm.*

361.452.3648
southcoasttexas.com



South Coast Real Estate
Congratulates REALTOR
Andrea Gatlin for being
JLCC's Active of the Year!

Thank you for your hard
work and dedication to our
League, Andrea!



2018-2019 Governance Board & Management Team

CONGRATULATIONS LEADERSHIP TEAM ON A SUCCESSFUL 2018-2019 LEAGUE YEAR



MANAGEMENT TEAM



Management Team (MT) develops programs, activities and operations consistent with the strategic direction and operating parameters set by GB. They also establish systems for collecting and reporting to GB the information that gives evidence that the organization is accomplishing within the appropriate operating parameters.

Leslie Ruta (President-Elect), Jordan Michael (Funding VP), Brittany Sandbach (Community VP), Diana Ortega-Feerick (Fund Development Chair-Elect), Saide Henderson (Placement Chair), Samantha Mendoza (Treasurer-Elect), Laura Nelson (Membership VP), and Leticia Wilson (Communications VP).

Not Pictured: Adriana Martinez (Sustaining Advisor), and Mari Palmatier (Sustaining Advisor)

GOVERNANCE BOARD



This year, our Governance Board, led by President Veronica Hudlow, was proud to celebrate our 75th Anniversary by looking back on all JLCC has done for our community and members. By "Returning to Our Roots", we were able to regroup, renew, and become reenergized about continually improving our organization for the future! Our 2018-2019 year has been full of transformation as Governance Board members worked alongside other JLCC Leaders to restructure our League and make serious impactful decisions to help secure a successful future. Thank you to the Governance Board Members of 2018-2019, Veronica Hudlow (President), Leslie Ruta (President-Elect), Andrea Gatlin (Funding Development), Gina Gonzalez (Treasurer), Kristina Bednorz (At-Large), Michelle Ramirez (Nominating), Robin Dudley (At-Large), Coral Carey (Bylaws/Recording Secretary), Stefany Schade (Planning and Research).

Not Pictured: Angela Pena (President's Assistant), Diane DeCou (Sustaining Advisor), and Alissa Worley (Sustaining Advisor).

PITCHIN' CLAYS

Committee Chair: Jordan Michael

The 3rd Annual Pitchin' Clays Sporting Clays Shoot and Washer Tournament took place on Saturday, October 27th at the Corpus Christi Pistol and Rifle Club. After Hurricane Harvey caused the cancellation of this event the previous year, league members were excited to host this event once again.

This year's event was unique to prior years because this year's shoot moved over to the newly created sporting clays course. Sporting clays is one of the fastest growing shooting sports and the new course is amazing!



2018 - 2019 Pitchin' Clays Committee





Eight teams joined us on a beautiful sunny afternoon of skeet shooting at the Corpus Christi Pistol and Rifle Club. Participants enjoyed lunch catered by Meshel's Treats while raffle winners were announced.

TOP OVERALL SHOOTER
Team Rabalias

TOP FEMALE SHOOTER
Lilly Sharp

Thank You To Our Event Sponsors



RUMMAGE

Committee Chairs: Sandi Hoot & Rebecca Urlacher

Rummage Sale is one of Junior League's largest fundraisers and this year was no exception. For the second year in a row, Durrill Properties graciously donated the old Gardendale Church on the corner of Staples and Holly. The church is the perfect layout to house the various departments.

Friday night hosted the usual Pre-Sale event with a vintage Vegas theme of "Welcome to Rummage". Needless to say, Elvis made an appearance and performed while volunteers modeled fantastic finds from the boutique department.



Thank You To Our Sponsors

Durrill Properties



Sale Day was a big hit with the usual lines forming outside the door long before the start of the event. This event would not have been a success without the help of volunteers for weeks leading up to the event and the day of the sale.

Proceeds from Rummage Sale, as with all our fundraisers, provide funding for JLCC's community programs for the 2019 - 2020 year.



TOUCH - A - TRUCK

Committee Chair: Michelle Campbell

The 2nd annual Touch - A - Truck presented by H-E-B was a continued success!

Thirty trucks ranging from construction equipment, EMS trucks, AEP trucks, 18-wheelers from H-E-B and Del Mar College, multiple police and DEA units are just

the beginning of the scenery that spanned the Waters Edge Park in Downtown Corpus Christi. Touch - A - Truck provided the unique opportunity to explore all types of vehicles. Approximately 1200 children and 700 adults were allowed to touch their favorite vehicles, get behind the wheel, and meet the people who help build, protect, and serve our community.



Thank You To Our Sponsors



HOB LIT DARLING RALLS
HERNANDEZ & HUDLOW LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW



TWO MEN
AND A
TRUCK.



Touch - A - Truck



Thank You To Our Sponsors




 D'yan Lopez-Garza
 Your Local Agent
 1000 FARMERS PLACE STE 100
 HOUSTON, TX 77058
 281.479.8888

COVERAGE FOR THE THINGS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CARE ABOUT
 ■ AUTO ■ HOME ■ LIFE
 Let me help you get smarter about your insurance.
 Call me today! 361.592.8450
 FARMERS INSURANCE
 www.farmers.com



A NIGHT IN TEXAS

Event Chair: Sarah Snowden - Middleton

A Junior League year wouldn't be complete without a fundraiser full of what everyone loves the most - food, dancing and silent auctions! The 2nd Annual 'A Night In Texas' was hosted on November 3rd at The Warehouse at L&F Distributors. By day, this warehouse is lined with 18-wheelers loading up brew for local businesses. Add in 75 JLCC women and the warehouse was transformed into a night under the Texas stars.

JLCC partnered with the Coastal Bend Chapter of the Texas Chefs' Association for a delectable fare that had everyone raving. Chefs from various restaurants provided hefty samples of Texas themed food that kept everyone full. Complete with drinks from L&F Distributors, dancing by Just Cause Band and a never-ending silent auction, A Night in Texas was an exciting night and fun was had by all!



TASTE OF THE COASTAL BEND

iHeart Radio held The Taste of the Coastal Bend on June 13th, 2018 at the Solomon P. Ortiz Center. It was an evening of tasting and sampling from some of the area's favorite hot spots and some of the newest restaurants. All of the proceeds from the silent action benefited Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc as well as a portion of ticket sale proceeds. In all, JLCC was able to raise over \$2,500, 8 volunteers worked the evening, and several members attended.



KENDRA SCOTT PROFIT SHARE

Walk into any Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. event and you'll quickly discover that Junior League loves Kendra Scott! The feeling is mutual, as Kendra Scott has graciously donated product for our silent auctions and raffles and even provided a "Kendra Scott Bar" at our A Night in Texas fundraiser. Attendees had the opportunity to shop while dining and dancing and Kendra Scott donated a portion of the proceeds to JLCC. In the Spring 2019, Junior League of Corpus Christi hosted a mixer at the Kendra Scott store in La Palmera Mall for a first look of the new spring line. This event doubled as a recruitment mixer for potential new members as well. Needless to say, the turn out was great and a good time was had by all.



KENDRA
SCOTT



Thank You To Our Sponsors

Casa de Oro Jewelers has been a community business for 40 years and a long standing supporter of the Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. since 2011. We thank the Schade family to their continued commitment to Corpus Christi and the Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc.



Congratulations to Stefany Schade
on the 2018 - 2019 Love Award!

WAVE OF RED

Chair: Ashlee Struchen

The Wave of Red committee was born in August 2017 during the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Organically, a group of volunteers planned to meet in Port Aransas to help a JLCC sister who lost her home in the storm. In the days and weeks following, an unofficial volunteer event were created to assist in the hardest hit areas of Hurricane Harvey. JLCC members gutted homes, cut through trees and sorted an endless supply of toiletries and clothing donated from other Junior Leagues throughout Texas. It was named "Wave of Red" because of the never-ending flow of red shirts that showed up to help. During the 2018 - 2019 league year, Wave of Red was formed into an official committee and consisted of done-in-a-day projects.



Wave of Red



Habitat for Humanity



On Saturday, October 6th, the JLCC volunteers partnered with Habitat for Humanity Corpus Christi to put some sweat equity into our community. An amazing group of women come out to volunteer and put their skills to the test using power tools for tasks such as installing siding, and caulking the entire inside of a house! These ladies set a good example of how our League comes together for the betterment of our community.

Throughout the morning, our group worked side by side with several other local organizations and worked along side the future owners of two of the homes. Hearing their stories and seeing how much time and effort they are putting into building a home that they will create memories in for years to come was a humbling experience for us all. Through these homeowners, we learned that homeowners must put in their own "sweat equity" and be at the build site when volunteers are present and building. At the end of construction, homeowners sign a mortgage that covers the cost of materials used to build the home. Those mortgage payments become funding for future homes for others. As Habitat for Humanity says, "it's a hand UP, not a handout."

Christmas Party at The Ark

On Saturday, December 1st, JLCC volunteers hosted the 2nd Annual Christmas Party for the children in emergency shelter at The Ark. The facility is the only licensed facility within an 80-mile radius where abused or neglected children can live while their cases are being assessed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Children can stay at The Ark for up to 90 days, during which the staff's goal is to prepare them for successful placement in a foster home.

We spent the morning playing games like Rudolph Says, Reindeer Racing, Christmas Tree Bowling, and Santa Hat Ring Toss with the toddler group. Thanks to a generous donation by the Chick-fil-A on Saratoga, we served a scrumptious lunch and then decorated Christmas cookies. After we'd all had plenty of sugar, each child chose a stuffed animal to keep and we cozied up on the couches for story time.

When the staff whisked the sleepy children off for their naps, President of the Board, Sister Milagros Tormo, gave us a brief history of the transitional home and described typical cases—when children are removed from their homes because of continued parental drug abuse. Her stories pointed out just how much it means for young children who have experienced trauma to have one-on-one attention and consistent, compassionate care. Special thanks to the Chick-fil-A on Saratoga for donating>>>>>



M.L.K. Day of Service



What an amazing day! Twenty volunteers participated in National Day of Service. We split up the crowd into two groups, one starting at Ropes Park and one at Cole Park - which the Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. has a long standing history with. The City of Corpus Christi was there to provide gloves, bags, and pickers for our ladies in red as they canvassed the area cleaning up debris and treasures that had been left behind by the community.



Our goal was to leave the parks better than we found them and everyone was extremely positive and ready to take on the task! We ended up completely cleaning Ropes Park, Cole Park, and McGee Beach. A huge shoutout to our President Elect, Leslie Ruta, for all of her assistance on the morning of the event as well as all of the League members who showed up to participate and to the ones who even brought friends, family, and future League members.

This was a fabulous event that helped leave our community a better place and to showcase our amazing team of volunteers. Thank you to everyone!

Back To School Shopping

For the second year in a row, Fish For Life has asked Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. members to be personal shoppers during their Back To School Shopping Event. In partnership with Braselton Homes, Fish For Life arranged for J.C. Penny to open two hours early so that students from West Oso ISD can shop until they drop. This two day event hosts elementary school aged children for the opportunity to stock up on clothing, shoes and backpacks. The children were sweet and gracious and Junior League members had an amazing time getting to know the kids. It was also an amazing opportunity to partner with other community organizations. Junior League members now look forward to this event every year!



Oak Park Elementary Bikes for Kids

For 17 years, Martin De Los Santos, of L&F Distributors, asks members of the Junior League of Corpus Chirsti, Inc. to partner with him at Oak Park Elementary School to give back to children in an economically depressed area of Corpus Chirsti. December 2018, Martin personally shopped for 60 bikes and 200 toys for children in grades 1 through 5.

Santa and Mrs. Clause, along with Martin and JLCC volunteers, passed out wrapped toys to children as their names were called. 200 children received an age appropriate toy. Then, 30 girls and 30 boys, who school consolors have carefully selected based on need, heard their names called again to receive a new bicycle.

This year, one parents approached a JLCC member in tears, thanking them for the bike. It was the first bicycle her daughter had ever had.

The morning ended with lots of hugs, pictures with Santa, and warm, cheerful hearts for all.



CHRISTMAS TREE FOREST

Chairs: Lyndsey Shinn & Allison Gagni

The Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. partnered with H-E-B, Navy Army Community Credit Union and The Art Museum of South Texas to present the 9th Annual Christmas Tree Forest: A Reading Wonderland from November 17th to December 12th with a Free Family Fun Day on December 8, 2018. This event showcased 30 Christmas trees at the Art Museum of South Texas inspired from children's books chosen by participating schools and community groups. This event promotes childhood literacy, a passion of the JLCC. Visitors were able to vote on their favorite decorated themed tree.



And the winners were.....

First Place

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
King High School Student Council

Second Place

Treasure Island
Metropolitan School of Design

Third Place

101 Dalmations
G.A.P. Homeschool Co-Op

Winners of the tree-decorating contest received HEB gift cards (ranging from \$75-\$300). There were 2,734 people in attendance and HEBuddy provided over 2,000 goodie bags, filled with donations from HEB, Half Price Books, and La Palmera Mall. Family activities and photo opportunities with Santa Claus were available. Christmas music entertainment provided by: King High School Vocal Suspension, King High School Guitar Ensemble, Flour Bluff Chamber Choir, Miller Choir Metro Prep Guitar Ensemble and Coastal Bend Flute Club.



Special Thanks To Our Sponsors



Christmas Tree Forest

Garcia Arts Center



After a successful event at The Art Museum of South Texas, the 30 trees donated by HEB were taken to the Antonio Garcia Arts & Education Center where the Christmas Tree Forest was re-created for the community Christmas party on December 13th, 2018!

With 115 in attendance, The Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc., with the generous support of HEB and the Antonio Garcia Arts & Education Center, continued to spread holiday cheer by donating these spectacular trees to 30 families and gifts to 54 children through the Toys for Tots program.



Special Thanks To Our Sponsors



Christmas Tree Forest

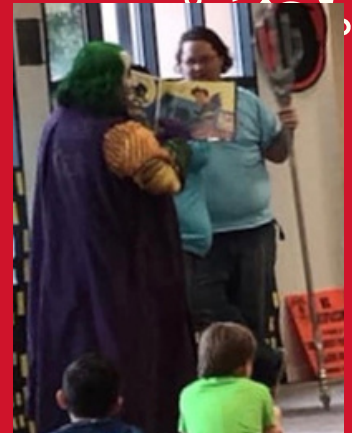
SPRING INTO LEARNING

Chairs: Lyndsey Shinn & Allison Gagni

Calling all caped crusaders! The Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. held its third annual Literacy & Learning event, Spring into Comics: Library Comic Con on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the La Retama Central Library from 10am-3pm.

In an effort to promote literacy throughout the Coastal Bend, JLCC teamed up with the Corpus Christi Public Libraries to host this FREE "Comic Con" inspired event for the community. The event was for all ages and celebrated literacy through comic books, science fiction, fantasy, and all things super hero!

Activities included games, guest artists, comic-based vendors, and much more! The event also featured everything fans love from the larger comic book conventions but scaled down into a free and family friendly environment. We encouraged the community to join the fun and dress as their favorite cosplay characters, and many did just that!



Thank You To Our Sponsors



Cosmic Comics

South Texas Cosplay Alliance



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE COASTAL BEND



Spring Into Learning

HELPING HANDS

Chairs: Devry Avet & Stacey Sellers

Helping Hands hosted three community events during the 2018 - 2019 league year. In October, Reading is Fundamental provided 75 children from the Robstown Boys and Girls Club with two books, the opportunity to make pumpkin crafts, face painting and gift bags.

Committee members coordinated Operation Coats in November and donated 252 new and gently used coats to the students at Evans Elementary.



In March, 2019, Junior League of Coopus Christi, Inc. hosted the 3rd annual Spring Break Backpack Project in partnership with the Coastal Bend Food Bank. Recipients of the backpacks receive a backpack filled with enough nutritious food for the week of spring break while they are off of school. In the three years since the league has started this community project, we have handed out over 3,500 backpacks.



Thank You To Our Sponsors



Helping Hands

R.O.C.K.E.T.S

Chairs: Amy Jacobs and Christie Batey

This year marks the second year for the JLCC's R.O.C.K.E.T.S. committee (Raising Our Children's Knowledge Through Science) which is dedicating to improving the education of Coastal Bend students. R.O.C.K.E.T.S. strives to bring exciting and hands-on lessons in STEM fields – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. R.O.C.K.E.T.S. was able to expand this year due to a generous grant from the HEB Tournament of Champions.

The R.O.C.K.E.T.S. committee coordinated after school workshops for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students at Oak Park Elementary School and Zavala Elementary School. Community partners assisted with lessons designed to promote and engage the student's interest and knowledge in STEM fields. The Robotics team from Collegiate High School participated in the October workshop at Oak Park Elementary School where students were able to drive the robots; students also received Salt Water Powered Robot kits to build at home. In February, Erika Locke of the Del Mar Geology Club led the Zavala Elementary students through a lesson on dinosaurs and local fossils. Jonathan Garza of the Corpus Christi Science and History Museum coordinated a workshop in which the students were able to make and observe chemical reactions by building volcanos. Each student who participated received a STEM related take home gift.

Thank You
To Our Sponsors



H-E-B TOURNAMENT
OF CHAMPIONS



R.O.C.K.E.T.S

WE APPRECIATE OUR PLATINUM SPONSORS



DISTRIBUTORS

HUGS

Helping Us Give Support

Chairs: D'yan Lopez Garza and Katie Galan

HUGS is an internal committee dedicated to supporting Junior League members throughout the year. Duties include prayer chain, member socials, member recognition and other forms of encouragement and support.

This year provided many opportunities to support our league members. Many league members, including sustainers, were nominated for Corpus Christi's 40 Under 40. Individually, many league members has personal and professional accomplishments. HUGS also collaborated with President Veronica Hudlow to host President's Lunches. These lunches were casual opprotunities to get to know other league members. This year was the first time for a Juijitsu social! Our friends at Presa graciously hosted a complimentary class for league members on a Saturday morning.

As always, our December Holiday Soscial was hosted by Sustainer Karen Nicholson and Hamlin Pharmacy. League members always love the opprotunity to shop! Jordan Michael was announced as the President - Elect - Elect and will serve during the 2020 - 2021 league year.





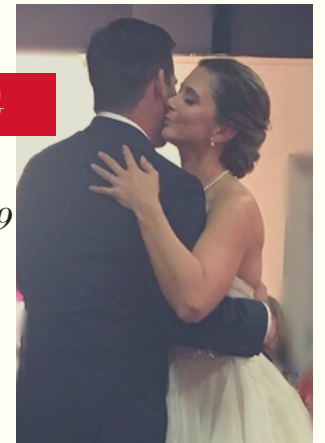
New Member Class

CELEBRATIONS



CORAL CAREY AND ANDREA GATLIN

South Coast Real Estate Celebrated out first year in business..HOORAY! We Made It!



ALEXIS KING

*Just Married!
March 30, 2019*



YVETTE D. MONTALVO

Yvette just celebrated her one year Anniversary in December 2018 and accepted a promotion at work in March 2019.



MARIA R. BEAUFORD

Maria started her own business BeauWorx Consulting!



VIRGINIA N HARBECK

*Gave birth to a baby girl,
Katherine Bettye Harbeck,
October 30, 2018; 5 lbs 13 oz.,
18.5 inches..*



ASHLEE STRUCHEN

*Became her own Boss,
Sweetest Snaps Photography*



LETICIA WILSON

Leticia received a promotion at Del Mar College and became the Director of Advising Initiatives and was also awarded the 2019 Texas Academic Advising Network (TEXAAN) Outstanding Academic Advisor Award.

CELEBRATIONS



AMANDA SUE FRIEDECK

Graduated from Liberty University with a BS in Disciplinary Studies with Education and Language.



Lander was hired as an Assistant United States Attorney!

LANDER B BAIAMONTE

LAUREN SWENSON

Moved to Corpus Christi and joined a law firm Royston & Rayzor practicing litigation.



BRIANNA J SALINAS-DAVIS

Brianna was nominated employee of the year and "Above & Beyond" Award with the Nueces Center for Mental Health & Intellectual Disabilities.

POOJA BINDINGNAVELLE

Pooja was nominated for Corpus Christi 40 Under 40!



LYNDSEY SHINN

Lyndsey got promoted to Federal Agent and was selected for Corpus Christi 40 Under 40.



ADDIE FRANKLIN

Addie gave birth to a baby girl, Emeline Rose Franklin October 15, 2018. 8lb 11 oz.



75TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating 75 years of Service in Corpus Christi

The Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. (JLCC) celebrated 75 Years of Service in the Coastal Bend Community. To commemorate this momentous occasion, the Junior League set out to install 75 Little Free Libraries throughout the Coastal Bend. Literacy has long been a passion of the Junior League which can be seen throughout years of programs with this focus.



Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. There are more than 80,000 registered Little Free Libraries in all 50 states and over 90 countries. Through these Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds. Little Free Library has received recognition from the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, Library Journal, the Women's National Book Association, and more.

Donations from JLCC members & community business sponsors raised over \$22,000 to build 62 of the 75 Little free Libraries that will be installed this Spring. The other 13 will be hand crafted and designed by individuals and local organizations and then will be judged and awarded prizes based on creativity.

Volunteers from around the community donated their time to help assemble and install these libraries in local parks, schools, churches and area neighborhoods from Calallen to Padre Island. In collaboration with Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi's "The Big Event" 155 student volunteers assembled 55 of the Little Free Library Kits.

Sustainer Janice Cagle was an integral figure in leading this massive undertaking. She secured sponsors, storage locations for the kits, arranged volunteers to build the kits and organized and installed each library. Additionally, she brought in the support of Councilman Ben Molina and the Corpus Christi Parks and Rec Department. The Junior League received an overwhelming amount of media coverage regarding the 75th anniversary project to help garner community support.



75th Anniversary

75TH ANNIVERSARY



75th Anniversary

ODI

conference
Little Rock, AK



CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Diana Ortega-Feerick, Robin Dudley, D'yan Lopez Garza, and Samantha Mendoza

Organizational Development Institutes (or ODIs) are leadership development meetings, organized by Association of Junior Leagues, Internations (AJLI), that provide members with mission-based training in key areas critical to the healthy functioning of a League. This Fall, The Junior League of Little Rock hosted ODI and welcomed 260 delegates from 99 leagues.

The weekend featured several keynote speakers, including the renowned Dr. Johnny Lakes' session, "The Ache for Home: Building an Inclusive Home Together".

Our delegates attended the following tracks:

- Advancing Diversity and Inclusion
- Diversified Fund Development
- Governing for Excellence
- Membership Development

"If you expect people to follow you, you have to become someone they can follow."
Be a leader people want to follow.

#WELLNESS ROCKS

2018 - 2019 New Member Project

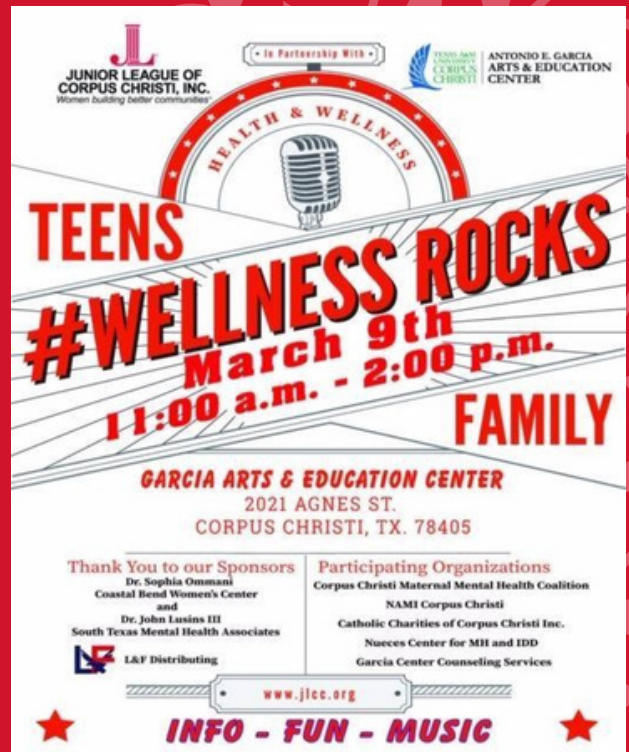
On March 9th, 2019, the '18-'19 New Member Class of the Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc partnered with the Antonio Garcia Arts and Education Center Counseling Services to host "Wellness Rocks" at the Antonio Garcia Arts and Education Center. This event was free and open to all members of the community.

The purpose of Wellness Rocks was to provide local youth and parents access to local mental health and wellness resources. Local organizations such as Texas A&M University Nursing Program, Nueces Center for MH and ID, NAMI Greater Corpus Christi, The Ecumenical Center for Education, Counseling, Health, Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi Inc, The Education Service Center provided information about their services and provided an open forum on the importance of mental health awareness and overall wellness.

DJ Dijit of No Excuses Entertainment provided music for the event, while Area Strength and Fitness and Force Taekwondo Academy showcased how boxing and martial arts is a fun and interactive way to cope with daily stressors .

There was also a Wellness Corner where participants could make slime and "Soothing Stones." Each participant was able to individualize their slime and stone with various colors and positive affirmations. Go Team Therapy Dogs was a fun and furry addition to the wellness corner. Therapy Dogs were able to interact with participants and really show the importance and healing power of pet therapy. Smoothie King also provided delicious smoothie samples, wellness guides and coupons for those who attended.

The Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc with the generous support of Antonio Garcia Arts & Education Center, Dr. John O. Lusins III and Dr. Sophia Ommani were able to provide Mental Health and Wellness access and resources to 215 members of the community.



New Member Class

2018 - 2019 New Members



New Member Class

2018 - 2019 New Members



New Member Class

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Every year membership nominates women who go beyond what is expected of them.



Sustainer of the Year

Janice Cagle

One word describes Janice Cagle - tenacious. She single handedly implemented the 75th anniversary Little Free Library Project. From funding, planning, ordering, arranging volunteers, building, installing, promoting - she did it all. Janice embodies the spirit of Junior League!



Love Award

Stefany Schade

Stefany and her P&R team took on the daunting and stressful task of revamping the league when the outlook was not so good. Stefany knew that this would not be an easy task but she took the challenge because she loves the league wholeheartedly. She spent time talking to people one-on-one and hosted live streams and town hall meetings to make sure that any and every question was answered. She was very considerate of other people's thoughts and many times went back to the drawing board, taking in new considerations.



Active of the Year

Andrea Gatlin

Andrea rocked this year. She served as the Chair of Fund Development as her official assignment, but did not stop there. Andrea used her professional Realtor skills to assist in the Special Committee to find JLCC a office space. And when it looked like hope was lost for the Spring Break Backpack project - Andrea would not hear it. She jumped in, finished off funding and lead project to completion.

COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARDS

Every year, Community Partners are awarded for their dedication to the Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc.

Chefs of the Coastal Bend



Chef Dean Sprague and Chef Mike Scott with Chefs of the Coastal Bend were crucial partners in the success of A Night in Texas. They graciously worked with a barely-there budget, and in turn they used those proceeds to provide scholarships for local culinary students.

H-E-B



H-E-B was able to grant us \$5,000 for the Spring Break Backpack Project as well as provide \$1,500 in goodie bags. The team at H-E-B also helped us secure an additional \$5,000 for Touch a Truck as well as giveaways for the event. H-E-B Tournament of Champions also granted us a \$8,000 grant for our ROCKETS stem program, which directly impacted the lives of approximately 500 children though after school workshops and Oak Park Elementary and Zavala Elementary Schools.

Lamar Advertising



Lamar Advertising has been extremely supportive of our programming throughout the past year. They donated an electronic billboard to market our fundraising event, Pitchin' Clays, even in the midst of a very busy political season.

501 Legion (Not Pictured)

The members of the 501st Legion of Stormstoppers have supported numerous JLCC events over the years, including Run Amuck, Star Wars Reads Day, Spring Into Learning Comicon and the new member event, #WellnessRocks. Each member donates hours of their time to events cheerfully, and in complete character.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL



Darcy Schroeder

Darcy is a past JLCC member, who is an active member of the community and currently works at Valero Energy Corporation as their Public Affairs Manager.



John Lennan

John is the Public Information Officer for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. He has been a past member of the JLCC Community Advisory Council and has brought us many ideas this year to help the youth of our Coastal Bend community.



Dr. Gilda Ramirez

Dr. Ramirez is the Vice President, Small Business & Education for the United Corpus Christi Chamber. She has brought a viewpoint that spans many years in our community to the team.



Alexis Mays

Alexis is part of the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System marketing team, and has brought new insight to the JLCC Community Advisory Council during her second year on the council.

SUSTAINER ANNUAL MEETING

JLCC Sustainers are an impressive group of women. Like Active membership, ladies in this group are mothers, daughters, doctors and nurses, lawyers, care givers, and more. They have served the Corpus Christi community through JLCC, and many have gone on to serve in other non-profits in the city. They hold JLCC near and dear to their hearts and support and care deeply how the organization is tackling the current challenges in developing women and different needs in the community.

Annually, JLCC Sustainers gather for their meeting to receive an update. Sustaining Advisors to the President, Alyssa Worley and Diane Decou, hosted the meeting at the home of Pat Eldridge. This year's meeting was attended by over 30 members.

JLCC President, Veronica Hudlow, told of the success of the many community events and fundraisers held by JLCC membership this year. Next, President-elect, Leslie Ruta, shared the many changes that active membership voted to implement in the coming year. Based on anticipated membership, JLCC will be hosting two community events and two fundraisers. Sustaining members all offered support in what ever way possible as the changes are implemented.

Janice Cagle, project lead for the 75th Anniversary Signature Project - 75 Little Free Libraries, updated the group on progress with the project. Janice also thanked the many Sustainers who have supported the project from the very start.

Fun fact: 4 of the beautiful ladies from this picture were all in the Provisional Class of 1974! Still supporting, still rooting for JLCC!



PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

Traditions can make an organization unique and the Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. is no exception. In May of every year, past presidents of the Junior League along with the year's outgoing President, Incoming President and the soon-to-be President Elect gather at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club for an afternoon of comraderie. Past Presidents share their wisdom and support for the incoming leadership.



Back row, from left to right:

Pat Eldrige, President-Elect-Elect Jordan Michael, Barbara Milfelt, Alissa Worley, Yma Urban, BeBe Bellfield, Claire McCauley, Lisa Jasek

Front row, from left to right:

Julie McNeil, Sue Madry, President Veronica Hudlow, President-Elect Leslie Ruta, Adriana Martinez

2019 - 2020 President

Leslie Ruta

"Are you ready?" If I were keeping track of questions I was asked this year, that would be my number one! So, am I ready?

I know I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge over the year. I can't imagine following anyone other than Veronica Hudlow. She is gracious and kind, willing to share in every decision, and truly takes JLCC's mission with her into every situation involving this organization. And now, I can't picture life without her friendship.

It has also been a pleasure serving alongside the women of JLCC. From Management Team and Governance Board to committee chairs and new members, this is the beautiful group of women that keep me coming back year after year.

The other thing that keeps me coming back are kids like Lauren. I met Lauren in 2016 at a Kids in the Kitchen event. She loved it so much, her mom and grandma now watch for our events, and keep coming back. They love the work we do in the community. Lauren and I always take a picture together. Her smile is that priceless reward for why we all joined and continue to be members of JLCC. Se is a character, too! Check out my bunny ears in our first picture together.

In my first official act as the President of JLCC at our May celebration this year, I talked about how we are the bees of Corpus Christi – spreading pollen throughout the community, creating fruits and flowers as we go. Our 75 years of work keep blooming when a child learns how interesting and fun STEM can be, every time someone pulls a book from a Little Free Library, or visits the Water's Edge Park and gets to make a firetruck siren sing. Like bees, we work together for a greater purpose, and together we thrive.

What's in store for 2019-2020? So much! We have a new board and committee structure that was voted in by membership to streamline and right-size our organization for today's membership. We have trimmed our events to better fit with the needs of our membership and community. Something else to watch for in 2019-2020 – Sustainer involvement. Based on response to the 75th anniversary Little Free Library project, we know Sustainers want to be more involved. We welcome them and have a plan! These are excited changes.

How do I know we will be successful again this year? Because we have a diverse membership who is ready to bring their unique talents and strengths to all that is JLCC. We have a Board of Directors that is already working to ensure JLCC has a fantastic 76th year. We have the opportunity this year to stabilize and regrow our organization. And it is going to be fun!

My request of every member, no matter their membership status – Active, Sustainer, or New: Be authentic. Be kind. Be generous. Be brave. Be tenacious. Be resilient. Be joyful. And above all - Be you!

So, to answer the question – you bet I am ready!
And I guess it's my turn to ask – Are YOU ready?

*-Leslie Ruta
2019-2020 JLCC President*



2018 - 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| DONATIONS | \$33,289.11 |
| DUES | \$33,890.20 |
| FUNDRAISERS | \$73,761.55 |
| INVESTMENT | \$2,251.18 |
| OTHER | \$1,492.99 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$144,684.04 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| COMMUNITY/ FUNDRAISING | \$50,856.93 |
| DEVELOPMENT/ TRAINING | \$33,479.06 |
| SUPPORT SERVICES | \$84,169.18 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$168,505.17 |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

| | |
|--|--------------|
| CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS (unrestricted) | \$218,242.89 |
| ENDOWMENT FUND | \$347,996.85 |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE | \$12,051.80 |
| PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT | \$49,594.93 |
| PREPAID EXPENSES | \$2024.80 |
| OTHER ASSETS | \$1,750.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$631,661.27 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | \$2,115.05 |
| ACCRUED EXPENSES | \$2,590.05 |
| TAXES PAYABLE | \$639.12 |
| UNEARNED DUES | \$31,501.00 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$36,845.22 |

FUND BALANCE

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| GENERAL FUND | \$100,000.00 |
|--------------|--------------|

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

\$136,845.22



Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc.
5350 S. Staples Ste 208
Corpus Christi, Texas 78411



Celebrating 75 Years of Service