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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

MISSION STATEMENT

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.



THE ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES INTERNATIONAL

AJLI 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.

AJLI HISTORY

Founded in 1901 by New Yorker and social activism pioneer Mary Harriman, The Junior Leagues are charitable non-profit 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.

AJLI VISION

**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE:
WOMEN AROUND THE
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A LETTER FROM OUR 2023-2024 PRESIDENT

Brittany Sandbach



As we wrap up the 2023-2024 Junior League year, I am so proud of each and every one of our JLCC members, community partners, donors and more.

Thank you for making this last year one for the books. You have all done an amazing job, and I am so honored to have been President during this time of progress in our Corpus Christi community.

We kicked off the year with a longtime favorite JLCC friend as our August GM speaker to really motivate us - Leticia Wilson. The speakers that followed helped to train our members in so many different topics including mental health, finances, Robert's Rules of Order, and more.

Our community programs and fundraisers each were bigger and better than years past, which truly shows that we're in line with what our community wants and needs from the Junior League of Corpus Christi. Not only were they bigger in attendance, but our fundraisers also saw an increase in support from both corporate sponsors and foundation grants.

We can't forget our New Member Backpack Project, which this year fed over 1,500 students in the area during Spring Break, all funded by our New Member class and their hard work!



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This year, we also continued on our tradition of Wave of Red initiatives, which are “done in a day” projects spearheaded by our Board of Directors. We were able to host a beach clean up, make dinner for families at the Ronald McDonald House, redo the outdoor area at Schanen Estates Elementary, host a holiday party for the children of Bokenkamp Children’s Refuge Center, and give out over 300 teacher appreciation goodie bags for local teachers.



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Overall, this last year was amazing! I hope everyone was able to make new friends, try out some new experiences, learn something from one of our trainings, and felt like they made a difference in our community. It has truly been my pleasure to serve as the President of the Junior League of Corpus Christi during the 2023-2024 year. I can't wait to see what the years ahead will bring to this amazing organization of women!

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-Brittany

2023-2024 Board of Directors

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR LEAGUE

JLCC 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 & Women's Day Luncheon. These committees are at the forefront in the community, preparing and hosting all of the amazing hands-on events. Our External committees do a fantastic job, but they do not work alone.

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

Planning & Training Committee Members:
Sophie Ruefle, Chair; Lyndsey Shinn Tijerina, Chair-Elect; Mary Jane Camacho, Angela Phillips

Nominating Committee Members:
Taylor Feldmann - Chair; Darcy Esparza, Andrea Gatlin, Stefany Schade (A&B), Samantha Mendoza (A&B)

Placement Committee Members:
Leslie Johnson Jimenez - Chair; Samantha Mendoza - Chair-Elect; Lisa Gonzalez-Saenz, Angela Phillips (A&B)

Funding Development Committee Members:
Heather Smith - Chair;
Brittnay Marck - Chair-Elect; Lisa McKinstry

Communications Committee Members:
Elisabeth Tabor - Chair; Kelly Black, Shannon Seale, Patty Barrera, Yvette Montalvo (A&B)

H.U.G.S. Committee Members:
Beverly Odle - Chair; Amber Delaney, Lauren Rickard, Erika Roelse

S.T.E.M. Committee Members:
Brianna Salinas-Davis - Chair; Veronica Garcia-Salinas, Jonie Petitta, Liz Slaton, Becky Walker, Demetria Smith

Literacy Committee Members:
Mattie Whatley - Chair; Christian Cabazos-Hatridge, Kat Cooley, Erika Lunsford, JoJo Perez

Member Essentials Committee Members:
Jennifer Vincent - Chair, Lisa McKelvey - Chair-Elect

Touch a Truck Committee Members:
Morgan Farenthold - Chair; Emily Hunt, Jessie Hutchason, Melissa Kasprzyk, Angela Knott, Michelle Pennington

Womens Day Luncheon Committee Members:
Kristen Heslip - Chair; Kris Cardona, Melanie Granado, Jaclyn Guerra, Brittanie Hinz, Sylvia McMahan, Shayla Hall





2023-2024 NEW MEMBER CLASS



New Member Committee:
Kiki Garcia - Chair, Amy Cooley, Priscilla Waters, Katherine Hewett



Each year, ladies who are interested in joining the Junior League of Corpus Christi first start off in the New Member class where they learn how the League functions to perform its volunteer activities throughout the year. Upon completing requirements of the New Member year, they then are accepted into the League as Active Members.

NEW MEMBER PROJECT: SPRING BREAK BACKPACKS



During their New Member year, the New Member class plans, organizes, and collects donations for the Spring Break Backpack Project. For this project, they are aiming to feed local school-aged children over Spring Break, when they will not have school-provided foods to nourish them. This year, the packing of these bags occurred on February 29, 2024. With this year's event, the New Member class was able to raise over \$31,000, which provided a week's worth of food to over 1500 elementary to high school aged students.



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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CORPUS CHRISTI GENERAL MEETING SPEAKERS



Leticia Wilson
August



Dr. Kate Rodriguez
September



Patty Clark
November



Diane DeCou
January



Joseph Vasquez
February





OCTOBER



IN-HOME TRAININGS



AUGUST KICK-OFF CELEBRATION



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DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY



APRIL NON-PROFIT PANEL



Wings of Texas

Thomas Cronnon
Executive Director



CASA

Siobhan Allen
Resource Cultivation and
Development Director



New Life Refuge Ministries

Minta Moore
Executive Director



Camp Aranzazu

Kate Plouvier
Development Director



Majesty Outdoors

Carolina Lindholm Sizemore
Director of Programs

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CORPUS CHRISTI GENERAL MEETINGS





H.U.G.S. SOCIALS





END OF YEAR

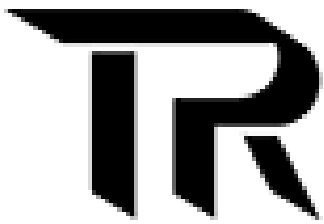


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ROCKETS

Raising Our Children's Knowledge
by Educating Through Science

The 2023 ROCKETS event was held at La Retama Central Library on September 20, 2023. 375 people attended the event, 201 of which were children. All patrons were exposed to STEM through exciting experiments which included making lava lamps, walking color caterpillars, fluffy cloud slime, floating ping pong ball, cup of garden, gummy structures, rockets coloring station, gemstone excavation, and invisible ink take home kits. Learning Undeafated Mobile STEM Lab, Snapology and Gulf Reach Institute also joined us this year with interactive education.

The event entailed 251 volunteer hours.



STEM EVENTS AND STEM KIT DROP-OFFS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Throughout the League year, in an effort to reach as many children as possible with STEM education, the Junior League of Corpus Christi participated in a variety of STEM events within the schools and the community. This year, the League participated with Introducing Girls to Engineering by handing out STEM kits on February 16, 2024, we had a booth at ART Walk on March 1, 2024, and at Discovery Dojo on March 9, 2024. By participating in these STEM events, we were able to reach an additional 1439 people.

These events entailed 84 volunteer hours.



14TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FOREST FREE FAMILY FUN DAY



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The 14th annual Christmas Tree Forest Free Family Fun Day was held at The Art Museum of South Texas on December 9, 2023. This year, we hosted 1960 people from the local community.

The event included Santa, numerous musical talents from the community, and showcased 30 trees decorated by local school students, each of which was based off of well-known children's books.

This event entailed 300 volunteer hours.





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LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

For the Junior League of Corpus Christi's 75th anniversary, 75 Little Free Libraries were installed throughout the city proper with the goal of encouraging literacy to people of all ages and walks of life. This year, the Literacy Committee painted, repaired, and refilled eight of these libraries which were most in need of some TLC. Little Free Libraries are kept filled with books from those donated to JLCC throughout the year.

The Little Free Library cleanup events entailed 42 volunteer hours.



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CELEBRATING WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2024 WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON

The 2nd annual Unstoppable Women's Day Luncheon was held on Friday, March 8, 2024 at the American Bank Center. The Women's Day Luncheon is a celebration of women in the community and serves as a way to recognize those women who do great things in the Coastal Bend. Judge Glenda Hatchett was our honored keynote speaker, and attendees to the Luncheon had the option of participating in a silent auction, purchasing from a Kendra Scott booth, and having complimentary professional headshots taken.

The community impact included awarding five Women of Honor – Brianna Salinas-Davis, Kayla Salinas, Maggie Freeborn, Abigail Trevino, and Judge Missy Medary.

This year, 232 attendees joined us and the event entailed 157 total volunteer hours.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Judge Glenda Hatchett

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2024 WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON



**JUDGE MISSY
MEDARY**



**ABIGAIL
TREVINO**



**KAYLA
SALINAS**



**MAGGIE
FREEBORN**




**BRIANNA
DAVIS**

2024 WOMEN OF HONOR



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TOUCH-A-TRUCK



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This year was the 6th annual Touch-A-Truck event. This event continues to grow, with this year hosting more than 4,000 guests who were able to get up close and personal with a new record of over 90 trucks. Vehicles of all shapes and sizes joined us, from public service to construction to emergency vehicles and more. Children of all ages are invited and encouraged to touch and explore all of the vehicles during this event. The new food truck tent area was a very welcomed addition to this family-focused community event.

**6TH ANNUAL
TOUCH-A-TRUCK
MARCH 23, 2024**



TOUCH-A-TRUCK



Presented By: **H-E-B**
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6TH ANNUAL TOUCH-A-TRUCK MARCH 23, 2024

Touch-A-Truck is an annual free, family-friendly event held once again at the Whataburger Field parking lot. In addition to the vehicles, we have activities such as face painting, food trucks, dinosaur puppets, and more. We also passed out books to children as part of our focus on literacy. Without the help of our community sponsors, none of this would be possible. We have seen this event grow year after year and love that children have gotten to grow up attending Touch-A-Truck each year.

This year's event entailed over 160 volunteer hours.



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ABOUT WAVE OF RED

After the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, The Junior League of Corpus Christi stepped out into our community and surrounding areas to help rebuild. While championing the JLCC theme of "Hunting to Make a Difference" during that time, these small and often spontaneous outreach events were focused on helping family and friends roll up their sleeves to remove debris, recover homeowner's belongings and lend a listening ear to the needs of the community.

These series of events has since become an inspiration for future league years, allowing us to add special events on an as-needed basis to help our friends, family, and community partners in need with "done-in-a-day" type events. We love to see the Wave of Red-shirted ladies moving to make a difference.



2023-2024 Wave of Red Projects:

Schanen Estates Elementary School
Beautification Project

Ronald McDonald House Dinner

Bokenkamp Holiday Party

Beach Clean-Up

Teacher Appreciation Gifts



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PAST PRESIDENTS LUNCHEON





SUSTAINER EVENTS



2024

LEAGUE AWARDS

Sustainer of the Year

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.



2023-2024 SUSTAINER OF THE YEAR

Lisa Casillas Dibble



2023-2024 ACTIVE OF THE YEAR

Dr. Taylor Feldmann, Ph.D. LPC, NCC

Active of the Year

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.



2023-2024 LOVE AWARD

Heather Smith

The Love Award

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.

COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARDS

Each year, the membership of the Junior League of Corpus Christi honors a Community Partner (or Partners) who have contributed in an outstanding manner both to the League and to the community. This year we were proud to present awards to K99/iHeart Radio and Highway Barricades and Services for their continued support of the League..



2023-2024 COMMUNITY PARTNER
K99/iHeart Media



2023-2024 COMMUNITY PARTNER
Highway Barricades + Services

J CORPUS CHRISTI 23-24 Community Advisory Council



Kimberly Perez



Esmerelda
Herrera - Teran



Bea Hanson



Rosaura D. Bailey



Emily Barrera



Darcy Schroeder

The Community Advisory Council is a collaborative body who functions to consult and assess the programs and events implemented by JLCC as they relate to the needs of the community and the JLCC organization. They also advise on current and new opportunities to strategically plan our voluntarism impact. The Council's continued success is made possible by these individuals' willingness to contribute invaluable insight and engage in productive conversation on how our League can better serve our community. It is through diversity of thought and experiences that we can grow more impactful in reaching the true needs of our neighbors. We are grateful to each of these members and their gifts of time and talent.

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CORPUS CHRISTI LITTLE LEAGUERS



Melody Lorraine Rickard

Daughter of Lauren Rickard,
Born November 11, 2023



Catalina Lucia Morin

Daughter of Adriana Morin,
Born April 4, 2024



Aurora Jade Crinnins

Daughter of Amber Delany
Born October 1, 2023



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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2024-2025 EVENTS



R.O.C.K.E.T.S.:
October 5, 2024
Christmas Tree Forest:
December 14, 2024
**Unstoppable Womens
Day Luncheon:**
March 6, 2025
Touch a Truck:
March 22, 2025



INCOMING PRESIDENT

MISTY ASH

Hi,
I'm Misty Ash, and I am excited to be the incoming President for the 2024-25 year. I am honored to follow such a long line of leaders. Since 1937, the Junior League of Corpus Christi has served our mission and I look forward to continuing to do the same. Through the league's community programs, I look forward to another successful year.

My goal for next year is to continue to foster and build strong community partnerships and, most importantly, a strong member community. A strong member community benefits not only its members alone but also the league as a whole. Through this approach, I hope to increase membership participation and boost member engagement, allowing us to not only serve our mission but grow our membership as well.

As we wrap up a great year, I want to remind us all of a simple yet profound truth: we are stronger together. In a world that often emphasizes individual achievements, we must not forget the incredible power of unity and collaboration.

When we work together, we pool our strengths, talents, and resources. Each one of us brings something unique to the table, and when we combine these individual gifts, we create something far greater than the sum of its parts. Whether we are facing challenges or celebrating successes, it is our collective effort that drives us forward.

Together, we can overcome obstacles that seem insurmountable when faced alone.
Together, we can inspire and support one another, pushing each other to new heights.
Together, we can build a community where everyone feels valued and empowered.

By standing united, we not only achieve our goals but also create a legacy of cooperation and mutual respect.

Let us embrace the spirit of "Stronger Together" in all that we do.

-Misty



- Run Amuck Committee
- 3-Year At-Large Board Member
- Point System Coordinator
- Nominating Chair
- Rummage & Rockets Chair
- New Member Advisor
- Mom to Kylie & Kingston
- Funding Development Chair



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INCOMING PRESIDENT-ELECT LYNDSEY SHINN

9 YEARS ACTIVE

Born and raised in North Carolina, Lyndsey moved to Corpus Christi in 2012 after spending seven active years in the US Navy and did another five active years in South Texas as a recruiter for the US Navy. During this time she was introduced to The Junior League of Corpus Christi when she, and other military members, signed up for the JLCC “Run Amuck” 5K fundraiser in September 2014.



Inspired by the impact on the community from all these ladies in red, Lyndsey joined the New Member Class in August 2015.

PAST PLACEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Rummage Sale Fundraiser
- Literacy & Learning
- Treasurer
- Communications
- External Events VP
- Touch-A-Truck
- Christmas Tree Forest
- Planning & Training
- New Member Advisor



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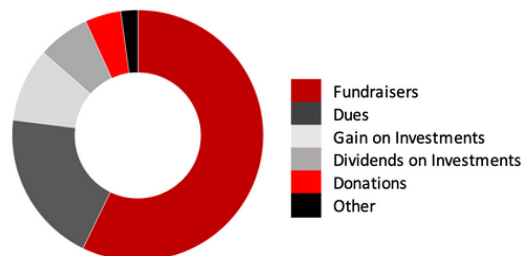
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2023-2024



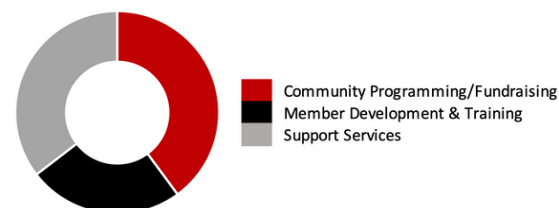
Revenue **\$237,756.62**

Donations	\$10,939.82
Dues	\$46,960.98
Fundraisers	\$135,974.43
Other	\$5,211.19
Gain on Investments	\$22,595.34
Dividends on Investments	\$16,074.86
TOTAL REVENUE	\$237,756.62



Expenses **\$183,921.16**

Community Programming/Fundraising	\$73,412.80
Member Development & Training	\$45,305.99
Support Services	\$65,202.37
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$183,921.16



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF MAY 31, 2024

ASSETS **\$684,519.43**

Cash & Cash Equivalents (unrestricted)	\$181,358.25
Endowment Fund	\$447,297.57
Accounts Receivable	\$6,268.68
Property & Equipment	\$49,594.93
TOTAL ASSETS	\$684,519.43

LIABILITIES **\$1,533.000**

Unearned Dues	\$34,786.19
Accounts Payable	\$3,050.79
Sustainer Account	\$6,096.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$43,933.44

TOTAL FUND BALANCE: \$640,585.99

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When you donate to the Junior League of Corpus Christi, you are supporting an organization that has been in this community for nearly 80 years and internationally since 1901! Your gracious donation supports training and development of exceptionally qualified leaders as well as community programs and initiatives. Your donation is tax deductible - the JLCC Tax ID is 74-6053163, and appropriate forms are available upon request.



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