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*A Junior League of Collin County Publication*

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Shannon Kmak*



From our founding in 1976, when thirteen women set out to make a difference in their community, the Junior League of Collin County (JLCC) has exemplified what it means to be bold. Over our 42-year history, countless daring women worked to create long-lasting impact in Collin County. The JLCC was instrumental in the development and funding of the Juvenile Detention Center of Collin County, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County, Serenity High, Plano Community Garden, Sci-Tech Discovery Center, and more. Today, the JLCC is an organization of nearly 1,000 diverse women from all walks of life dedicated to improving Collin County.

As with many of our members, I was drawn to JLCC as I was searching for civic-minded women to friend when I moved to Collin County. I quickly learned that I was now part of something much larger than myself.

The JLCC is comprised of visionary women who are agents of change for our community. On any given day, our members are providing job readiness training to survivors of domestic violence; offering life-skills training to young adults who have aged out of foster care; or mentoring first-time juvenile offenders currently serving probation. Each of our members plays an important role in shaping the future of the community in which we live.



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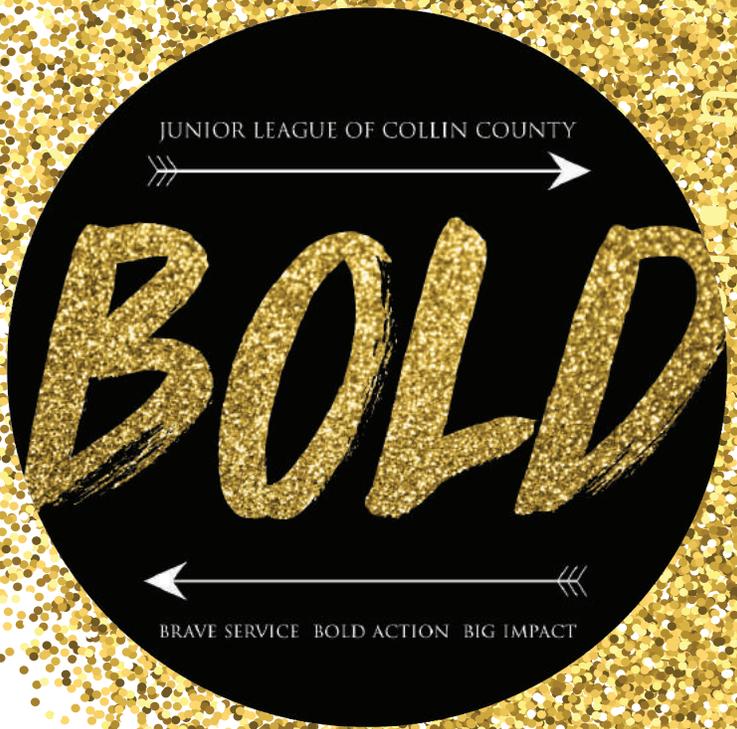




*To our members, I am grateful for your continued service and dedication. You each balance the demands of everyday life and your passion for community service with such grace. Please know that your impact is seen throughout our community. You are igniting the spark of volunteerism in our younger generations who will one day follow in your footsteps.*



Our mission of promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers is just as relevant now as it was when our founders began this League. I believe our organization is uniquely positioned to address the needs of our growing community: from the development of women leaders who can continue to break down barriers to improve gender equity; to amplifying our voice and promoting all facets of diversity and inclusivity within our community; to increasing awareness of family violence and economic insecurity, and continuing to address systemic and underlying issues. Our work as a League is



far from finished, and the JLCC is training the bold women leaders needed today. I invite you to join us on this journey.

Thank you to our community partners, sponsors, members and their families for supporting our transformative work throughout Collin County. Together, we will continue our bold legacy.

With Gratitude,

*Shannon Kmak*

Shannon Kmak

President, 2018-2019

Junior League of Collin County

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is something that  
every woman  
deserves at least  
once in her life"

-Dorly Roy

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

*Heidi Olinghouse*

This year, the Junior League of Collin County (JLCC) embraced the theme of Brave Service, Bold Action, and Big Impact. As volunteers, we bravely act to bring change and improvements in our community and strive to create programs and initiatives that will leave a legacy. As we volunteer and serve alongside each other, we demonstrate the power that women possess to make a difference in all areas of life. We showcase our bravery to one another by our service, our leadership and the overall desire to leave our community better than how we found it. This willingness to serve, and desire to help those around us is the rocket fuel of the JLCC.

In this issue of Legends & Legacies, you will get a glimpse into the work that we are honored to do for our community. These pages will highlight our impactful projects, events, and profile our stellar members. With over 42 years of service to Collin County, we hope that the legacy of volunteerism and bold impact is evident. We are incredibly proud of all that we have been able to accomplish thus far, and we are excited to see what the next 40 years has in store!

We know that many of our readers are already supporters of our League. We would not be able to accomplish all that we do in the community without your support. With your help, JLCC continues to increase our efforts to promote volunteerism and improve life in Collin County. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

The bravery of those initial 13 founding members of the Plano Service League, who stepped out of their comfort zone, took an idea, and grew it into an organization that has been impacting Collin County for over 42 years, is bold and the foundation on which our organization was founded. When we see bravery in others, it empowers us to find the courage within to step out in bravery. Our League continues to boldly drive for change and improvement in the areas where we live, work, and play. We hope that you join us in our continued quest for improvement for all of those in Collin County.

Warmly,

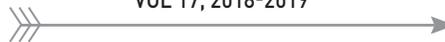
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## OUR MISSION

*The Junior League of Collin County is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.*

## OUR VISION

*Women serving as inspirational leaders for lasting, positive community change.*

## DIVERSITY & VALUE STATEMENTS

*Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion: The Junior League of Collin County welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.*

### **Value Statements:**

*The Junior League of Collin County seeks to accomplish its goals and achieve its mission by honoring its core values:*

**SERVICE** - We value service above all, anticipating and addressing the needs of our community.

**RESPECT** - We value and respect the backgrounds, opinions, talents, skills and needs of our members, collaborative partners and the community we serve.

**LEADERSHIP** - We value training and education to further leadership and life skills.



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# THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLLIN COUNTY FACTS



## FOUNDED IN 1976

as the Plano Service League by 13 visionary women dedicated to their community. We are now the Junior League of Collin County.

Each year the League provides thousands of volunteer hours to help solve community issues and strengthen nonprofits. We serve over 150 nonprofits each year.

PROMOTING  
VOLUNTEERISM

DEVELOPING THE  
POTENTIAL OF WOMEN

IMPROVING  
THE COMMUNITY



## CIVIC & COMMUNITY LEADERS

A network of women as community and civic leaders is at the core of our League. Members receive training, mentorship, and encouragement to develop their own potential while improving the community often times becoming elected officials and leaders in our community.



## COMMUNITY LEGACY

The JLCC has a long legacy of meeting community needs. The League served as a founding partner of the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County, Hope's Door New Beginning Center, Sci-Tech Discovery Center, Plano Community Garden, the Collin County Juvenile Detention Center, and many more.



## SUPPORTING COMMUNITY NEEDS

The Junior League of Collin County provides financial support through community projects, agency assistance and community grants. Nearly 1,000 women strong, JLCC transforms the community through community leadership and volunteerism.

IT STARTS WITH A  
WOMAN

# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLLIN COUNTY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The following Statement of Activities was excerpted from our unaudited Financial Statements as of May 31, 2018 and conforms with generally accepted accounting principles. A complete set of statements is available at the Junior League of Collin County (JLCC) Headquarters.

### REVENUE

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS & PROGRAM SUPPORT

Total Revenue from Special Events, Grants, Awards, and Donations  
**\$635,419**

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT INCOME

Membership Dues  
**\$107,697**

Investment Income  
**\$7,782**

Total Administrative Support  
**\$127,127**

**\$762,546** TOTAL REVENUE

### EXPENSES

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS & PROGRAM SUPPORT

Community Project Expenses  
**\$384,334**

Community Grants  
**\$76,515**

Program Events  
**\$191,909**

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT EXPENSES

Management & General  
**\$19,307**

**\$672,065** TOTAL EXPENSES

Change in Net Assets **\$90,480**

Net Assets at Beginning of Year **\$1,602,322**

Net Assets at End of Year **\$1,692,802**



**51,818**

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS



**\$1,276,795**

TOTAL VOLUNTEER VALUE

COMMUNITY IMPACT

**\$460,850**  
IN FUNDING  
**+51,818**  
IN VOLUNTEER HOURS

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**1,737,645**  
 INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY & MISSION\*

\*Volunteer hours multiplied by \$24.64 – the value of a volunteer hour in Texas as estimated by Independent Sector

# THE UNSEEN IMPACT WE LEAVE

**Perfection. Every woman feels called to it. We don't always talk about it. It is a goal modern society sets for us, and we try so often to reach it. Most days we worry about not living up to it.** We are called to be the perfect partner, mother, friend, sister, daughter, and employee. To live up to the ideal of perfection, we are expected to have an abundance of patience, humor, humility, confidence, intelligence, understanding, flexibility, generosity, and the list goes on and on. This reality pulls us in every direction, leaving us always questioning. Do I spend enough time with my family? Am I doing enough for my children? Am I a good friend? Am I an asset to those with whom I work? Do I do enough for others? Am I successful? **Am I making a difference?**

The Junior League of Collin County brings us together to serve in our community, to make a difference and positive impact. League members find themselves in varied roles. They are mentors to at-risk youth, career counselors to victims of domestic violence, and teachers to children and families whose first language is not English. Junior League members host multi-day holiday markets, the largest resale event in Collin County helping hundreds of families, and a myriad of one-day volunteer projects that help thousands in the community. Within the League, members manage everything from grant writing, to

managing the League's budget, collaborating with partners across the community to end family violence, training League members and outside organizations, and publishing the League's annual publication, Legends & Legacies. The work is no small task -- and this is just what our members do when they are serving at JLCC!

With so many hours of dedicated service in varied roles within JLCC, members often worry about their children or other obligations. Carol Thompson, one of the earliest League members and League President in 1984-85, describes trading babysitting hours with neighbors, so she could fulfill her JLCC commitments. She shared, "I sometimes worried about my commitments, but both of my children are very caring, involved, civic-minded adults. I think we lead by example and my experiences, in many ways, were theirs." Speaking with Carol's daughter Alicia Wanek, one can see the truth of this belief. Alicia helped with League activities such as helping set up for craft activities for seniors with Hip Hip for Gray!, presenting on peer pressure to elementary students with Project LEAD, and later, she was extremely involved in various college organizations. When Alicia finished college, she became a member of JLCC herself, even though she was now a mother to twin toddlers! She remembers, "I appreciated not only having an outlet that was outside being a mom, but I

felt an even bigger responsibility to make a difference in the community where I was raising a family. My involvement in JLCC has launched my involvement in many other organizations in our area.”

Another League legacy Sue Adams, a member since 1978, and her daughter Angie Sifferman, a member since 2005 and Past President, share a similar experience. Sue describes being able to fulfill her service commitments to the League with help from neighbors, in-laws, and her husband. Angie also fondly remembers joining mom to visit local nursing homes and League meetings at home where “at times our family room looked a whole lot like the League workroom with binders and papers everywhere.” Sue’s example was not lost on Angie, and even though she was pregnant and working a job where she had to travel, Angie decided to join JLCC in 2005. She attributes that decision to her parents, especially her mom. “I think when your parents model service the way my mom did, it can seep into your subconscious without your even knowing it. When I was growing up, I didn’t realize what a gift it was to have this model in front of me. As I’ve continued my League service, little by little, I’ve realized that my mother and League service made quite an impression on me.” Angie hopes she will also pass on to her daughters the legacy of service that her mother has passed on to her.

Sometimes daughters follow their mother’s lead despite themselves. Joa Muns, a former League President, joked that her daughter Jenna “always said she would never be in JLCC or play tennis! Well guess what, she now does both.” Similar to other daughters in the League, Jenna decided to join when she began to raise her own family. “I realized how important it is to be involved and give back. I love Plano and want it to continue to be an amazing city to raise my family.” Joa recounts the year she was President and the JLCC moved to its current office. She spent a great deal of time overseeing the relocation, so much so that she gave her son Tanner, who was nine years old at the time, a paint brush and he helped paint the walls. It was a real family affair!

**Sometimes the legacies are passed from daughter to mother as in the case of Beccy Alldredge, current Operations Strategic Director on the Board of Directors and Past President, Award Winner and Theresa Caver, current Family Violence Committee Chair. Beccy, Theresa’s daughter, joined first in 1999 and gently encouraged her mother to join her. Theresa finally did in 2005. Theresa remembers,**

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***“I needed something in my life in addition to work and family, so she urged me to join the League for several years. She was persistent and so right!”***

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**Beccy couldn’t have been more thrilled.**

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***“My favorite memories are when we have served together whether that be on a volunteer shift, attending an event, or serving on the same committee or board.”***

As one meets the legacies that are right here in our very own chapter of Junior League, it becomes clear that we lead by serving. The effort we make to serve others and our community makes a big impact on those who watch our journey. It is not our perfection that attracts others to serve, but our serving with love and commitment, as best we can, that brings others to join us and become legacies in their own right. Together we inspire and aspire to make our community a stronger, brighter, better place for all.

# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLLIN COUNTY'S

# COMMUNITY IMPACT TIMELINE

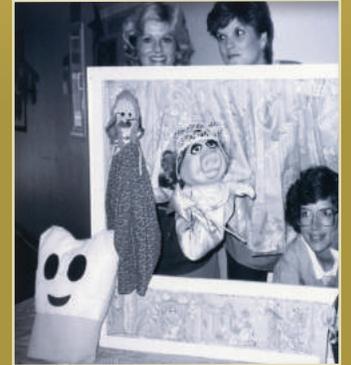


- 1976** The Plano Service League was founded in 1976
- 1981** League membership exceeds 100 - applied for membership in the Association of Junior Leagues
- 1983** Developed & sponsored Plano ISD's Project Graduation - Named Plano's Volunteer Group of the Year
- 1984** *Became the 255th league in the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI)*  
Sponsored Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's visit to dedicate the Juvenile Detention Center in McKinney
- 1985** Sesquicentennial celebration & dedication of Downtown Park Plaza  
Awarded Plano's Volunteer of Year Award Education Group for Project LEAD
- 1988** Received Texas War on Drugs Award for outstanding community service
- 1989** 1st Trinkets to Treasures rummage sale
- 1990** Established & incorporated the Substance Abuse Prevention Agency
- 1992** Funded \$50,000 for research & startup costs for Children's Advocacy Center  
League membership exceeds 500
- 1995** *1st 'Neath the Wreath Holiday Gift Market*
- 1996** Established endowment at Collin County Community College District commemorating League's 20th Anniversary
- 1999** Funded startup costs for Serenity High - the country's first drug-free high school
- 2000** League initiates Collin County Council on Family Violence (CCCFV)
- 2001** *20th & final year for Hip Hip for Gray! fundraiser*  
Celebrated 25 years of service to the community
- 2003** CCCFV hosted first Facing Family Violence conference
- 2004** Received National Tabasco Award for Lone Star to Five Star cookbook  
Established & incorporated the Sci-Tech Discovery Center in Frisco, TX.  
League membership exceeds 900

- 2005** Announcement of 30 year Anniversary community gift: furnishing the Victim's Waiting Room at the McKinney Justice Center
- 2007** Dedicated the Victims Assistance Waiting Room at the new Collin County Courthouse
- 2010** Co-hosted the 5th Annual Kids in the Kitchen event along with Children's Medical Center  
Hosted the first CCCFV Faith Symposium
- 2011** *Celebrated 35th anniversary with \$35,000 gift to Allen ISD, Frisco ISD, McKinney ISD and Plano ISD for sending Title 1 elementary schools to Sci-Tech Discovery Center*  
The Junior League of Plano adopted a new name, The Junior League of Collin County, to more accurately reflect the growing county and expanding community impact
- 2012** Held 1st Annual Volunteer Appreciation Awards and gave out \$14,000 to several Collin County nonprofits in awards. This event later became known as The Excellence in Volunteer Service Awards
- 2013** Piloted the JuMP (Juvenile Mentoring Program) in McKinney with Juvenile Probation Department of Collin County  
The Honorable Florence Shapiro won the 2013 Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award from AJLI.
- 2014** Awarded \$30,000 to Samaritan Inn for the children's library in the new family shelter and \$10,000 to MyChildren's, an affiliated program of Children's Medical Center, reach out and read program  
Piloted HopeWorks program with transitional housing and emergency shelter clients at Hope's Door women's shelter
- 2015** 20th Anniversary of 'Neath the Wreath Holiday Market  
Go Govern! training program created along with Honorable Florence Shapiro
- 2016** Hosted the 25th and final American Girl Fashion Show  
Received International Honor for Juvenile Mentoring Program (JuMP) by AJLI
- 2017** *Celebrated completing 40 years of service to Collin County by completing 40 service projects in one day - March 25th, 2017*  
Hilary Jackson received "Rising Star" award from AJLI
- 2018** Held Diversity & Inclusion training with Toyota  
Introduced new Pathways to Change training



# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLLIN COUNTY



# Trinkets to Treasures

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 6, 2019**  
8 A.M. TO 3 P.M. AT THE  
PLANO EVENT CENTER



Trinkets to Treasures is a huge success year after year due to the generous monetary and merchandise donations by many businesses in Collin County and JLCC membership.

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN DONATING,  
PLEASE CONTACT**  
[Trinkets@jllcollincounty.org](mailto:Trinkets@jllcollincounty.org)

Trinkets to Treasures, Collin County's largest one-day resale event, proudly celebrates its 30th year of community service in 2019. This event is organized and staffed exclusively by the Junior League of Collin County provisional new member class. Each year, League members and local businesses donate merchandise, such as home and office furniture, apparel, shoes, children's toys, sports equipment, small electronics, and much more for the event. Over the last 30 years, Trinkets to Treasures has raised over \$570,000 and is JLCC's second largest fund-raising event.

## RESALE EVENT

**OVER 400 CONSUMERS**  
**MORE THAN 170 VOLUNTEERS**  
2018-19 COMMITTEE CHAIR:  
**DIONE BEILGARD**

**25+ YEARS RAISED  
OVER \$570,000**





# COLLIN COUNTY'S LARGEST RESALE EVENT



Proceeds from the sale directly support the Junior League of Collin County's numerous community projects and programs.

In addition to offering new and gently used merchandise for sale each year, this unique fundraiser also serves the community through the Adopt-a-Shopper program. This program provides shopping gift certificates – good for free admission for a family of four and provides \$25 in merchandise. In 2018, Trinkets to Treasures provided shopping certificates valued at \$8,500 to Collin County families in need!

Local nonprofit agencies are provided the \$25 shopping certificates for their clients to shop at Trinkets to Treasures. This often provides basic needs to victims of family violence and families in need, and toys for children living in protective

care. Some of the local agencies that receive these cards include Allen Community Outreach, Plano ISD, Project Hope, Big Brothers – Big Sisters, Health Services of North Texas, Assistance Center of Collin County, Assistance League of Greater Collin County, Hope's Door New Beginnings and Samaritan Inn. The Junior League of Collin County is currently accepting online donations to provide Trinkets to Treasures shopping certificates.

Trinkets to Treasures also offers important social, health, and safety information for the entire family. Past events have featured blood pressure screening, dental screenings, eye exams, the Baylor Mammography Mobile Unit, the Plano Police and Fire Departments, Sci-Tech Discovery Center, and fun children's activities. Come join the fun this year and find some great bargains while you're at it!

Thank you  
*for all* you do  
*for our*  
community.



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# COMMUNITY GRANTS



*"It is wonderful to know that J.L.C.C. has such a strong network of partners serving to improve life in our community."*



**~Julie DeHan,**

2018-2019 Community Impact Operations Manager

The Community Grant selection process demonstrates the power of collaboration among nonprofit service providers. JLCC combines financial resources, member volunteer hours, and its leadership to support the most critical needs in Collin County. JLCC provides ongoing support in the form of an advisory role, nonprofit management education, volunteer support, and advocacy for awareness of the issue area. The Junior League of Collin County invites nonprofits to apply for assistance through the Community Grant program. Applications will open in January 2019, and grant awards will be announced in May 2019. To learn more, visit [www.jlcollincounty.org/helpingyou](http://www.jlcollincounty.org/helpingyou)



The Junior League of Collin County Community Grants program supports collaborative programs that have significant impact in the Collin County community and align with the JLCC mission and focus. In May 2018, thirteen Collin County nonprofit organizations were selected to receive funding to support their proposed programs, ranging from providing resources for survivors of family violence, support for low-income families and seniors, education and enrichment programs, children's health and more. In total, more than \$54,000 in grant assistance was awarded.



Sheri Steele, JLCC President 2017-18, Kara Olson, JLCC Community Impact Vice President 2017-18 and members of Plano ISD Education Foundation.

## The Junior League of Collin County 2018 Community Grant recipients:

- Assistance League of Greater Collin County
- BIND Brain Injury Network of Dallas
- Family Compass
- McKinney Morning Pride Lion's Club
- Plano ISD Education Foundation CORE store
- Samantha Schmidt HeARTS for ART
- Stronger than Espresso
- The Family Place
- The Gabriel House
- Traffic911
- Veterans Center of North Texas
- Wellness Center for Older Adults
- Women Rock, Inc.



## HOLIDAY GIFT MARKET

### JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLLIN COUNTY

**O**ver *thirteen thousand* shoppers will participate in the spirit of shopping at our 23rd Annual 'Neath the Wreath Holiday Market at the Plano Event Center. This four-day long fundraiser features the best in holiday and home décor, ladies clothing and accessories, gifts, jewelry, children's items, gourmet food and more. With over 125 merchants to explore, our merchants feature 'Neath the Wreath staples, as well as new merchants from all over the nation. There is something for everyone on your shopping list! You won't want to miss Collin County's largest holiday gift market!

'Neath the Wreath kicks off with our wildly popular Ladies Night Out Preview Party on Wednesday, November 7th. This go-to private shopping event and silent auction will be one to remember with a buffet dinner, specialty cocktails, entertainment (including Santa!) and early access to our fabulous 2018 'Neath the Wreath merchants. Ladies Night Out is open to the public and guests can purchase a VIP or general admission ticket. VIP ticket holders receive great event perks including early access to the event and exclusive offerings including access to the Legacy West Dessert Lounge and a swag bag valued at a minimum of \$150. Tickets are limited, so purchase them quickly so you don't miss out on this special evening.

Our general 'Neath the Wreath Holiday Gift Market opens its doors on Thursday, November 8th at 9 a.m. and continues through Sunday, November 11th. General Admission tickets can be purchased at participating Collin County Tom Thumb locations, online at [neaththewreath.org](http://neaththewreath.org) or at the door.

'Neath the Wreath Holiday Gift Market is Junior League of Collin County's largest fundraiser. In the last 22 years, it has generated **\$3.77 million** in revenue and has helped fund educational and charitable community projects that improve life in Collin County.

*Holiday Market*



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# FAMILY VIOLENCE HAS NO HOME IN COLLIN COUNTY, BUT HOPE DOES.



*The Junior League of Collin County (JLCC) recognizes family violence as an urgent criminal and public health issue with devastating consequences for families and individuals. JLCC is proud to collaborate with many agencies with the shared goal of eradicating family violence in our community. The Collin County Council on Family Violence (CCCFV) strengthens collaborative, professional partnerships and serves as a catalyst for a sustained movement against family violence in Collin County.*

## A STATEWIDE MODEL OF COLLABORATION

What started as a JLCC initiative and workshop in November 1999 flourished into an active coalition of more than sixty community partners. These member-partners represent all areas of the community, including local and state government, law enforcement, education, faith and social services, health care, legal, and workplace organizations. JLCC and Council members have partnered to build formidable intellectual capital and unearth best practices in a gallant effort to improve life in Collin County.

The CCCFV provides unprecedented training, community networking, and unique hands-on experience working directly with community partners, elected officials, and leaders to address the growing problem of family violence in Collin County. Each year the CCCFV hosts multiple educational and community awareness events including monthly meetings and the annual North Texas Facing Family Violence Conference.

***If you, or someone you know, is or might be in an abusive or unsafe relationship, please call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). Help is available. You are not alone.***

## NORTH TEXAS FACING FAMILY VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

The North Texas Facing Family Violence Conference has been held in October, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, since 2002. It is a three-day event providing an environment where organizations and individuals can gain valuable insight into current best practices, as well as emerging trends in criminal justice response, victim assistance, education, and mental health. Workshops are aimed at addressing the needs of professionals in a variety of different settings and disciplines, providing continuing education to many disciplines including law enforcement, prosecutors and mental health providers. Course topics include approaches related to domestic violence and sexual assault investigations, prosecuting strangulation cases, trauma-informed approaches, survivor-informed perspectives and violence prevention. The Council has been commended for its multidisciplinary approach to professional education.

## ANNUAL LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

*The Council hosts an annual Leadership Breakfast with executives and top staff of member agencies to inform them of accomplishments of CCCFV, and to solicit direction for future activities and initiatives.*



## MONTHLY CCCFV MEETINGS

The first Wednesday of every month (excluding July) brings together CCCFV members and guests for a luncheon offering opportunities for collaboration across agencies and disciplines. Monthly luncheons include presentations of topics of interest for professionals as well as networking and breakout sessions to further the strategic objectives of CCCFV. Guest Speakers included:

- **Christina Coultas**, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA)
- **Dr. Kristin Reeder**, Child Abuse Expert at Children's Health
- **Jeff Leach**, Texas State Representative
- **M. Miller**, Project Safe Childhood Coordinator for the Eastern District of Texas, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Emily Miskel**, Judge of the 470th District Court of Collin County
- **Nikki Brown**, domestic violence survivor
- **Bill Bernstein**, Deputy Directory of MOSAIC Family Services
- **Alexandra Cantrell**, Policy Coordinator of the Texas Council on Family Violence

**DID YOU KNOW?**

80% of homeless women and children have been victims of domestic violence



The 2018 Leadership Breakfast with guest speaker Greg Willis, Collin County District Attorney



Photo: Purple Thursday at the 2017 conference

The League continues to invest both time and money with the goal of reducing the impact of family violence in our community. Through these partnerships, the JLCC is demonstrating that family violence has no home in Collin County, but hope does.

**To learn more about the Collin County Council on Family Violence and their events, please visit [CCCFV.com](http://CCCFV.com)**



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# CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERISM & COMMUNITY IMPACT IN COLLIN COUNTY



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IN SERVICE AWARDS

*The Excellence in Volunteer Service Awards (EVSA), hosted by the Junior League of Collin County, honors nonprofit organizations and individuals who have greatly impacted the lives of those in Collin County. Recipients are chosen by members of the Junior League of Collin County Community Advisory Panel and are honored at the Excellence in Volunteer Service Awards presentation each spring.*

As an organization that places a high value on collaboration, it is fitting that we identify those in the community who embrace working cooperatively to serve those in need in Collin County. Collaboration is integral to building successful partnerships and identifying solutions that improve lives, as well as drive innovation to achieve shared goals. The Junior League of Collin County is proud to have honored Mayor Harry LaRosiliere with the first Spirit of Collaboration Award, as well as Ann Harris in 2016, Paul Vines in 2017 and Steve Parry in 2018.

Collin County is one of the fastest growing counties in America with more than 970,000 people in 21 cities and towns. **Volunteers make Collin County stronger, more vibrant, and improve the community.** We ask that you partner with the Junior League of Collin County in recognizing an individual volunteer or organization that is making a difference in our community. Community leaders and volunteers will be present to share in the recognition and celebration of these volunteers' contributions to the community.

## 2018 EXCELLENCE IN VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD WINNERS.



### **Collin County Volunteer of the Year: Tonya Winchester Nominated by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.**

This award celebrates an individual whose extraordinary hands-on volunteer service contributes to strengthening Collin County.

### **Excellence in Leadership Award: Officer Art Parker, Plano Police**

This award recognizes an adult volunteer who engages in unpaid charitable activities, demonstrates personal commitment to long-term volunteer services, and makes a significant impact in addressing the needs of Collin County. This individual exemplifies leadership and volunteerism while contributing to the mission of the organization in which he/she volunteers.

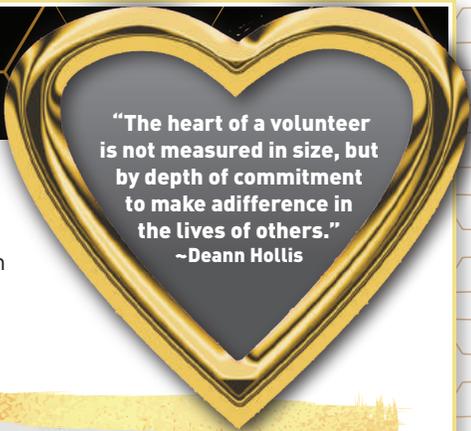


**You are invited to nominate an outstanding community volunteer or organization!**

Save the date for the 2019 JLCC Excellence in Volunteer Service Awards taking place on April 25, 2019 at Piazza on the Green in McKinney



**Youth Volunteer of the Year: Sydney DeWolf**  
**Nominated by National Charity League Plano Area Chapter.** This award acknowledges a young individual (up to 12th grade) making a difference in Collin County through volunteer and leadership activities or an organization dedicated to making a significant impact to better our youth's lives.



**"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by depth of commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."  
 ~Deann Hollis**

**Nonprofit Organization of the Year: Jewish Family Services**  
 This award celebrates a Collin County nonprofit organization whose leaders and volunteers do extraordinary work to strengthen Collin County through the organization's dedicated support. Examples include community, educational, military and public service organizations.



**Youth Organization of the Year: Team Willow Bend, North Texas Performing Arts**  
 This award recognizes a nonprofit organization, comprised primarily of Collin County youth volunteers, which provides services to improve the community. This award celebrates the development and implementation of a community service project targeting the needs of Collin County.

**Collin County Business Leadership Award: USAA**  
 This award recognizes a business that has consistently supported the nonprofit community and has created strong partnerships through employee involvement and time devoted to giving back. This is a company who is committed to making their community a priority for their organization.



**Emerging Community Impact Award: Grace to Change**  
 This award celebrates a Collin County organization founded or relocated to the area less than 5 years ago and has made large strides and driven positive change in a short period of time, displaying huge potential to be a long-term asset to the community.

**Spirit of Collaboration: Steve Parry** (individual winner)  
**Frisco Association of the Arts** (group winner)



**To Submit a Nominee for a 2019 Excellence in Volunteer Service Awards:**  
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# SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS



**Kaitlyn Alldredge with 2017-2018  
JLCC President Sheri Steele**



**Caitlin Jones with  
JLCC President Sheri Steele**



**Courtney Quinn with  
JLCC President Sheri Steele**

Each year, the Junior League of Collin County awards a scholarship to a member's child or grandchild who exemplifies extraordinary citizenship. The scholarship was created to honor JLCC members, past and present, for their commitment to the League and service in the community. The scholarships are presented to a graduating high school senior and are partially based on the student's volunteer efforts and impact on the community through volunteerism. Recipients are decided upon by the JLCC Community Advisory Board.

In May 2018, JLCC announced three recipients of the JLCC Founders Scholarship Award: Kaitlyn Alldredge, daughter of JLCC Sustaining member Beccy Alldredge and granddaughter of active member Theresa Caver; Caitlin Jones, daughter of JLCC Sustaining member Teresa Collins-Jones, and Courtney Quinn, daughter of JLCC Sustaining member, Stacy Quinn.

**Kaitlyn Alldredge** graduated from Plano West Senior High School in 2018. During high school Kaitlyn was a member and officer in the Plano West Mighty Wolf Band. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and the National Art Society. She completed and participated in many community service projects, such as Operation Homefront, Sunrise Assisted Living, Friday Night Friends and the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County.

**Caitlyn Jones** graduated from Ursuline Academy of Dallas in 2018. During high school she served on the Jesuit Rangerettes Drill team for four years, serving in several chair positions. She volunteered with the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Junior Volunteers, Samaritan Inn, Ronald McDonald House of Dallas and the Treemont Nursing Home. At the age of fifteen, she created a nonprofit organization called *Books for Change*, which provided reading and writing tutoring to refugees in the Dallas area at a local bookstore. She was a member of the National Honors Society, National History Honor Society, and the International Thespian Society.

**Courtney Quinn** graduated from Reedy High School in 2018. During high school she was a member of the National Honor Society, the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas and the Frisco Soccer Association. Courtney is very active in local theater productions, serving as the Treasurer for the Reedy United States Institute of Theater Technology. She participated in many community service projects, such as Feed My Starving Children, Girl Scout Journey In A Day, and the Frisco Youth Theatre.

# WHAT CAN JLCC DO FOR YOU?

## CONTACT US:

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Wondering how the Junior League of Collin County can help your group or organization? We're honored to share in the mission and goals of nonprofit organizations throughout Collin County. Maybe yours will be next! For more information and to find the application for assistance, please visit [jlcollincounty.org/helpingyou](http://jlcollincounty.org/helpingyou) or email [info@jlcollincounty.org](mailto:info@jlcollincounty.org).

**FACILITATION SERVICES** JLCC provides experienced, professionally-trained, neutral facilitation leaders to assist companies and organizations facilitate meetings, retreats, planning sessions and more.

**DONE IN A DAY** Does your group need volunteers for a one-time evening or weekend project? If so, our Done in a Day volunteers may be able to help.

**BECOME A JLCC PROJECT** JLCC provides hundreds of volunteers and thousands of volunteer hours to nonprofit organizations seeking long-term program support. Agencies requesting help must have 501(c)3 tax status for at least two years before applying.

**AGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND** JLCC provides immediate financial assistance for short-term program support and/or emergency expenses through our Agency Assistance Fund.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS** The JLCC Community Grant fund enables the League to address community needs that have significant impact on the Collin County community and align to the Junior League of Collin County mission and focus. Agencies are notified when the application process begins in the spring.



The Junior League of Collin County is proud to participate in the R.I.S.E. program (Reaching Independence and Success with Education) with City House's Transitional Living Program. R.I.S.E. focuses on helping homeless young adults, ages 18 to 21, to mature and learn to live independently. JLCC volunteers deliver an evidence-based curriculum that teaches critical life skills designed for success.

**IMPACT:**  
Approximately 20  
at-risk, homeless  
young adults  
annually

### Previous classes have included topics such as:

- **Creating a first-aid kit**
- **Free and at-home exercise options: local trails, fitness apps and info on burning calories**
- **Stress relief tips**
- **Nutrition basics: reading labels, five-ingredient recipes, and Eat This Not That! lessons**
- **Basic car maintenance: field trip to an auto mechanic where they learned basic car maintenance**
- **Lease an apartment: field trip to an apartment complex to learn how to lease an apartment**

The young adults who participate in this program are aspiring individuals who want to live an independent and full life. They often come from a home with unresolved family conflict, have aged out of foster care with limited skills, or they are victims of abuse and neglect who have chosen to live on the streets. The goal of this program is to empower City House clients with the necessary training to enable their success upon completion of the program.

*"City House has helped me, for sure. There are people I look up to here, people I can trust. It has given me stability, that's the biggest thing. I just want to get the most I can out of the program. The life skills classes have been great for learning time management and budgeting."*

– City House Client Success Stories - provided by City House

Kayla is a 20-year-old young lady that moved to New York at age 18 to pursue her love of art. She struggled to live independently with the high cost of living, often staying in shelters. After living in New York for a year, Kayla's mother asked her to move back home to Texas to help the family since her sister was expecting. Kayla, the oldest of six children, lived with her mother and siblings in her aunt's apartment. When Kayla's aunt was approved for housing, Kayla was forced out, since the housing system would not allow for an additional adult to live in the home.

Kayla was determined to learn to live independently and found City House while searching for shelters online. Kayla entered the Transitional Living Program and was finally able to focus on her own personal

growth. She knew finding full-time employment would be the key to sustaining her independence. Kayla actively participated in the weekly life skills class offered by the Junior League. The most beneficial class for Kayla was one on interview skills for success that a local Human Resources Manager presented. She acknowledged having high anxiety when it came to the interview process. The class taught her how to dress for an interview, what type of questions to expect and how to answer them appropriately, and what a hiring manager was looking for in potential job applicants. This lesson allowed her to reflect on and learn from previous interview experiences and to grow and exude confidence in her upcoming interviews. Kayla is now working full-time for the American Heart Association and part-time at a local retail store.

Ryan is a 21-year-old male from Frisco, Texas. An honor-roll student, and on the debate team, Ryan was the classic over-achiever. However, when Ryan was in high school he abused a prescription for ADHD by secretly selling his prescription at school. When Ryan's parents discovered what he was doing, they reported him to the police. Eventually he served time in juvenile detention. While serving his time, Ryan was able to take enough classes to obtain his high school diploma. Unfortunately, when Ryan completed his sentence, his family informed him that he could not return home. He traveled to California for a few months but was not able to afford the high cost of living. After returning to Texas, he came to the Youth Resource Center at City House for a second chance.

Ryan worked hard and saved up during his first six months in the Transitional Living Program and was able to purchase his first car. He had learned how to purchase and maintain a car in a Life Skills Class presented by Junior League of Collin County volunteers. Ryan felt much more confident going through the car buying process after having taken the class, proudly stating that he was able to negotiate the price of his vehicle on his own. Ryan's new-found knowledge of how to purchase a car has not only given him confidence, it has opened up doors for him to get a better job.



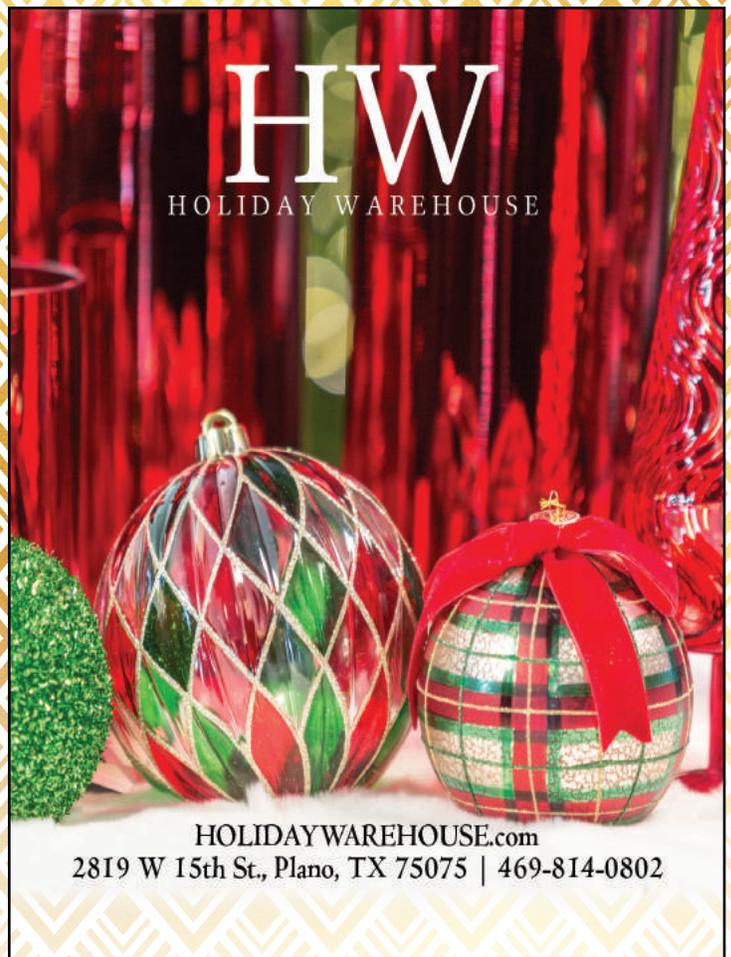
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# Junior League of Collin County CARES



JLCC volunteers work in coordination with the Center for Pediatric Eating Disorders at Children’s Medical Center Plano, contributing to the organization’s holistic approach to treatment. Because children and adolescents with eating disorders are often socially isolated, the goal of this program is to help them learn or reestablish their social skills. In a nurturing environment, JLCC volunteers facilitate arts and crafts sessions at least twice a month for patients.

## IMPACT:

**150 PATIENTS** RECEIVING TREATMENT,  
**BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-18 YEARS OLD,**  
**265 VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**DID YOU KNOW 81% ?**

**OF 10-YEAR OLDS ARE AFRAID OF BEING FAT**

The JLCC CARES team brings crafts and games to the hospital which provides much needed time for the children and teenagers to express their creativity and have fun during their treatment. JLCC CARES also hosts a family visit night where volunteers provide games and activities for families to complete together while they visit their child in the hospital. JLCC CARES is not only rewarding work for our volunteers, but also significantly impacts the patients and hospital staff in the Eating Disorder Program. Our volunteers are routinely told that Junior League visits are the patients’ favorite part of the week! The Junior League is very honored to be able to impact and serve the patients at Children’s!



*“We create a happy time while they are going through a dark time in their young lives.”*  
~Amanda Konersman,  
2018-19 JLCC CARES  
Chair.

**Arts & Crafts Projects: painting river rocks, painted pillow cases, family bingo nights, creating t-shirts and bags, sculpting modeling clay and more!**



Crafts created by patients

*“Art is a safe place for children to deal with deep emotional issues in ways that can be very, very healing.”*

**~Kim Caolo,**

Art Therapist with Children’s Medical Center of Plano

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# THE POWER OF A FRIEND

A program created by City House, My Friend's House, is a 28 bed emergency shelter for children who have been removed from their homes due to allegations of abuse or neglect. The children range in age from birth to 17 years old and come from all backgrounds. JLCC volunteers provide a weekly reading program for these at risk kids that encourages literacy, while offering a fun evening developed around the theme of a carefully selected children's book.

**IMPACT: 200+ AT-RISK, HOMELESS YOUTH**

My Friend's House serves primarily Collin and Dallas Counties, and is the ONLY shelter of its kind in Collin County that specializes in keeping sibling groups together. The name My Friend's House was chosen so that children and teenagers would not have to tell their peers or classmates that they were in a shelter. They have the comfort of saying they stay at "My Friend's House." JLCC provides more than 450 volunteer hours yearly to support My Friend's House touching the lives of over 240 children each year.

## WHY OUR MEMBERS LOVE THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT

"In addition to the weekly reading program, we host special events for the children. Some of our favorite memories include a Christmas carriage ride - seeing the excitement on



their faces & singing songs together, holding hands while exploring the Dallas Aquarium, visiting the pumpkin patch, experiencing the joy of a first pony ride and playing the matching game. "

"The staff at City House said that the kids look forward to Tuesdays because they are excited for activities with Junior League. We make the most of every interaction, taking time to tell the kids how special they are and pointing out great traits while working on an activity. I hope that each week we help boost their self-esteem and let them know they are valued."

"JLCC is bringing smiles to their faces, providing encouragement and giving them a creative outlet. I love witnessing the pride on their faces when they show off a completed craft and I love listening to their contributions during reading time."



# DONE IN A DAY



Habitat for Humanity Monster Mash and Birthday Bash, JLCC volunteers served as judges for the costume contest

Nonprofit organizations in Collin County continuously require assistance from trained, enthusiastic volunteers. Done In A Day offers this much needed volunteer support for community projects that can be accomplished in a one-time evening or weekend setting. Volunteers provide hands-on assistance (excluding soliciting, telemarketing, fundraising, or enabling fundraising) to nonprofit organizations in Collin County in need of volunteer assistance. Through this project JLCC supports a wide range of community services.



JLCC volunteers hosted a Luau for the senior citizens in the Towne Creek Apartments complex



JLCC volunteers serving dinner at Journey of Hope

- The JLCC had the honor of working with the following community partners at our 2017-2018 Done In A Day volunteer events:***
- Chamberlain Ballet
  - City of Plano Parks & Recreation
  - Clothe-a-Child
  - Foster Friends
  - Frisco FastPacs
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Journey of Hope
  - Make-A-Wish Foundation
  - Miracle League of Frisco
  - National Association of Autism of North Texas
  - Plano West Best Buddies
  - Special Olympics
  - Towne Creek Apartments
  - Visiting Nurse Association



Visiting Nursing Association, JLCC volunteers wrapping toiletry items for Holiday gift bags that are given to patients



Fishing Super Camp, volunteers provided educational session on fishing safety and wildlife



***"We helped 15 different agencies, directly helping over 1,500 individuals and providing 1,700 hours of direct service to the community. The community needs Done In A Day."***

~ Melanie Perkins, Done In A Day Chair 2017-18



# HopeWorks



The Junior League of Collin County is dedicated to making Collin County a healthier, safer place to live. Since 2014, we have partnered with Hope's Door New Beginning Center to provide evidence-based curriculum to Hope's Door transitional housing and emergency shelter clients. Set in an environment of encouragement and compassion, HopeWorks strives to empower survivors of domestic abuse with vocational preparation to help them secure independent, violence-free lifestyles. JLCC dedicates a team of volunteers that deliver the curriculum and create a comfortable, encouraging training atmosphere. In 2017 our volunteers trained approximately 100 women. The curriculum covers areas such as: the different communication styles by personality type, the fundamentals of personal financing, resume building, interviewing skills, and online documentation and identity safety.

#### About Hope's Door New Beginning Center

Hope's Door opened in 1986 to address a growing need for services for victims of domestic abuse in our community. In 2016, Hope's Door joined forces with New Beginning Center to become one agency. It is currently the only organization in Collin County specializing in prevention and intervention services for domestic violence victims, children, and perpetrators. Hope's Door New Beginning Center has locations in both Plano and Garland serving individuals from all over North Texas.



## HOPE'S DOOR NEW BEGINNING CENTER

*Building Lives Without Violence*

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**JLCC is proud to partner with Hope's Door New Beginning Center as they continue to battle domestic abuse in our community.**  
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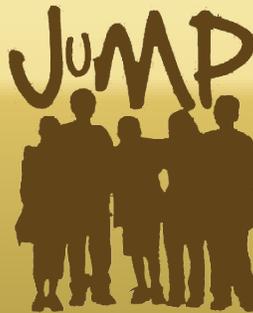
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For more information about Hope's Door visit [www.hopesdoorinc.org](http://www.hopesdoorinc.org)  
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# A SECOND CHANCE AT SUCCESS



JUVENILE MENTORING PROGRAM  
JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLLIN COUNTY



**"WE RISE  
BY LIFTING  
OTHERS UP"**

*~Robert Ingersoll*

Juvenile Mentoring Program In 2013, The Junior League of Collin County entered into a partnership with the Juvenile Probation Department of Collin County to serve as mentors for children between the ages of 12-15 years old who are on probation for non-violent, misdemeanor offenses. Each year, JLCC dedicates a team of trained volunteers focused on instructing the young people adjudicated to the mentorship program.

## **THE COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THIS PROJECT IS 30-60 YOUTH ANNUALLY IN COLLIN COUNTY.**

The goal of the JuMP project is to equip these youth with the mechanisms they need to make good choices and reduce the likelihood for re-offending. The positive interactions with League volunteers help them develop trust, interpersonal skills, and tools for life. Not only does participation in the program give a sense of accomplishment, but it also builds on the foundation they have to increase and improve upon their self-esteem and communication skills.

The JLCC received international commendation in 2016 for the JuMP program at the 94th Annual Conference of The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI). JLCC was the recipient of the Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Community Impact Award for our work on JuMP. To date, JuMP graduates have all successfully completed probation and have a 93% non-recidivism rate.

**Did you know?** The Collin County Juvenile Detention Center was an original initiative of the Junior League of Collin County that started in 1980 and became a reality in 1983. Up until then, juvenile offenders were kept in the same detention facility as adult offenders. In 1995, Collin County citizens approved a bond for five million dollars to build a 100-bed Juvenile Detention Center which was finished in 1998.

**"The JuMP program has achieved extraordinary results for the probation department in just a few years. Many of these young people simply made one poor choice; to show them a different trajectory in life, and that there are people who care about their future, has had an astounding impact on participants."**

- Shannon Kmak, President 2018-2019

## **JuMP OFFERS A UNIQUE, CONCENTRATED CURRICULUM ON TEEN-FOCUSED TOPICS SUCH AS:**

- ESTABLISHING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
- POSITIVE DECISION MAKING
- LIFE SKILLS TRAINING
- SELF-ESTEEM BUILDING
- MANAGING NEGATIVE EMOTIONS
- SOCIAL MEDIA/MEDIA AWARENESS

# THE POWER OF FAMILY LITERACY IS THE POWER OF CHANGE



The Junior League of Collin County (JLCC) recognizes that literacy is a fundamental necessity to being a self-sustaining and productive citizen. Since 2008, the JLCC has partnered with Plano Family Literacy to assist in teaching adult and children literacy classes.

JLCC enhances the lives of Collin County families by providing one-on-one tutoring, curriculum development, and facilitation of group sessions. This program offers adult education, early childhood education, and parenting education to speakers of a language other than English, as well as basic literacy skills.

The Plano Family Literacy School, a part of PISD, is dedicated to building healthy families by developing life, literacy and parenting skills using intergenerational education. All participants are English learners, with 100% of families classified as low-income or living at or below the poverty line. Through this program, 75% of participants have improved their English language skills, 47% have upgraded their skills so they can keep their current job, and 46% have been able to earn more money. That is progress that is not only inspiring, but also game changing.

JLCC Volunteers also help plan and host cultural events such as a Valentine's Day party, a Spring Egg Hunt, a graduation party and a Mother's Day Luncheon, as well as educational activities throughout the year.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT:** MORE THAN 100 NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING ADULTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

## Literacy Leaders



PLANO FAMILY LITERACY

“This is a unique program that is beneficial to our Plano families in so many ways,” said Dr. Brian Binggeli, former superintendent of Plano Independent School District. “What is key is that parents and children learn together. Whether it is reading or engaging in skill-building activities, they do them with each other. It strengthens the parent-child bond and improves our community at the same time.”

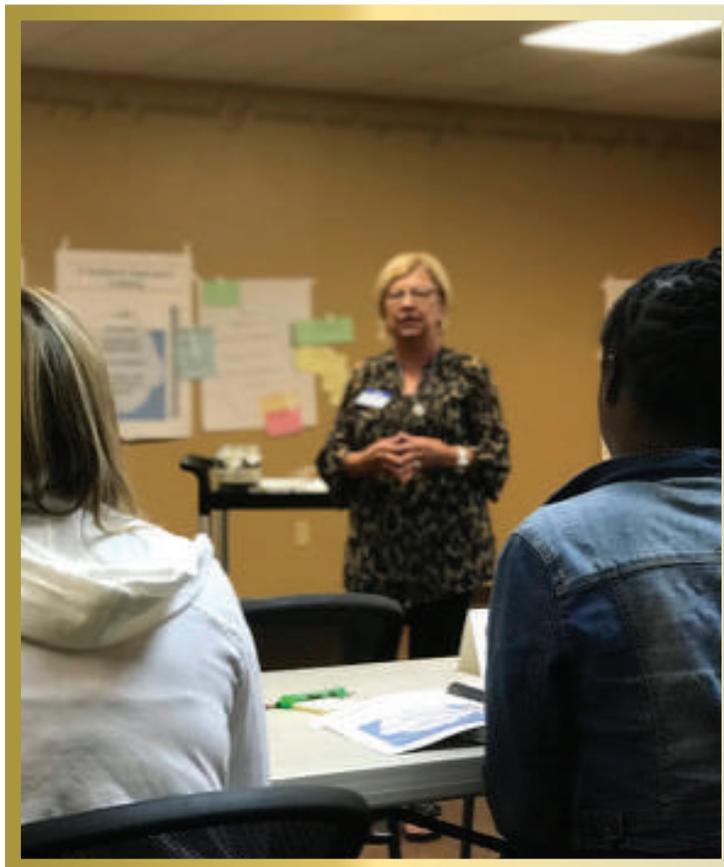
For more information about Plano Family Literacy, visit: [www.pisd.edu/domain/323](http://www.pisd.edu/domain/323)

# JLCC COMMUNITY TRAINING & FACILITATION



The Junior League of Collin County provides Nonprofit Excellence Workshops at no cost to community agencies. The workshops educate and train on topics such as board development, marketing, volunteer recruitment and retention, and donor management in a professional setting led by experienced trainers.

JLCC also provides experienced, professionally-trained facilitators to help community organizations reach their desired objectives. JLCC facilitators are available to guide board retreats, brainstorming sessions, strategic planning sessions, conflict resolution meetings, and other important discussions for local organizations. This community service allows organizational leaders to be participants in key processes and discussions, and it places responsibility for meeting facilitation on the trained JLCC volunteer.



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# DIVERSITY & INCLUSION FIRESIDE CHAT

## WITH TOYOTA AND PEPSICO

**The Junior League of Collin County welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.**

In 2018, the JLCC launched its first-ever Diversity and Inclusion community event with Toyota North America for a Fireside Chat about Inclusivity: What does it all mean and what is it all about? The discussion moderated by Rebecca Silvestri, Executive Editor of Plano Profile, included guest panelists Adrienne Trimble, General Manager of Diversity & Inclusion, Toyota North America and Merary Simeon, North America Vice President of Diversity & Engagement, PepsiCo.

The initiative created by the JLCC Diversity and Inclusion Committee, was hosted by Toyota North America at their Plano corporate headquarters; over 250 community and corporate attendees experienced this informative discussion. The panel explored inclusion in the workplace and how to encourage courageous conversations around the topic of diversity. Adrienne Trimble highlighted the importance of both diversity and inclusion and used the metaphor of a dance to help the audience visualize how diversity and inclusion work together.

**“Inclusion ensures that everyone gets an invitation to the dance, but diversity is getting everyone to dance together.”**

The conversation explored topics such as unconscious bias, generational perspectives about diversity, and physical abilities that influence inclusion. Discussions suggested successful diversity & inclusion initiatives that ultimately find ways to impact the bottom line by using creative solutions and fostering organic resource groups within their organizations. Value-add leaders understand it is important to encourage courageous conversations that are respectful and genuine.



In addition to the Fireside Chat, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee organized a training session for members with Felicia Pulliam, co-founder of ONE Ferguson in Missouri. Titled Civics, Civility and the Conversation, this training covered racial equity and citizen engagement. The JLCC also hosted relationship building events with the Links, Inc., a volunteer organization for professional women of color, including a joint leadership breakfast. The Junior League of Collin County is dedicated to continuing the conversation about diversity and inclusion, and providing tools, education and opportunities to facilitate community engagement about this important, yet sensitive topic.

**“Inclusion is the fuel that drives Diversity”**

-Adrienne Trimble, General Manager Diversity & Inclusion,  
Toyota North America



**Pictured:** Angie Sifferman – Sustaining Advisor, JLCC Diversity and Inclusion Committee; Rebecca Silvestri – Executive Editor, Plano Profile; Sheri Steele – 2017-18 President, JLCC; Pamela Zeigler-Petty – Chair, JLCC Diversity and Inclusion Committee; Adrienne Trimble – General Manager, Toyota North America; Merary Simeon – Vice President, PepsiCo; Phillip Silvestri – Publisher, Plano Profile

# DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL OF A WOMAN



## CULTIVATING CIVIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

Junior Leagues around the world develop civic and community leaders who go on to transform their communities. The JLCC provides training, mentoring, hands-on opportunities, and encouragement for members to develop their leadership capabilities throughout a life of community involvement and service.

This organization was founded in 1976 by thirteen visionary women who fully committed themselves to meeting the needs of their evolving community. These 13 women, Nancy Amos, Joan Biggerstaff, Janet Hall Chenowith, Connie Coolik, Carolyn Dickey, Maurine Dickey, Nancy Jennison, Karen Koons, Anne Haspel Music, Florence Shapiro, Ida Wellsman, Della Whisenant West and Needa Keeton White fully committed themselves to improving their evolving community at a time when Plano, Texas was becoming one of the fastest growing communities in the country. They formed the Plano Service League as they recognized there were needs in the community and they wanted to meet those needs. Our name has changed to Junior League of Collin County (JLCC), and our members remain committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community.

JLCC members engage and commit to making positive change across Collin County. The JLCC is a driving force behind the kinds of initiatives that make our community a healthier and safer place to live. JLCC played a key role in the establishment and continued development of the great initiatives listed below.

- Children's Advocacy Center
- Collin County Council on Family Violence
- Collin County Juvenile Detention Center
- Hope's Door Women's Shelter
- HopeWorks
- Juvenile Mentoring Program (JuMP)
- Plano Community Garden
- Sci-Tech Discovery Center
- Serenity High
- Substance Abuse Prevention Agency of Collin County
- Volunteer Center of Collin County

## CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP

The JLCC offers several workshops and training events designed to help our members develop their leadership potential, including our popular training courses on facilitation and facilitative leadership. JLCC members have taken their leadership training on to become civic and community leaders, including city council members, mayors and leaders at county and state levels.

Community Awards Received by JLCC Members:

- Seventeen Top Women of Collin County
- Six Citizen of the Year (Plano) Awards
- Nine ATHENA Awards (Plano Chamber of Commerce for exceptional women leaders)
- Nine Distinguished Leadership Award recipients (awarded by Leadership Plano)
- Members of Leadership Plano, Leadership Allen, Leadership Frisco and Leadership McKinney

## WITH CURRENT LEADERSHIP IN:

- PISD Education Foundation
- Children's Medical Center Women's Auxiliary
- National Charity League
- Plano Youth Leadership
- Sci-Tech Discovery Center
- Plano Balloon Festival
- Journey of Hope Grief Support
- and other civic and charitable organizations



*Missy Bender was awarded the Distinguished Leadership Award by the Plano Chamber of Commerce.*



*Pamela Petty was awarded the 2017 ATHENA award by the Plano Chamber of Commerce.*

# JLCC PROVISIONAL MEMBERS



The JLCC welcomed new members from across Collin County and beyond in the 2017-2018 year. We offer two membership tracks each year to allow multiple entries into our organization. One track is the extended 10-month program, and the other is an accelerated 5-month program. Throughout each Provisional program, our new members learn about the organization itself, volunteerism, leadership and the needs of Collin County.

Each year our Provisional class plans, organizes, and executes the Trinkets to Treasures resale event in the spring, which is our 2nd largest fundraiser. Trinkets to Treasures gives them the opportunities to work together as a group, and begin a journey of making an impact in Collin County. The 2018 event raised an estimated total of \$22,000! Upon completion of the Provisional program, our new members graduate to become Active members of the Junior League of Collin County.



**We are so proud of all our new members, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for them!**

*Graduating Provisional Class, received their certificates on May 7, 2018 during the President's Dinner General Membership Meeting at Piazza on the Green in McKinney, TX.*

# WANT TO JOIN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE?



## WHY?

Junior League of Collin County promotes volunteerism in Collin County, develops potential among women and impacts the community while creating lasting relationships. **Why not???**

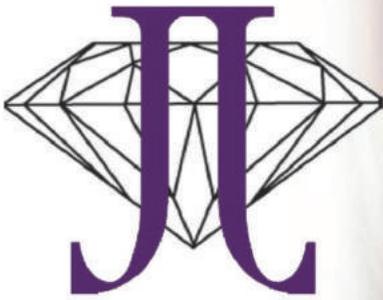
## HOW?

Visit [www.JLCollinCounty.org](http://www.JLCollinCounty.org) or contact [membershipinfo@JLCollinCounty.org](mailto:membershipinfo@JLCollinCounty.org) to learn more about how you can make a difference in your own backyard. You may also attend one of our Prospective Member Meetings.



## PROSPECTIVE MEMBER MEETINGS ARE HELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO.

Mission Statement: The Junior League of Collin County is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. [www.JLCollinCounty.org](http://www.JLCollinCounty.org)



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you know, the essentials.”

~ Murphy the Catahoula

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Collin County and the  
Council on Family Violence.



# THE POWER OF PAYING IT FORWARD



## BENEFITS OF THE JLCC MENTORING PROGRAM

Junior League members often think of their service as a way to give back to their own communities, making the cities and towns they live in a better brighter place for their families and those in the community at large. What isn't as well known is the BIG difference League members make in the lives of those they serve alongside within the League itself. The Junior League of Collin County's Mentoring Program helps "serve those who serve" and is making a big difference in the lives of new and old League members alike.

Michelle Pisciotta explains, **"I have had such an amazing six years in the Junior League of Collin County, including a variety of placements, and I felt strongly about giving back to the organization. I was interested in sharing my experience with another member and the possibility of helping her find her own place to shine. I trusted the committee to match me with my mentee, and they knocked it out of the park!"**

Michelle was matched with Courtney Orloff, who had only been in the League for one year. The year they spent together in the mentoring program was an incredible experience for them both. For Michelle, as the mentor, "It was great to see the League through the eyes of a newer member. To be honest, I am not sure who learned more that year, Courtney or myself. Courtney helped me fall in love with the League all over again!" During

Michelle and Courtney's year together, Michelle learned about Courtney's interests and strengths and helped answer various placement-related questions, including where Courtney might see herself serving in a leadership role within JLCC in the future. Courtney felt so strongly about the benefits of the Mentoring Program that the following year, she joined the Mentoring Committee. Her experience had such a profound influence that she is now serving as the Chair of the Mentoring Committee for the 2018-2019 year!

One important mission of JLCC is to develop the potential of women. The Mentoring Program is a great opportunity for newer League members to establish a connection to someone with more experience in leadership and receive guidance regarding their League career. It is also amazing for the more seasoned League member who will have the chance to share their knowledge and see the League through the eyes of a new member. Ideally the program reminds them of why they joined in the first place and reignites their passion for the League and its mission of developing the potential of women!

If you are a League member and are interested in becoming a mentor or mentee, **please contact [mentoring@jllcollincounty.org](mailto:mentoring@jllcollincounty.org).**

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Junior League of Collin County Board of Directors act as ambassadors and stewards to our nearly 1,000 members and the community. The members of the Board ensure that the strategic vision, values and mission of the League are always at the forefront, guiding our organization and community forward. Their diverse background in business, civic and community leadership contribute to the strategic direction of our League. These ladies lead by example and show our members how Brave Service and Bold Action will make a Big Impact in our community.



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Nominating Director



**JOY COCHRAN**  
Executive Assistant



**SHERI STEELE**  
Immediate Past President



**ANGIE SIFFERMAN**  
Sustaining Advisor to the Board

\*Indicates returning members

# EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



The Junior League of Collin County Executive Leadership Council (ELC) act as the management arm of our organization. The members of the ELC ensure the operations and management of our League are aligned with the vision, values and mission of our organization.

They work hand in hand with the Board of Directors by sharing insights and expertise, always representing the interests of our members. Their diverse expertise in business, civic and community leadership help to guide and inspire the volunteers who work alongside them. These role models inspire all of us to create meaningful and impactful improvements in our community.



**KELLY NOONAN\***  
Executive Vice President



**EMILY MOORE**  
Communications VP



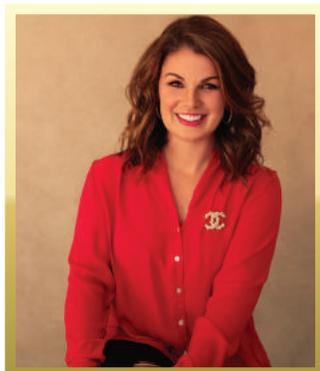
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**CHERYL JOYNER**  
Sustaining Advisor  
to the ELC

\*Also sits on the Board of Directors

# COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL



The Community Advisory Panel is a group of community leaders who, with their background and expertise, advise the Junior League of Collin County on ways to best support Collin County. Their input helps the JLCC maintain and develop meaningful and diverse projects and programs to impact the thousands of individuals and organizations. Each member serves a two-year term.



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President, LeadingWIN, LLC

\*Indicates returning members

# COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL



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President & CEO,  
The National Minority Supplier  
Development Council



**ERICA YAEGER**  
Community Chief External Affairs  
Officer, North Texas Food Bank

\*Indicates returning members

# SUSTAINING ADVISORY PANEL



The Sustaining Advisory Panel was formed to provide a formal conduit to solicit sustaining members input to the current and future direction of the League. Each member serves a two-year term. We're grateful to this year's Sustaining Advisory Panel for their time and talents.



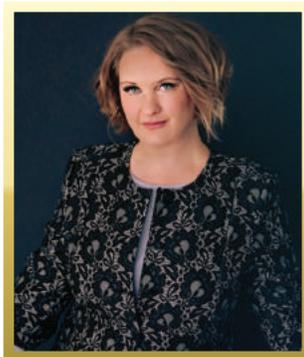
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Community Volunteer, Past President of Junior League of Collin County, Founder – Shine On! Leadership Training



**KANDI SIGONA**  
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**SUSAN SUTHERLAND**  
Community Volunteer, Realtor – RE/Max



**CINDY ZABY**  
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# JLCC

## LEADERSHIP AND PAST PRESIDENTS



### 2018-2019 LEADERSHIP

The 2018-2019 Leaders of the Junior League of Collin County (JLCC) help bring the goals and objectives of the Board of Directors and Executive Leadership Council to life. Leveraging the talents and coordinating the efforts of all JLCC members takes time and commitment. These JLCC Leaders demonstrate a commitment to the Collin County community, its residents, and JLCC members.



**First row, left to right:** Sheri Steele, Florence Shapiro. **Second row:** Denise Bickel, Mary Jo Dean, Debby Anderson, Jennifer Jamieson, Beccy Alldredge. **Third row:** Beth Webb, Joan Biggerstaff, Pat Evans, Linda DeFee, Maria Moffat. **Fourth row:** Carol Thompson, Sue Bond, Lisa Raskin, Cheryl Joyner, Ronelle Ianace, Angie Sifferman, Stacy Cooper Revely

### PAST PRESIDENTS

The past presidents of the Junior League of Collin County continue to participate by giving of their time, talents, and treasures. This group serve as strategic directors, sustaining advisors, facilitation trainers, guest speakers, event attendees, and most importantly, cheerleaders for our active and provisional members.

Although each past president has a varied past, present and future, the common thread for all past presidents has always been to develop the potential of women, train and educate community leaders, and improve the community throughout Collin County – as volunteers. The desire of all past presidents is to leave a legacy of community service and creativity to help the League to continue to move forward.

# COUNCIL OVERVIEW



## Communications Council

Communications Council advises JLCC's Board and League leadership in the planning, development and execution of internal and external public relations and marketing activities. The Communications Council also manages the League's information management system.

*Left to Right: Catherine Riggle, Bess Grant, Liz Gray, Emily Moore, Heidi Olinghouse, Liv Smith.*



## Community Impact Council

Community Impact Council oversees the work JLCC's projects and programs.

*Left to Right: Front row: Annetta Taylor, Reena Eapen, Latricia Smith, Kimberly Collura 2nd Row: Bethany Wickson, Jen Moreno, Kelly Vaughan, Donna Ivy, Julie DeHan, Amanda Konersmann, April Leonard, 3rd Row: Suzanne Johnston, Laurel Bush, Chris Wallace, Amy Wheeler, Christine Messner, Joanie Stephens, Trisha Davis*



## Finance Council

Finance Council manages the funds of the JLCC and acts in an advisory capacity to the Board, Executive Leadership committees in the planning, projecting and maintaining the financial management of the League.

*Left to Right: Jeanne Ingebresten, Jennifer Trotter, Miranda Kirby, Sharron Chapman, Katy Matthews, Breanne Cypert*



## Fund Development Council

Fund Development Council oversees the JLCC's fundraising activities, including the planning, execution and evaluation of 'Neath the Wreath, Excellence in Volunteer Service Awards, Trinkets to Treasures, and the JLCC's annual campaign.

*Left to Right: Front row: Kara Olson, Michelle Orr, Melanie Wong, Renee Gately Back row: Katie Harris, Heather Webb, Dione Beilgard, Julie DeHan*



# COUNCIL OVERVIEW



## Membership Council

Membership Council coordinates, reviews, and provides a forum for communication with in the League and fosters membership satisfaction.

*Left to Right: Front row: Katherine Beal, Lauren Hutten, Sarah Johnson 2nd Row: Irum Jones, Courtney Orloff, Allie Jacobs, Julie Moreno, Nicolle Billmyre 3rd Row: Tara Bidwell, Katherine Beal, Dani Cardaropoli, Brandi McKay, Christy Morris, Kayln Bidelspach Bidelspach,*



## Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee supports the governance of the JLCC by selecting all leadership and Board positions.

*Left to Right: Carla Alston, Hilary Valente, Julie Madina, Diana Overhauser, Stephanie Carrington, Kimberly Schoeder*



## Placement Council

Placement Council ensures that JLCC members have placement options that meet both the needs of the League as well as the member's needs. The Council also mentors members, helps create career paths for members, educate membership on leadership development, and recommends delegates to attend Association of Junior League International sponsored trainings.

*Left to Right: Front row – Jennifer Robinson, Jennifer Monda, Michelle Pisciotta, Lindsay Baranski, Katy Autry, Maggie Smith. Back row – Shannon Karicher, Jennifer Holman, Dani Westdyke, Paige Long, Caylor Kirk*



## Training & Education Council

Training & Education Council develops, plans, and facilitates the JLCC's internal education and training programs for the JLCC members as well as external programs and facilitative services for community agencies in Collin County and surrounding counties.

*Left to Right: Stephanie Mohr, Alyssa Boger, Tierany Close*





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of Collin County

# OUTSTANDING MEMBER RECOGNITION



*The Provisional of the Year award was created to recognize the exceptional commitment to the League by a provisional member. The recipient is nominated by her fellow provisional members and is selected by the provisional advisors.*



**Simi Sandhu**  
Provisional of the Year 2018

**Birthplace?** Xenia, Ohio. O-H-I-O!!

## **What is the most rewarding part about being a JLCC Volunteer?**

The most rewarding part of being a JLCC volunteer has been giving back to our community, while learning more about Collin County and having lots of fun with new friends!

## **What prompted you to join JLCC?**

I was seeking new ways to make friends and find fulfillment as a working mom of 2 young kids. I have friends who have been involved in Junior League for years. They told me all about the wonders of volunteering for worthwhile causes while building bonds with like-minded women.

## **Favorite part of being a Provisional Member?**

My favorite part of my provisional year was serving on our Trinkets to Treasures Steering Committee. I learned so many new skills and had the opportunity to work closely with some amazing women.

## **Greatest accomplishment in JLCC?**

I had the greatest sense of accomplishment after a successful Trinkets to Treasures event. We had a spectacular Provisional Class who worked so well together!

## **What piece of advice would you give to those interested in joining JLCC?**

The best advice I received was to take the opportunity to learn new skills and become involved that you may not be fully comfortable. I have really grown as a person by getting out of my comfort zone!

## **Favorite JLCC memory?**

Being selected by my peers as Provisional of the Year is such an incredible honor. The relationships I have formed so far in my league journey will last a lifetime!



*The Past Presidents' Award was created in 1981 to honor exceptional commitment to the League by an active member. The recipient is selected by the 5 most recent Past Presidents.*



**Theresa Cover**  
Active of the Year 2018

**Birthplace?** Terre Haute, Indiana while my dad was a student at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

## **What is the most rewarding part about being a JLCC Volunteer?**

I love working with all of the age groups of League members who want to give back to our community. Each year, we are blessed to have new members who are so enthusiastic, and it is inspirational.

## **What prompted you to join JLCC?**

For sure my daughter, Beccy Alldredge. For years she kept saying I would enjoy the ladies of the League and the work they did for the community. I'm so glad I finally listened to her.

## **Favorite part of being an Active Member?**

I love knowing ladies from all stages of life including single, married without children, young mothers, empty nesters and the grandmas. In my 13 active years, I have never been made to feel old or less able because of my age.

## **Greatest accomplishment in JLCC?**

I can honestly say I have never accomplished anything on my own. Anything I have done has been completed in partnership with the ladies I have worked alongside.

## What piece of advice would you give to those interested in joining JLCC?

We get to make a difference and have fun at the same time, so join ASAP. Your best friend may already be a member and you haven't even met her yet.

## Favorite JLCC memory?

I have so many wonderful memories. One that is in my mind right now occurred at Trinkets to Treasures years ago. I donated some of my granddaughter's toys and packaged them in a plastic basket with handles. While working Trinkets, I noticed the basket being carried by the cutest little girl who was so excited about her new treasures. I haven't missed a year of providing donations because that little girl taught me how items cast aside by one person can find new value, joy and meaning for another person.

## Anything else you'd like to share about your JLCC experience?

I will forever be grateful for the honor of being chosen as the Active of the Year. I feel so blessed.



***The Sustainer of the Year award was created to recognize the exceptional commitment to the League by a sustaining member. The recipient is chosen by the JLCC Board of directors.***



**Christel Morrison**  
Sustainer of the  
Year 2018

**Birthplace?** Right here in Dallas, Texas - a native Dallasite!

## What is the most rewarding part about being a JLCC Volunteer?

I think the most rewarding "part" is that there is a "most rewarding part" for everyone. It's not often that an organization can meet the many varied needs of its members. For the people person, come meet 1000+ fabulous women! For the giver, come strengthen someone who needs you. For the fixer, or the mixer, for the girlie girl, for the nerdy girl, for the fun-draiser, for the trailblazer: there is a spot here that everyone can connect and find something for themselves while building our community.

## What prompted you to join JLCC?

We moved to Plano in 1991. It didn't take long for me to meet women that had literally built our great city and its neighboring communities. I was so inspired by their wisdom, their resolve, and their dedication to make our community the best version of itself. These are accomplished, creative, hard-working, laughing, never-leave-your-wingman kind of women, that have since become lifelong friends!

## Favorite part of being a Sustaining Member?

Being a Sustainer is such a unique gift for us in the JLCC. We continue to support the League and its many endeavors. But we are also included in opportunities to facilitate, educate, recall history, and offer perspective to our active membership. At the same time, we are lucky to wine & dine, laugh & linger with friends with whom we joined League together many years ago. We worked HARD and shared significant milestones, within League and without. Friendship doesn't outgrow that kind of connection!

## Greatest accomplishment in JLCC?

It's tough to single out just one - definitely, the accomplishments are shared and much larger than myself. I'd start with a child that had a safe space to play in the Victim's Waiting Room, while waiting for a court proceeding. Perhaps it was a young girl who had taken ESL classes throughout her PISD years and finally bringing her mother in for a few lessons, too. Playing with a couple of mischievous brothers who grabbed extra cookies and goldfish when they came daily for a midday meal at Summer Lunch Box. Helping with a grade-school lab experiment at the Sci-Tech Discovery Center. Learning publishing guidelines for Legends & Legacies. Reading books to disadvantaged children. Being trained as a Facilitator, to help others derive higher outcomes from their efforts. Creating new ways to reach out and empower the vulnerable and victimized. That's quite a list of accomplishments - and I am proud to have served in each of those roles during my JLCC Career!

## What piece of advice would you give to those interested in joining JLCC?

Be OPEN. I had the honor of serving on our Nominating Committee as a member, a Chairman, and as a Sustaining Advisor. Though the Nominating process is tough, given the many qualified candidates that apply for positions, there seemed to be a golden thread sewn through many of our members. They were open to a position they had never considered for themselves. Sure, you might have a plan. But plans change, and the opportunity you never considered can take you places you might not expect. Come with an open mind, serve with an open heart, and be ready for something beautiful to happen!

## Favorite JLCC memory?

There was a stretch of a few years that our annual "Leadership Retreat" was held at the Star Brand Ranch in Kaufman, TX. I think those nights around the fire pit, armed with a great meal and a greater glass of wine, we solved world problems from PTAs to the Presidency. Seriously fun days!

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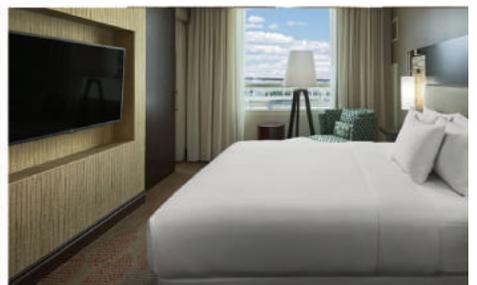
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