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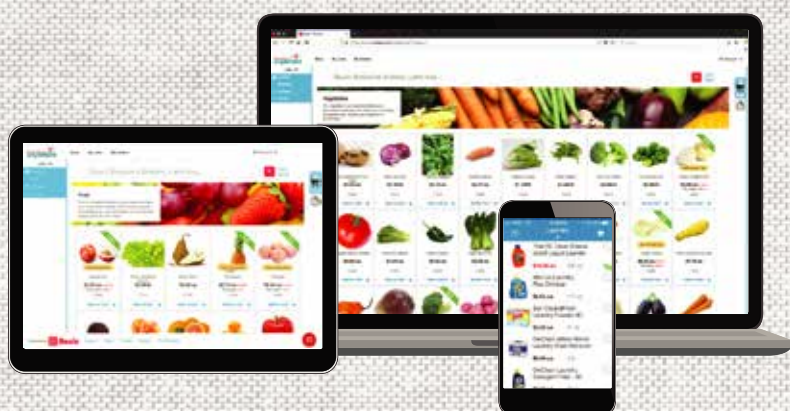
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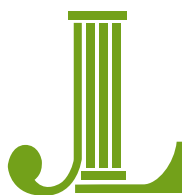
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Mission

The Junior League of Lufkin is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.



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JUNIOR LEAGUE
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2020-2021

General Meetings
Museum of East Texas
6:00 pm Social | 6:30 Meeting

Board Meetings
Museum of East Texas
5:30 pm Executive Management Team
6:30 Joint Meeting | 7:00 Board of Directors

June

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27 | Chairs Retreat

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13-17 | Camp Get Fit/
Kids in the Kitchen

24-26 | Board/Manager
Team Retreat

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5 | Provisional Meeting

10 | Board/Management
Team/Chair Check In

12 | Cottage Meeting

25 | Board/Management
Team Meeting

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8 | Back to School Bonanza

31 | Board/Management
Team Meeting

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2 | Provisional Meeting

9 | General Meeting

22 | Board/Management
Team Meeting

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8 | General Meeting

12 | Provisional Meeting/
Ropes Course

28 | Board/Management
Team Meeting

28-30 | Little Black Dress

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1 | Change of Status Due

2 | Provisional Meeting

16 | General Meeting

20 | Touch-A-Truck

29 | Board/Management
Team Meeting

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1-2 | Little Black Dress

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6 | Provisional Meeting

9-10 | Rummage Sale

13 | General Meeting

26 | Board/Management
Team Meeting

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6 | Provisional Meeting

13 | General Meeting

26 | Board/Management
Team Meeting

30 | Drop Date for Non-
Payment of Dues

November

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3 | Provisional Meeting

10 | General Meeting

23 | Board/Management
Team Meeting

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11 | General Meeting/
End of Year Celebration

24 | New Provisional Meeting/
Information Session

25 | Helping Hands Banquet and
Grant Reception/ Raffle
Drawing



Letter from President

When I was slated as President-Elect in the Spring of 2019, I would have never imagined the state of the world when I took on the Presidency role in 2020. I never expected the challenges and uncertainty that JLL would be facing with COVID-19, an election year, and a country experiencing a multitude of social injustices. I recently read in my John C. Maxwell Leadership Daily Devotional about *Status Quo*, which is Latin for "the mess we're in." JLL is not in a mess but truthfully the world that we are currently living in is a mess. With this *status quo*, it is so easy to only focus on negatives instead of being optimistic and looking for solutions that can create growth and change during this time.

Even though it is hard to accept, things are not going to be the way they have been in the past. We are having to make adjustments to projects, fundraisers, meetings, and everyday life. We get so used to doing things the same way year after year which creates comfort and certainty, but are we taking any risks? How is it possible to grow without changing and taking risks? 2020 has forced us to rethink the way we do things and step out of our comfort zone. I have already witnessed first-hand how JLL is growing and adapting to this new normal while continuing to work toward our mission and make impacts in the community.

To me, this *status quo* is turning into a beautiful mess. I believe this is because JLL is equipped with strong women leaders who are willing to take risks, seek solutions, and maintain positive attitudes. As we are navigating these uncharted waters, I continue to encourage you to communicate effectively, lean on each other, and give grace abundantly. The Junior League of Lufkin is a group of women, each with their own talents, unique traits, gifts, and from all different walks of life but most importantly we are all striving to carry out one mission and ultimately, we are BETTER TOGETHER.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." - Hellen Keller

Sincerely,

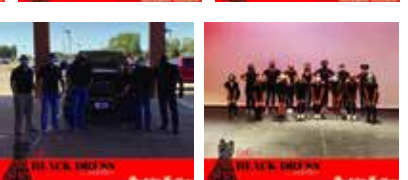
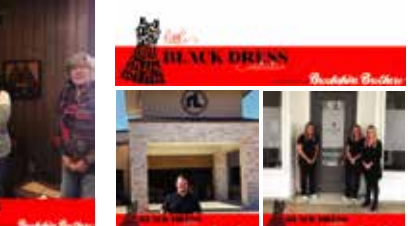
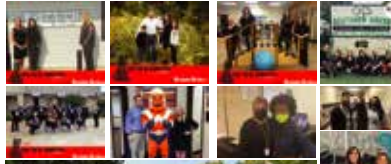
Kimberly Graham
Junior League of Lufkin
President





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CO-CHAIR: MELANIE SHIRLEY

MEMBERS:

Benita Bennett • Krista Brown • LaDonna Erwin-Brooks
Andie Carrizales • Nichole Chala • Viry Cruz • Shata Specks



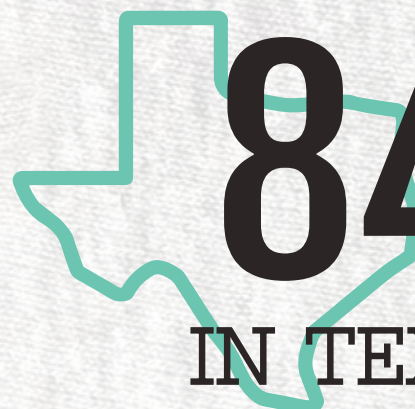
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NEW JLL LIKES

Total Daily Engagement: 3,646

Total Daily Reach & Impressions: 66,185

106 CITIES REACHED



84 CITIES IN TEXAS



**KiDs in the
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EAT SMART! PLAY HARD!

Camp Get Fit/Kids in the Kitchen is an annual 5 day youth camp that promotes and educates our community's youth about a healthy lifestyle. Our campers attend 5 daily sessions held at the Boys & Girls Club of Lufkin, that focuses on healthy cooking, health education, and exercise.

This year, the camp looked a little different. Instead of the Junior League Members educating and exercising in person, the committee members were able to have organizations such as Changing Lives, FITT LIFE, Jenn-

ifer Winston, Six Guns Martial Arts, Dr. Kyle King, Harold's House, The Coalition, and ADAC pre-record the lessons.

With the kitchen portion, Kate Rudasill with 1921 Catering donated food and materials for the kids to enjoy creating healthy snacks. For safety reasons, the committee decided to pre-portion all the food per child.

With the members not able to be there daily, Danielle (Chair) and Carolina (Co-Chair) dropped off the materials every morning for

the Boys & Girls Club, and picked up the previous day items to sanitize. On Friday, the kids were able to enjoy water balloons and receive the gift bag which included a t-shirt, water bottle and various goodies.

Even though this year was a little different, The Junior League of Lufkin still educated and exercised with 60 kids at the Boys & Girls Club. We hope next year we will be back in person with the kids, and continue to grow with the Boys & Girls Club.

Danielle Garrett

Kids in the Kitchen/Camp Get Fit Chair



Committee:

Chair: Danielle Garrett

Co-Chair: Carolina Lopez

Members:

Morgan Anderson

Jessica Barrett

Shellie Davis

Lisa George

Ashley Lewis

Lacey luce

Tracy Nichols

Angie Robertson

Stefanie Ross

Karen Vines

provisional spotlight

Chelsea Crain



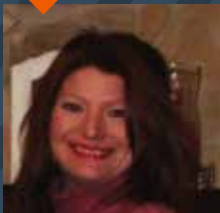
- Marketing Director at Lufkin Ford
- Hobbies: Baking, Traveling, Golf, Decorating
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Animal Rescue Shelters
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Outside in good weather & company
- Favorite Vacation Spot: San Clemente, California
- My First job was working the coffee and juice bar at Maricela's Day Spa!

Brittaney Parker



- Manager at Bryan's Paint and Body
- Has dog named Bear
- Hobbies: Hunting, Crafting, Reading, Kayaking, & Spoiling Nephews
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Anything that's involved with the Community
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Anything Outside
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Anywhere in the mountains

Ima Adams



- 4th grade teacher at Brookhollow Elementary
- Spouse: Chad Adams • Children: Justin (28) and Tanis (23)
- Hobbies: Reading, Hanging out with Family
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Babysitting my nieces
- Favorite way to spend the day: Cuddled on the couch binge watching Netflix with Chad

Jessica Hill



- Owner/Photographer, Bee Sweet Photography
- Spouse: Dustin Hill • Children: Deacon (5), Conrad (3), & Monroe (1)
- Hobbies: Hiking, Yoga, Knitting, Board Games
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Pre-K Ministry
- Favorite Way to spend the Day: Outside with family exploring
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Somewhere secluded in the mountains!

Katie Lightfoot



- CPA - Senior Tax Accountant at Axley & Rode LLP
- Hobbies: Working Out, Shopping, Hunting, Agriculture (Cattle)
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Anything to help people in need, especially children and the elderly
- Favorite way to Spend the Day: Being with family or friends doing something we enjoy

Jennifer Vasquez



- Educator - Dr. Terry Robins Middle School (PCA)
- Spouse: Bobby Nava • Children: Braydon Nava (12), & Jacob Nava (6)
- Hobbies: Reading & Yoga
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Youth Catechism Classes
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: At Home with Family
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Riviera Maya, Mexico

Allison Wade



- Physical Therapist - CHI Memorial Outpatient Therapy Center
- Spouse: Nick Wade
- Hobbies: Self care and Advocating for Clean Beauty
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Cooking Thanksgiving dinner for the Angelina Basketball Team
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Sleeping in, Relaxing & Time w/ Friends

Morgan Watson



- Director of Community Relations at Kovar Wealth Management
- Spouse: Zach Watson • Children: Kennedy Watson (3mos)
- Hobbies: Shopping, Planning & Decorating
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Anything to do w/ Kids
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Any time spent with Family
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Beach w/ Margarita in Hand

Amber Hale



- Utility Billing Clerk - City of Lufkin
- Children: Kyndall (9), Kolbi (7), Kolin (5), & Kalli (4)
- Hobbies: Being a Cheer Coach for my non-profit, Lufkin Jr. Panther Cheer
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Spending time with my children doing fun things!
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Jamaica

Callie Walker



- Registered Nurse at Woodland Heights Labor and Delivery
- Spouse: Sam Walker
- Hobbies: Working Out
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Getting errands completed with my husband
- Favorite Vacation Spot: England or anywhere tropical

Dulce Munoz



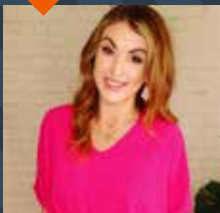
- Teacher at Slack Elementary
- Children: Eli (3)
- Hobbies: Going on Nature Walks, Reading
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Helping at Back to School Bonanza
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: A day spent with Family is always a blessing.

LaRonda Agent



- Teacher at Lufkin Head Start
- Spouse: Wesley Agent • Children: ZaKayla Agent (11), & Zaniya Agent (8)
- Hobbies: Playing Tennis & Drawing
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Feeding Needy/Homeless (Mrs. Betty Kennedy Food Drive)
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Relaxing, Reading

Chloe Ice



- Haute as Ice Boutique
- Hobbies: Swimming, Pets & Animals, Netflix & Chill, Music, Zzz
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Anything with kids or animals
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Sleeping Late, & Swimming w/ nephews
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Australia (went on Study Abroad)
- I am a Dog Mom to my English bulldog, Porkchop! He's the Best!!

Molly Emery



- Speech Language Pathologist
- Spouse: Drew Emery • Children: Graham (9), Bailey (6), Ryan (3)
- Hobbies: Gator Baseball and Football, Crafting, Reading
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Coaching Youth Soccer
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Outside taking in the Sunshine!
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Islamorada, Florida

Kelsey Massey



- Manufacturing Planner at Lockheed Martin
- Spouse: Dalton Massey
- Hobbies: Puzzling, Cooking & Working Out
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Spending time w/ husband & 2 fur-babies, Chloe Grace, & Buddy
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Barbados, where we went on our honeymoon

Amanda Venegas



- Special Ed Teacher, Brookhollow Elementary, Lufkin ISD
- Spouse: Rogelio Venegas • Children: Cade (17), Alex (16), Drew (11)
- Hobbies: Reading, Kayaking, Baseball, Spending time w/ Family/Friends
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Serving food at Branding Park with Scott Foster & Cool Chicks
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Spending day inside with Family

Yaneth Clifton



- Administrator, Slack Elementary
- Spouse: Eric Clifton • Children: Bailey (12), Garrett (9)
- Hobbies: Camping, Reading, & Hallmark Movies
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Anything that allows me to interact with others
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Spending the day with Family

Marilyn Moore



- Office Manager Safari Kidz Academy
- Spouse: Sylvester Moore • Children: A'Quira (11), Kalia (6), Lilee (2), Saraia (1)
- Hobbies: Writing, Cooking, Crafting
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Cleaning up the Community
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Laughing with my Family

Celia Luna

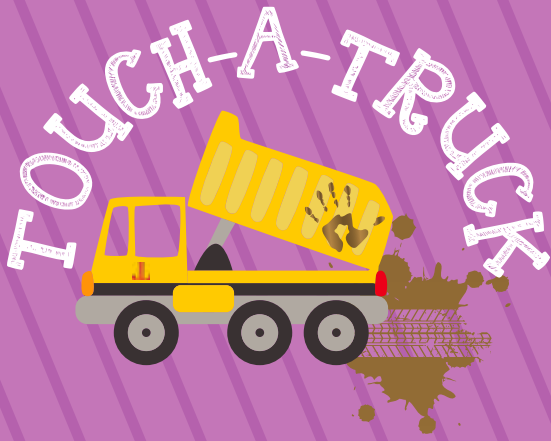


- Slack Elementary Assistant Principal
- Children: Caleb (18), Nate (14)
- Hobbies: DIY Projects
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Service Projects
- Favorite Way to Spend the Day: Enjoying the Outdoors with Family
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Exploring New Places

Shante Kennedy Moreland



- Safari Kidz Academy-Owner/Vine Outreach-Executive Director
- Spouse: Sam Moreland • Children: Dreyllon (23), Adora (22), Samia (19), Rhayne (11), Samir (5)
- Hobbies: Movies, Traveling, Shopping, Polishing Nails at Nursing Homes
- Favorite Volunteer Activity: Feeding the Homeless w/ Vine and Mission Trip in Africa



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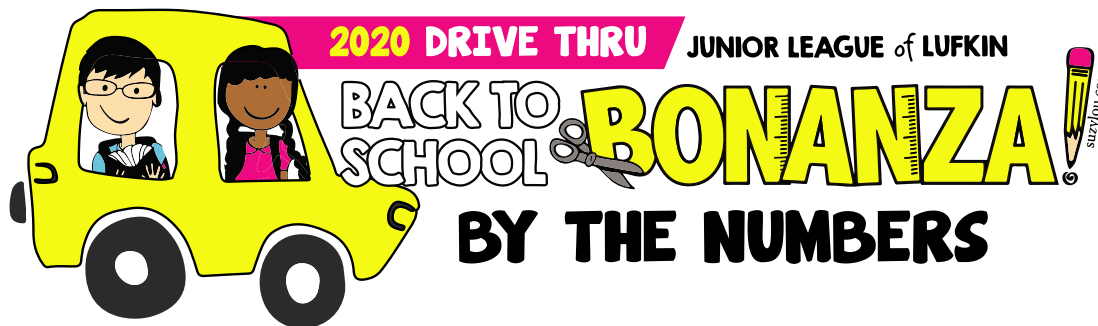
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Save the Date! March 20, 2021



The 10th annual Back to School Bonanza was held on Saturday, August 8, 2020. Despite facing new challenges because of Covid-19, our committee and community partners thrived with changes and held a successful event!

Because of Covid-19 concerns, we moved the event outside the Pitser Garrison Convention Center and held it as a drive-thru. We had over 1,200 children that were pre-registered, and we bagged their items up in the days before the event. These kids received uniforms, socks, shoes, undergarments, and other items, along with backpacks filled with school supplies. The morning of the event, parents were able to drive thru on the south side of the building (by First Baptist Church) for volunteers to put their pre-bagged items and backpacks in their cars.

For families that needed to register the morning of the event, we set up our normal stations in the north side parking lot (by Central Church of Christ). Once families were registered, they stayed in their cars and drove to each station to get the items for their children. It took a lot of set up and tear down the day of the event, but it was so wonderful to be able to still provide needed items to local students.



Because of the drive-thru style, we weren't able to offer head checks and haircuts this year. However, we were excited to be able to add some new items this year, which included feminine hygiene kits and cloth face masks for students.

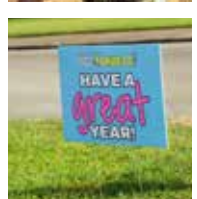
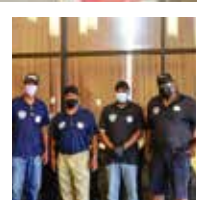
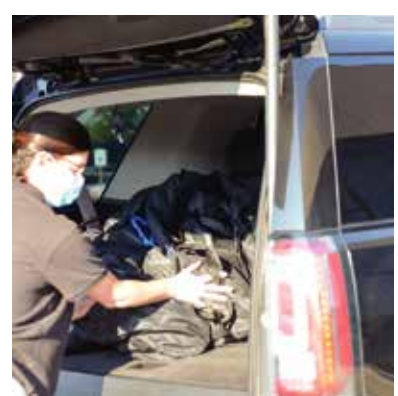
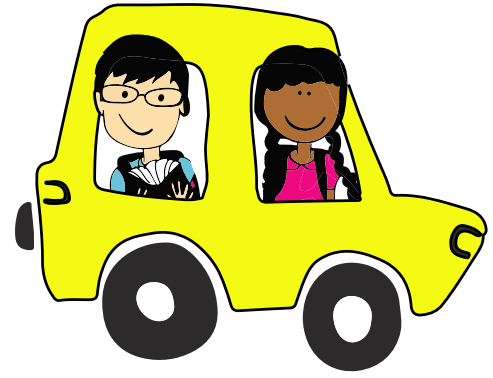
We stuffed 3,000 backpacks to give away at Back to School Bonanza. We helped nearly 1,700 children the day of the event, and the leftover backpacks were distributed to area schools and organizations that can continue to hand out these supplies throughout the school year.

It was so heartwarming to see the community really come together during such a challenging year, and embrace the changes we made in order to still hold the event and provide needed items for students.

The B2SB committee, community partners, and volunteers went above and beyond to help our community, and I'm so thankful to be part of such a giving organization and community!

Thank you for letting me serve alongside you!

Leighanne Hancock
Back to School Bonanza Chair





PROGRAMS FOR KSWP

6-10 AM *Al, Kevin & Good Friends in the Morning*

10-3 PM *Middays with Tim*

3-7 PM *Afternoons with Tiki*

7-12 PM *Night Light with Bonnie*



**PRAYER
WARRIOR
WEDNESDAYS
9AM-12PM**

PROGRAM GUIDE FOR KAVX (TALK RADIO)

- 6:45 AM *Enjoying Everyday Life with Joyce Meyer*
- 7:02 AM *Focus on the Family*
- 8:06 AM *Turning Point with Dr. David Jeremiah*
- 11:30 AM *Focus on the Family*
- 2:15 PM *The Urban Alternative with Dr. Tony Evans*
- 4:00 PM *In The Market with Janet Parshall*
- 6:30 PM *Adventures In Odyssey*



PRAISE AND WORSHIP ON THE WEEKENDS

RUMMAGE SALE

For more than 60 years, the women of The Junior League of Lufkin have been working to build a better community and we are excited to continue this work through our newer fundraising project, the JLL's Second Chance Rummage Sale. This Second Chance Rummage Sale serves the community directly by providing much needed items at greatly reduced prices and by donating hundreds of dollars in Second Chance Cash vouchers to other organizations such as the Women's shelter, Mosaic center, Mantooth House and Buckner Family Services just to name a few. These clients were able to redeem the Second Chance Cash vouchers for much needed merchandise at the Rummage Sale.

Poverty has remained an urgent problem within the United States and we witness it each day right here in our own backyard. With close to 20% of Angelina County residents living below the poverty level, it is critical that we strive to serve those in need. Many of our neighbors in Angelina County cannot afford basic items required for daily living such as food, clothing and shelter and others will be overlooked for employment opportunities because of these limited resources. With your support, this event transforms lives

by giving families access to low cost clothing, furniture, housewares, books and much more found at the rummage sale. These items help individuals dress for success as they seek jobs, provide their children with warm coats during the frigid winter months and provide beds to lie on at night instead of cold, hard floors. In addition to the Second Chance Cash vouchers, funds raised from the JLL Second Chance Rummage sale also support our many other league projects. Your contributions help us continue our annual Back to School Bonanza event. As you know, this year's B2SB had a total of 1,673 kids registered for backpacks (we stuffed 3,000 this year). Almost all remaining backpacks have been distributed through schools and local organizations (Casa, CPS, Buckner, etc). These children were able to start the new school year prepared to learn, giving them a chance at education and breaking the cycle of poverty.



The Second Chance Rummage Sale serves two purposes, to raise funds for the Junior League of Lufkin's community projects and to provide a much-needed service to our community. As I mentioned before many of our children in Angelina County live in poverty. Poverty affects children's mental and physical well-being, as well as their success in education and beyond. In conjunction with the Rummage Sale, the League and community members were encouraged to participate in a special promotion called The Little Black Dress Initiative. What is the Little Black Dress Initiative? The Little Black Dress Initiative is



a poverty awareness fundraising campaign in which participants wear one Black dress for five consecutive days in order to illustrate the effects poverty can have on your access to resources such as food, clothing, shelter and medical care, your confidence and your employment opportunities.

Why should we care about this issue? Because it correlates with our mission and it is important to the future of the children in our community. During the campaign, participants posted pictures of themselves from day 1 to day 5 and blog via social media about how wearing the same dress (cannot wash it) makes them feel and think about what it is like to have limited resources and how this affects your confidence and self-esteem and how this causes barriers for employment etc.

They will in turn encourage friends, families and community members to donate to the JLL LBDI on our PayPal account. Following the campaign, JLL Second Chance Rummage Sale will present Second Chance Cash vouchers to local organizations to distribute to clients in need who can then redeem them at the Rummage sale for clothing, furniture or anything they may want or need.



The remainder of the funds will also go back into our Community projects such as CGF/KITK, B2SB for school supplies, backpacks, uniforms, shoes etc. and TAT sponsorships. This is a great opportunity for the Junior League of Lufkin to raise awareness about the effects of poverty on families and be able to give back to these same families in need with the Second Chance Cash vouchers. The Second Chance Rummage Sale was held at Pitser Garrison Convention Center.

The shopping took place on Friday, October 9 and Saturday, October 10.

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Savannah Haney
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sustainer of the year

Rebecca Shelton Chance



Rebecca Chance is one individual that has put her imprint on numerous organizations in our community. She was President of the American Heart Association in Angelina County, President of the Adoption Center of East Texas, and Board President for the Museum of East Texas in 2010 and a member of the Building Committee since 2008.

She was a committee volunteer for the American Cancer Society and the Gala Chairperson in 2013. She has been active with her church, Harmony Hill Baptist Church and held positions of Building Committee Marketing Chair, Adult Life group Leader and Youth Life Group Leader.

She participated in the Lake Enhancement Task Force, and was Treasurer and later President of the High School Cheer Boosters, in addition to the Merrill Lynch Client Advisory

Board. She became a member of the Angelina Arts Alliance Board in 2018, was vice-chairman in 2019 and is presently Chairman. In addition, Rebecca is also a member of the Angelina College Advisory Board.

Most Junior League members are familiar with the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation. Their mission is to provide opportunities for excellence in education, promote innovation in teaching and partner with the community to achieve the quality of education for all students of the Lufkin Independent School District.

The foundation was awarded over \$250,000 in grants in the past 6 years, and sponsors the Panthers of Prestige Academic Banquet.

I believe one of this sustainers' greatest contributions is her efforts in beginning the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation - as Founding President from 2013 - 2015 and continuing on the board to 2019.

Another outstanding contribution is with Second Helpings of Angelina County. Second Helpings is a nonprofit group of volunteers in Lufkin who are seeking to fight hunger in Angelina County while reducing food waste on school campuses.

Monday-Friday, volunteers pick up unused food from a school campus and distribute this fresh food that would otherwise be disposed of by law. Of course, this sustainer was a founding member and Vice President from 2017 to present.

sustainer spotlight

Susan Harris



What is one thing you learned from your time in the League that you have carried with you since going Sustainer?

That our community is so extremely generous...we put out pleas and requests to businesses or other groups, and they step up to help.

What is your favorite memory of your time in the League?

I loved Spring Market! It was so rewarding to see it evolve into a wonderful, successful fundraiser. From the first year at First Baptist Church, to the markets at the renovated Civic Center, it was so very rewarding. I loved getting to know the vendors who returned from year to year.

If you were to serve on another JLL committee today, which one would you choose and why?

Probably Rummage Sale because I love the idea of making total profit on goods that people are getting rid of. In addition, it's a great service to the community.

Kim Kassaw



What is one thing you learned from your time in the League that you have carried with you since going Sustainer?

I'm not sure that I can name just '1' thing! There are several skills that were enhanced by my service time in the JLL and continue to benefit me in my career as a Special Education Director: enhanced my organization skills, confirmed the importance of teamwork, forced me to prioritize what's important, opened my eyes to the importance of advocating for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

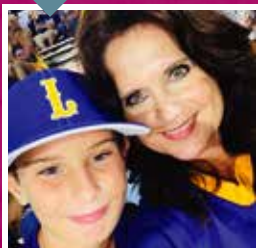
What is your favorite memory of your time in the League?

I actually have two! If you know me well, you know that I LOVE Christmas and all that goes along with it! My favorite memory has to be working at the Christmas Tree lot! We had the most beautiful trees. Many cold, rainy nights and as miserable as that could be, the excitement of families coming to pick the perfect tree was heart-warming. We spent time huddled around a heater, drinking hot chocolate, sharing and getting to know each other better. My second would have to be Charity Ball. Such a wonderful fundraiser! Lots of planning and work went into creating an elegant and fun night for all that attended.

If you were to serve on another JLL committee today, which one would you choose and why?

Raffle With a Mission.

Shelly Slaton



What is one thing you learned from your time in the League that you have carried with you since going Sustainer?

Everyone has a story, and that story makes us who we are. Never ever make assumptions about others - look deeper, learn people, get past the surface, practice empathy and be kind. Learn at least one thing from every situation and find something good in everyone.

What is your favorite memory of your time in the League?

I have so many memories; it's really difficult to pick just one! Over the years, I represented our League at many conferences. From Las Vegas to Minneapolis to Houston and Shreveport, I loved learning from other Leagues and being part of a National organization. I was always in awe of the accomplished and talented women I met across our country serving in the Junior League, and I felt honored to represent Lufkin.

If you were to serve on another JLL committee today, which one would you choose and why?

I enjoyed all my League placements, but some of my favorites were working with the Provisionals, Strategic Development & Planning, and building leadership capacity. If I were choosing a committee today, I would choose to work with new members and share my passion for this community, including the history of the League and the tremendous impact the work of the League has on our community.

Karen Stubblefield



What is one thing you learned from your time in the League that you have carried with you since going Sustainer?

I learned that every moment I spend serving others is priceless. When I set out to make a difference for others, it's usually me who benefits from their gifts.

What is your favorite memory of your time in the League?

I feel like I am still making memories through League friendships. I spent my active League years with the Junior League of Lake Charles, and even though I don't live near them, we still talk every week.

If you were to serve on another JLL committee today, which one would you choose and why?

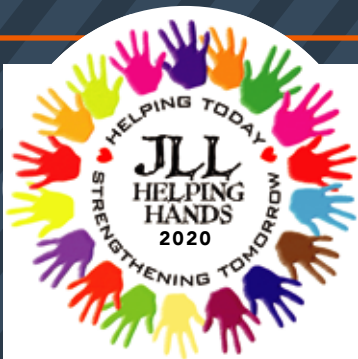
I enjoyed volunteering during the Back to School Bonanza this year, and I would love to participate again. What a fantastic project that helps our future generations start their school year off right for learning and being ready for their life's work.



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Sincereley, Heather Kartye

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grateful for this honor, as well as, your contribution
to my future. Your scholarship will be paid toward my
tuition at Texas A&M for my degree in Public Health.
Again thank you immensely for the scholarship!

Jada Salazar

Dear Junior League of Lufkin
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I would like to sincerely thank
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a degree in Business at Stephen
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I am truly thankful for being
recognized as the recipient for
the Junior League of Lufkin
Scholarship. It is my dream to
achieve my educational goals and
be able to give back to my
community. Thank you for
investing in my future.

Sincerely, Maci Rice

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Thank you for your generous gift
\$500 to the Lufkin Education
Foundation. Your contribution will enable
several first year teachers to make
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arrival in the fall.

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if we might work this out.

Sincerely,

Vencie McMullen
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1 lb ground beef
Salt and pepper to taste
2 large tomatoes, peeled and diced
½ t. cumin
½ t. oregano
¼ t. sugar
1 clove garlic, pressed

DRESSING:

1 six ounce can tomato paste
2 jalapenos, chopped
½ c. seedless raisins
½ c. diced pimientos
½ c. toasted almonds

DIRECTIONS: Brown beef; drain. Stir in remaining ingredients and cook 15 to 20 minutes longer over low heat. Serve with nacho chips.

VARIATION: May substitute 1 lb boiled and chopped chicken for beef



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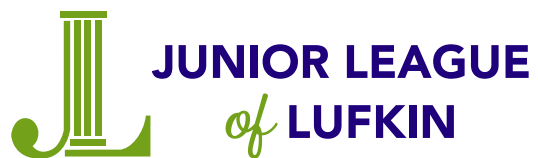
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