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Letter from
THE PRESIDENT

Over the past 94 years, JLG has supported efforts that founded landmark agencies in Greenville County, provided countless hours of community service, and contributed monetarily to those in need. These years of service illustrate our members' unwavering commitment to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Our dedicated members and their acts of voluntarism served as the inspiration for this year's theme – "Advancing a Legacy of Impact." What a legacy, indeed.

Members gathered throughout this League year for incredible trainings, General Membership Meetings, and social events. Our 3rd Annual Oyster Roast was one for the record books, boasting 330 shucking partygoers. We officially retired our Little Black Dress Initiative and Shop for Greenville fundraisers and introduced our newest fund development initiative – Mardi Gras Magic! Approximately 350 JLG members, guests, and community agency leaders gathered at the Rutherford to celebrate with purpose and raise funds for our community impact projects. We also celebrated the 75th anniversary of our beloved Nearly New Shop! Thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, customers, and donors, the Nearly New Shop continues to reach record-breaking revenue goals, solidifying its status as our greatest fundraising effort and keeping us grounded as a resource for affordable clothing and housewares in our treasured Greenville community.

At the heart of our organization is the importance we place on community impact. Our reimagined Empowered Women of Greenville Committee served community agencies and their constituents through donation drives and events tailored to their specific needs. Members got their hands dirty during Habitat for Humanity Days of Service and were a driving force with Meals on Wheels delivery routes. Our Holiday Bag Project, a Sustained tradition since 1994, yielded 350 gift bags for patients served by the Neighborhood Cancer Connection. One of the most exciting impacts made this year was the reinstatement of our annual community grants program, rebranded as Capacity Building Grants. We look forward to fostering current partnerships, renewing historic collaborations, and building new relationships with agencies as they grow their capacity to help women overcome barriers.

As a Greenville native, it has been a great honor to serve as President of the Junior League of Greenville, and I stand ready to support my successors as they advance the legacy that we all built upon so passionately this year.

All my best,

Claire Stam

Claire Stam
President, 2023-2024
The Junior League of Greenville, Inc.



Claire Stam is a Greenville native and graduate of Furman University (BA) and Clemson University (MBA, MPA, PhD). As Director of the Addiction Medicine Center, she supports addiction treatment and recovery efforts at Prisma Health. She is a Board Member for the Piedmont Health Foundation and Carolina Youth Symphony, provides music to hospice patients as a Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner, and performs as a professional harpist for private events and orchestras. She enjoys spending time with her husband (Kyle), children (Mia and Brody), and pets (Milo and Oliver).

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The Junior League of Greenville engages in initiatives that help women in our community overcome barriers, focusing on Human Trafficking and Economic Mobility.

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Letter from
THE SUSTAINER REPRESENTATIVE

The essence of *Legacy* embodies the Junior League of Greenville. We stand on the impact of League members who served before, continue the commitment through our current work, and model the League's strength as a training organization impacting the future.

This year marked a return of the League's grant process funding capacity building for organizations aligned with our focus. A nod to the era of League publications, in-home "Cook the Book" dinner parties featured recipes from League cookbooks and fostered new connections for members. We celebrated the 75th anniversary of The Nearly New Shop, which remains our largest fundraiser, breaking a record in total sales last year. Our Provisional Class facilitated a reception that provided an opportunity to meet Sustainers, share experiences, and celebrate this anniversary.

The JLG Sustainer Holiday Gift Bags Project, led by Courtney Thomas, Lee Elmore, and Carol Rhodes, entered its third decade assembling 350 bags. Our Sustainer Outreach Committee, led by Miranda George, planned multiple gatherings. Gracious thanks to Sustainers who have opened their homes for these events: Alecia Elrod, Sonya Ables, Nancy Kennedy, Linda Grandy, Amie Owens Kourlas, Hallie Gilbert, Clay Gilbert, and Kris Ballew. Heath Beard, Active Tenure, also joins this list. We have 727 Sustainers ranging in age from 35 to 93!! Great attention was given to create opportunities for all including two events for younger Sustainers and the return of the Emeritus Tea. Reach out to friends in JLG and attend an event together!

Special thanks to 33 Sustainers who served as Sustaining Advisors for Committees and Councils. As you think about JLG, consider its impact – what is your legacy? My dear friend, Caroline Stewart, answered: "...to sustain the JLG by making it possible for us to continue our mission and to bring in the next generation of trained volunteers!" Heartfelt gratitude to ALL who sustain JLG!

Lesa Kastler

Lesa Kastler
Sustainer Representative to the Board, 2023-2024
The Junior League of Greenville, Inc.

Lesa Kastler grew up in a family that moved often but has now lived in Greenville longer than any other place and considers it home. She received an undergraduate degree from Trinity University and two graduate degrees from The University of Texas at Austin. Currently, she is serving on the Advisory Council for A Child's Haven and the Board for Columbia Theological Seminary. She is married to Bill and they have two sons: Tres and his wife, Kai and Robert and his fiancé, Lindsay.



Letter from
THE EDITOR

How do you measure success?

I've given this a lot of thought - whether talking about my career, hobbies and side hustles, or motherhood - and, in the end, I've felt successful when I've made a lasting, positive impact and felt that my contributions were valued. These motivators are also the reasons I maintain my membership within the Junior League of Greenville.

The women that make up the JLG have achieved so much. Not only is our current work focused on addressing economic mobility and human trafficking, but the JLG has a legacy of supporting organizations in our community that also make positive impacts on the lives of those around us. In turn, we're hoping to create lasting change for women facing barriers through the work of the Community Impact Council via the return of our scholarship program, Capacity Building Grants, and events put on by the Empowered Women of Greenville Committee.

Additionally, JLG has been working diligently to create a culture of belonging by strengthening our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. This is evident through the diversity of women in the 2023-2024 Provisional class. Each JLG member's contributions are valued as they bestow their time and talents. The Nearly New Shop wouldn't be a success without the individual donations to keep its inventory stocked. And this publication wouldn't be possible without the contributions of the Publications Committee. Thank you to Kate Dabbs, Susan Elliot, Abby Menzies, Annalise Sinclair, Sustaining Advisor Cherie Bradley, Proofreader Amy Hunter, and countless JLG members who helped by participating in interviews or providing photos for this edition of VISIONS. Your work is valued, and the JLG is making lasting impacts on the Greenville community through your volunteer service.

I hope you are reminded of these successes as you read this edition of VISIONS. The JLG is successful because our members are impressive women.

Nicole McAden

Nicole McAden
Editor, 2023-2024
The Junior League of Greenville, Inc.

Nicole McAden joined JLG in 2015 after moving to Greenville in 2013. She grew up in DeLand, Florida, attended the University of Florida for her undergraduate degree, and earned a Master of Public Affairs degree from the University of Missouri's online program. Nicole currently works for the City of Greenville. She enjoys spending time with her family and teaching and performing improv with Asheny Comedy.



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Meet the 2023-2024

JLG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Every year the Junior League of Greenville (JLG) elects a new set of leaders within the organization who serve on the Board of Directors—leading the organization in its Mission of advancing women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Get to know this year's Board of Directors and how they embodied the Junior League's values.



Claire Stam
President

Number of years in the League:
12 years

Hometown
Greenville, SC

Work outside the League
Director, Prisma Health Addiction Medicine Center

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
A picture of my children – they are my greatest accomplishment and the part of my legacy of which I feel most proud!



Sarah Brand
2023-2024
President-Elect

Number of years in the League:
9 years

Hometown
Cincinnati, OH

Work outside the League
Senior Brand Manager, Michelin

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
My program from the Taylor Swift Eras concert! It was an amazing cultural experience that I was able to share with my sister-in-law. That show brought so much joy and connection, I'm glad to have had the experience!



Christine Owens
Communications VP

Number of years in the League:
5 years

Hometown
Easton, MD

Work outside the League
Director of HR & Communications, South Carolina Learns

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
If we can ignore the fact this is perishable, I would include a bowl of Tropical Grille sauce. One of my fondest memories of this past year was our comical attempt to clean up sauce that was spilled outside of Headquarters after a meeting.



Jennifer Compton
Community Impact Council VP

Number of years in the League:
10 years

Hometown
Luna Pier, MI

Work outside the League
Vice President of HR, RedSail Technologies

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
My JLG nametag from this year! It has been a great year serving on the Board. I'd also include some pictures of my family and our adventures.



Christina Auckland
Finance VP

Number of years in the League:
6 years

Hometown
Irmo, SC

Work outside the League
Financial Analysis Manager, United Community Bank

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
Photos of my trip to Scotland where I got engaged!



Heather Raney
Fund Development VP

Number of years in the League:
5 years

Hometown
Moore, SC

Work outside the League
Mortgage Banker, Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
Probably some version of a calendar. I'm not 100% sure since nowadays it seems that social media is its own time capsule. However, I am old school and love the paper calendar.



Mary-Neil Jackson
Membership VP

Number of years in the League:
8 years

Hometown
 Mooresville, NC

Work outside the League
Senior Manager for Contractor Engagement, Gordian

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
I would capture the moment I was asked to serve as President Elect for the 2024-2025 League Year. Every leadership position within the League has been an honor and I am so excited and motivated to continue the JLG's impact on the Greenville community.



Mary Knight Felt
Corresponding Secretary

Number of years in the League:
5 years

Hometown
Hartsville, SC

Work outside the League
Physician Assistant, Carolina Plastic Surgery & Aesthetics

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
Pictures of my two boys Robert & Jack (and some of their awesome art work) and my Golden Retriever Riggs, TELETIES hair clip and my favorite bottle of bubbles.



Laura Poole
Recording Secretary

Number of years in the League:
11 years

Hometown
Urbana, IL

Work outside the League
Middle Market Banking Portfolio Manager, SouthState Bank

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
Mardi Gras beads, a rubber duck, and JLG calendar from this year! :)



Lizz Pingry
Strategic Planner

Number of years in the League:
5 years

Hometown
Lockport, IL

Work outside the League
Senior Marketing Manager, Marleylilly

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
My Taylor Swift Eras Tour Ticket!

Meet the 2023-2024

JLG BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Afton Stetzer
Board Manager

Number of years in the League:
6 years

Hometown
Roswell, GA

Work outside the League
Pediatric Speech Pathologist, Earthshine Speech and Language

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
A kickball signed by my fall team. We won the championship this season and it was our first time winning in this league. I was so proud -- I'm the captain!



Barbara Purica
Treasurer

Number of years in the League:
7 years

Hometown
Tucson, AZ

Work outside the League
Regional Controller, Michelin

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
Train ticket stubs from our family trip to Europe.



Lesa Kastler
Sustainer Representative

Number of years in the League:
30 years

Hometown
TX & CT

Work outside the League
Trustee, Columbia Theological Seminar Member, Advisory Council for A Child's Haven

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
Info on our agency Partners, Capacity Building Grants and the recipients, the Provisional Development Project for the 75th anniversary of the NNS, the impact of Empowered Women of Greenville, and photos of the annual Sustainer Holiday Bags project and this year's Board!



Tina Hampton
Executive Administrator

Number of years in the League:
34 years

Hometown
Hendersonville, NC

Work outside the League
Proudly employed by the JLG

What would you include in your 2023-2024 time capsule?
The summarized history of the JLG so "the future" would know the impact that we have made for Greenville over our 94 year history!

Where Are They Now THE LEGACY OF JUNIOR LEAGUE INVESTMENTS

// By Nicole McAden and Abby Plant Menzies

The Children's Museum of the Upstate

In the late 1990s a group of women had a vision to create a place for children to learn through play and to have an educational experience. JLG had been instrumental in supporting other organizations centered around issues impacting children, so this initiative aligned well with JLG's previous efforts. In 1998 JLG awarded a grant to sponsor The Children's Museum of the Upstate's (TCMU) "Community Room" in its new building. Since TCMU opened in 2009, JLG has awarded additional grants with cumulative contributions totaling more than \$115,000. JLG has continued its partnership with TCMU over the years through volunteer placements and Service Shift opportunities.

Rebecca Feldman, JLG Past President and current member of TCMU's Board of Directors, shared that she is incredibly proud of the legacy that JLG has had on creating a safe and inclusive place for children to play. "TCMU is the seventh largest children's museum in the country and the tenth largest in the world, with plans to expand the Spartanburg location further this year," says Rebecca. TCMU was also the first children's museum to be recognized as a Smithsonian Affiliate museum.



Child plays in the TCMU Creation Station

TCMU is not only world-class, but a local museum with monumental impact. Rebecca shared, "Many families visit the museum. TCMU hosts a large number of field trips each year; there is even a school from Atlanta planning a field trip in spring 2024!" Additionally, TCMU recognizes that some children may be unable to visit the museum's location; museum staff bring educational programming to schools and community groups with outreach events and enrichment activities that meet state educational standards and introduce STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) subjects to children across the Upstate region.

TCMU's vision is to create a world where no barrier is bigger than a dream. JLG is pleased that it had a hand in helping remove barriers that helped TCMU achieve its dream.



Plaque honoring the JLG investment

Greenville Free Medical Clinic

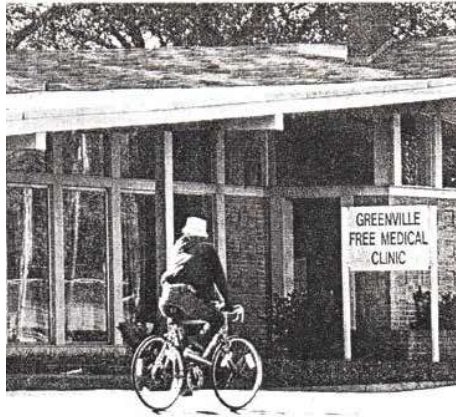
The Greenville Free Medical Clinic (GFMC) opened its doors in 1987 to provide medical care to low-income uninsured patients. JLG first awarded funds to the GFMC in 1989 and, since then, larger grant funds were awarded to help fund a new pharmacy in 1998, open the Northwest Branch in Berea in 2004, and expand the Greer Clinic in 2005.

Over the years, GFMC has expanded the types of services offered and the number of patients served. In the year JLG's partnership began, GFMC logged 2,000 visits; in 2023, now with four clinic sites, the organization saw 10,000 patient appointments. GFMC expanded their services from acute one-time care to continual care services including dental care, an on-site pharmacy, mental health services, social work and case management, specialty services, free food, and expanded hours. Also, to keep up with demand, the Clinic's staff size has grown from four full-time and three part-time employees in 1989 to 16 full-time employees and six part-time staff in 2024.



Diabetes and medication management counseling (2023)

"Despite the passage of the Affordable Care Act, thousands of Greenville County residents remain uninsured. Their employment situations do not provide access to health coverage — part-time, self-employed, small business, day laborers, contract labor, etc.," said Suzie Foley, Executive Director of GFMC and JLG member. "GFMC delivers remarkable results, as verified by national and state research studies: GFMC patients are better controlled in their hypertension and diabetes than patients on Medicaid or even commercially insured patients. GFMC mammogram screening rates surpass Medicaid and commercially insured. Nearly 70% of established GFMC patients had zero hospital encounters in the previous year (no emergency room, no inpatient admissions, no



The original building when the clinic opened (1988)

observation). In addition, new patients have significantly reduced emergency room utilization — 82% reduction in the number of days for avoidable chronic disease inpatient stays, 60% reduction in mental health emergency room visits, [and a] 33% reduction in emergency room visits for diabetes complications," Suzie elaborated.

JLG contributed \$105,187 to GFMC from 1989-2020. Years of funding have helped start many new projects or expansions like satellite locations, an in-house dispensing pharmacy, pediatric dental services, and the expansion of prevention and screening services. The most recent JLG contribution comes from a 2024 Capacity Building Grant which will help equip and upfit the relocation of the Greer Free Clinic satellite site.

"The Greenville Free Medical Clinic, with the tremendous generosity of this community and its partners (hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, volunteers), is able to take every \$1 contributed to GFMC to operate the organization and deliver \$10 of healthcare services to the patients! That's a remarkable return on investment, and a solid investment in the health of our community!" said Suzie.

JLG's support of GFMC has created a lasting impact on the greater Greenville community through the outstanding medical care it provides to improve the health of its patients.

Pendleton Place

In the 1970s, three JLG members learned that children often spent the night in jail cells when they were removed from their home in cases of abuse or neglect. This was due to the limited availability of foster care homes. Acknowledging that this was unacceptable, JLG pledged to purchase a home that would serve as an emergency holding facility and committed to raising the funds to operate the facility in 1974. The \$125,000 in funding to fulfill this promise would be worth more than \$750,000 in today's dollars!

Pendleton Place opened in April 1976 and provided a caring home-like environment to children entering care. Ten years later, Pendleton Place expanded to operate a group home for teenage girls living in foster care - known as the Smith House.

As foster care policies and funding evolve, Pendleton Place continues to pivot so that it can serve the needs of our community. The original shelter now serves as an emergency homeless shelter for youth aged 12-21, and Pendleton Place has added multiple programs to support youth experiencing homelessness. The drop-in center offers basic needs (showers, laundry, food) and a transitional living program provides up to 18 months of shelter with structured skill building and case management support for youth up to 21 years old who are experiencing homelessness.

Sandy Brown, JLG Past President and current Pendleton Place Board of Directors Chair, stated that the JLG "voted in March 2023 to grant \$150,000 to support the construction and renovation costs



Original Pendleton Place house (1976)

for the first Family Resource Center in Greenville County specifically designed as a hub of family strengthening and preservation services. Grant funding will expand current programming to include developmental screenings and an array of inclusive family strengthening services like kinship care support and navigation, family mediation, family therapy, evidence-based parenting classes, and concrete support."

JLG was fundamental to the creation of Pendleton Place and has played a pivotal role in ensuring children and families receive the services they need in emergency situations.



Updated emergency shelter (2023)

The South Carolina Children’s Theatre

The South Carolina Children’s Theatre (SCCT) was founded in 1987 to offer training, education, and shows to children in the Upstate area. A crucial part of its mission and values is a commitment to inclusion and providing opportunities to all families through outreach. Currently, SCCT presents five main shows and two or three additional shows or events each year.

Since 1987, JLG has contributed \$123,794 to SCCT. Some of those funds helped construct a new state-of-the-art location in 2019, located on Augusta Road across from Gather Greenville. The location includes two theater spaces and classrooms for summer camps and classes. Prior to the opening of the new facility, SCCT had to utilize other theater spaces like the Peace Center or the Kroc Center.

Kathryn Freedman, JLG Past President and former member of the SCCT Board of Directors, shared her view on JLG’s impact. “The Junior League of Greenville and the South Carolina Children’s Theatre have had a long and mutually beneficial partnership. From hands-on volunteers to significant financial contributions, the JLG has supported the arts in Greenville and the children that SCCT serves within the Greenville community,” said Kathryn. In turn, SCCT has been able to create a lasting legacy for the children in our community.

“There are countless children throughout the Upstate who have attended a performance or who have attended an educational class in the dramatic arts thanks to the generosity of JLG members. Every child should experience the power of live theatrical performances. It fosters creativity and curiosity, and it opens the imagination to a world of new possibilities. SCCT has a commitment to be a place where young people are empowered, encouraged, and at home. Partnerships like the one with JLG is an important way to turn those dreams into realities,” shared Kathryn.



The SCCT original building



CDS directory featuring Clarity (formerly known as Speech, Hearing, and Learning Center).

Center for Development Services and the Speech, Hearing, and Learning Center

JLG’s partnership with the Center for Developmental Services (CDS) and the Speech, Hearing, and Learning Center started with a mother advocating for her child. Jane Brewer Sykes, a JLG Past President, had a child with developmental needs and she experienced a hard time navigating the healthcare system and taking her child to multiple specialists in different areas across the Upstate. She dreamed about a singular spot where a child could have all of their needs met. While the Center did not officially open until 2000 by founder Dr. Bill Schmidt, her vision helped foster the partnership between the JLG and CDS to help fund and bring attention to the underserved pediatric needs within our community.

CDS houses multiple medical practices under one roof. One of the practices currently located in CDS is Clarity, which was formerly known as the Speech, Hearing and Learning Center (SHLC). In 1973, JLG awarded a grant to the Greenville County Association for Children with Learning Disabilities to screen preschool children under the direction of the SHLC. Liz Einstein, a JLG Sustainer, explained her affiliation with the SHLC partnership with JLG.

In the 1990s one of Liz’s children was born with a cleft palate. Liz became familiar with the SHLC and partnered with the JLG to create a volunteer team to work with the SHLC’s cranial – facial team. A pediatric patient would schedule just one appointment a month with the care team to meet with multiple specialists all in one day. Liz and the JLG team would volunteer to babysit other siblings for the families so they could focus on their day of care.

Between the years 1973 and 2020, JLG donated more than \$108,000 to CDS and SHLC cumulatively. The legacy of JLG’s impact helped position CDS and its care providers to see more than 9,000 children a year. This work provides families the convenience of having providers co-located in one site, making it easier to receive the services that they need.

Downtown Greenville Revitalization and The Peace Center

Those who have lived in Greenville for some time know that downtown Greenville has not always been the desirable location or had the Main Street charm of today. JLG played an essential role in changing that. JLG helped coordinate a letter writing campaign to recruit the Hyatt Regency hotel to Greenville, which opened in 1981, and JLG members supported the inaugural Fall for Greenville festival in 1982 by serving as volunteers for the event. In 1987, JLG moved the Nearly New Shop to West North Street, solidifying the commitment to the shared vision of transforming the downtown district. JLG sponsored a “Show House” in the location that houses Trattoria Giorgio today. The “Show House” served as an initiative to introduce people to downtown living by opening tours to see downtown condos.



Peace Center under construction. Source: Greenville Journal, 2020



Lily Parr, JLG Sustainer, and Betty Stall, JLG Past President, tour the construction site. Source: Greenville Journal, 2020

Minor Shaw, JLG Past President, shared her memories that with the rise of residential housing and the Hyatt hotel downtown, the redevelopment efforts became focused on making downtown an attractive place for businesses to locate. “A study was done by site selectors who specialized in helping businesses decide where to locate and they noted that downtown was missing a presence of arts and quality-of-life attractors,” said Minor. Thus, the idea of a performing arts center was born.

Betty Stall, JLG Past President, helped to launch fundraising in 1985, with JLG contributing \$50,000 in 1987. The Peace Center opened in 1990 and now serves as a cornerstone of entertainment and performing arts in our community. Its impact on Greenville County has resulted in more than \$950 million in economic activity from 1990-2022. And, some attribute the Peace Center as a catalyst to The Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities locating in Greenville.

PROVISIONAL CLASS

Creating a Sense of Belonging from Day One

// By Annalise Sinclair

When you ask members of JLG why they chose to get involved with the organization, the overwhelming response is “I was looking for a group of women to connect with.” The allure of JLG membership lies in the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than yourself and fosters a sense of belonging that is crucial in today’s age of increasing isolation.

Diversity is essential to creating a profound sense of belonging within an organization, and by embracing diversity, JLG has created a space where women feel empowered to express their authentic selves, contribute meaningfully, and truly belong.

This year’s Provisional class (composed of first-year members) is no different. Our 66 Provisional members have diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences that enrich our organization. Although they all now call the Upstate home, 71% of Provisional members

are originally from places beyond Greenville County, including one member who is from Brazil!

Our Provisional members also hail from a broad spectrum of occupations including but not limited to education, real estate, manufacturing, healthcare, engineering, and finance. By having members connected to such a wide variety of professions, JLG can continue to foster unique developmental opportunities for our members and further our impact on the Greenville community.

Provisional Development Chair Shannon Brame Ludwig shared that “this Provisional class is a testament to the fact that no matter how old you are, where you live or what your story is, when women come together for a common cause, we make a significant impact in the world and our community.”



By the Numbers

- Number of Provisional Members: **66**
- Average age of Provisional Member: **39**
- Racial/Ethnic Breakdown
 - 73%** White
 - 18%** Black/African American
 - 6%** Hispanic/Latina
 - 2%** South Asian
 - 2%** Two or More Races
- Hometown:
 - 8 Members** from the Northeast
 - 42 Members** from the Southeast
 - 7 Members** from the Midwest
 - 1 Member** from the West
 - 1 Member** from the Southwest
 - 1 Member** from the Brazil



EMPOWERING CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY

Capacity Building Grants Make Their Return

// By *Kate Dabbs*

In the ever-evolving landscape of community service, the Junior League of Greenville has been a steadfast supporter of nonprofits, providing financial aid and a dedicated volunteer force for decades. For the 2023-2024 year, JLG is once again taking up the mantle of a grant-making institution after a strategic hiatus. This marks a significant step in our organization's journey as we continue to align our service-minded intentions with the evolving needs of the community.

As we adapt to the changing dynamics of our culture, local community, and national leadership, the Junior League of Greenville is excited to announce the revival of **Capacity Building Grants**—and the inaugural grant recipients for 2024.

In the world of nonprofit funding, Capacity Building Grants hold a unique and vital role. While many grants are earmarked for specific programs, often with strict allocation restrictions, it is important to recognize and address the less glamorous—yet crucial—operational aspects of organizations.

Every nonprofit, like any other entity, has essential operating costs that must be covered to fulfill its mission effectively. With this understanding, JLG takes pride in supporting the operational needs that enhance the capacity of nonprofits to carry out their vital work.

The initiative was led by the Grants Committee and its Chair, Jade Fountain, a seasoned professional with a background deeply rooted in nonprofit fundraising. With a focus on the Junior League of Greenville's key areas—human trafficking and economic mobility—Jade and her committee have undertaken the task of carefully evaluating 34 applications to ensure the grants make a meaningful impact on our community.

The much-anticipated grant recipients were announced at the January General Membership Meeting. During the meeting, Jade recognized the hard work of the Grants Committee, comprised of Meghan Chaney, Valerie Fulton, Stephanie Kyle, Allison Safford, Erin Vetter, Vice Chair Mary Latrick, and Sustaining Advisor Anne Spence.

The committee narrowed the applications down to 23, conducting 13 site visits, and ultimately recommending five organizations for Capacity Building Grants. The Membership approved the following grant recipients:



Soteria Community Development Corporation

Awarded a \$15,000 grant to fund the salary of a part-time caseworker for formerly incarcerated women. Soteria focuses on housing, establishing a social enterprise for job skills, and providing support for women who have experienced sexual trauma.



Triune Mercy Center

Awarded a \$10,000 grant to contribute to a part-time caseworker's salary, specifically focused on transitioning individuals and families experiencing homelessness into affordable housing. Triune is a resource hub for people experiencing homelessness in Greenville.



GirlUP GVL

Awarded a \$10,000 grant to fund GirlUp GVL's GrowU summer paid internship program, empowering middle and high school girls to reach their highest potential through real-work experiences and peer-to-peer learning.



Nicholtown Child & Family Collaborative (NCFC)

Awarded a \$10,000 grant to support two targeted programs: Nurturing Skills for Young Parents and Parent Cafe. NCFC enhances economic mobility by providing skill-building and individualized support for young parents and families.



Greenville Free Medical Clinic

Awarded a \$5,000 grant to facilitate the relocation of their Greer satellite, expanding capacity to serve more patients and aligning with the Junior League's focus on individuals struggling with medical debt and vulnerability to human trafficking.

In total, these organizations will receive an impressive **\$50,000** from the Junior League of Greenville.

As we eagerly await the positive impact these grants will bring, we reinforce our commitment to fostering a community where empowerment and support flourish.



EMPOWERING THROUGH ACTION

A Year with Empowered Women of Greenville

// By *Kate Dabbs*

In the realm of community engagement, the Empowered Women of Greenville signature program for the Junior League of Greenville shines as a force for empowerment and inclusivity. Through innovative events and meaningful interactions, the Committee leading all related efforts has redefined community impact, embodying the ethos of service and empowerment.

Empowered Women of Greenville: Redefining Impact

Since its inception, the Empowered Women of Greenville Committee has been committed to uplifting and empowering women in the community. This year, under the leadership of Chair Sable Cleveland, marked a significant shift in their approach, moving towards a more hands-on, multi-faceted strategy aimed at fostering deeper connections and broader impact.

This shift was born out of a desire to extend the Committee's reach and make a more tangible difference in the lives of women throughout Greenville over the course of more than one day. Rather than focusing solely on large-scale events, the Committee sought to create a more immersive experience, one that would allow for meaningful interactions and lasting connections based on the diverse needs and aspirations of the community.

OCTOBER 2023: Pumpkins and Pies with Smith House at Pendleton Place

To kick off their series of events, the Committee organized a delightful holiday celebration at Pendleton Place's Smith House. From decorating pumpkins to sharing pies, this event brought joy and warmth to the residents.

NOVEMBER 2023: Dress for Success with Jasmine Road

In November, the Committee partnered with Jasmine Road for a special shopping night at the Nearly New Shop. The ladies from Jasmine Road were treated to a memorable evening of shopping, complete with goodie bags and appetizers, empowering them to feel confident and valued.

MARCH 22-23, 2024:

The Cinderella Project

The Committee continued the JLG's participation with the Cinderella Project in collaboration with the SC Bar Young Lawyers Division. This initiative aims to provide prom attire and accessories to deserving young women and young men, helping them feel special on their big day.

APRIL 2024:

Professionalism Lunch with the Dream Center of Easley

Continuing their commitment to professional development, the Committee hosted a luncheon for the residents of the Dream Center of Easley. This event offered valuable insights and resources to help participants advance their knowledge and skills for the workplace.

Switch Graduation Vouchers: Empowering Transitions

A standout initiative of the Committee is the provision of Nearly New Shop vouchers for graduates of the Switch program. These vouchers enable the graduates to select a new outfit for their graduation day, instilling confidence and marking the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.

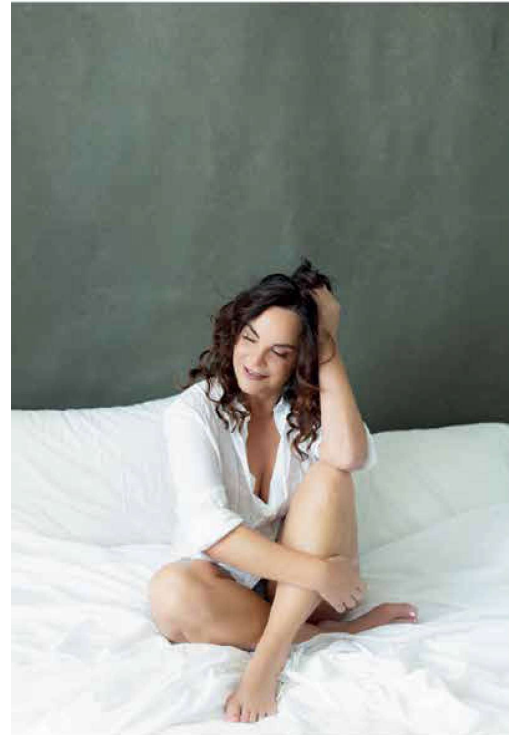
HYGIENE SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR THE PHOENIX CENTER: Making a Difference, One Bag at a Time

In addition to their planned events, the Committee held a hygiene drive for the Phoenix Center. From March through mid-April, they received donations of hygiene products to create care packages for women in need. This initiative underscores the Committee's commitment to addressing essential needs and supporting the well-being of women in the community.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the Empowered Women of Greenville Committee, we are inspired by their dedication to empowerment, inclusion, and service. Through their diverse initiatives and collaborative spirit, they have touched the lives of countless women, making a tangible difference in their journey towards self-empowerment and success.

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MARDI GRAS Magic

The inaugural Mardi Gras Magic fundraising party took place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at The Rutherford. Junior League of Greenville members and guests danced in themed outfits and enjoyed a taste of New Orleans including appetizer stations, an authentic King Cake, Big Easy-inspired cocktails, and live jazz music by The Erica Berg Collective.

Approximately 350 attendees raised more than \$28,300 for the Junior League of Greenville's grants program and community projects.





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Preserving the Legacy of The Nearly New Shop

// By Susan Elliot

In honor of The Nearly New Shop's (NNS) 75th anniversary, the Provisional service project for the year focused on learning the history of the NNS, connecting Provisionals (first-year members) with Sustainers (members who continue to support the League after their Active member years), and collaborating to plan a Sustainer-Provisional reception.

The Sustainer-Provisional reception provided an opportunity for Sustainers and Provisionals to meet, share experiences, and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the NNS. The event kicked off with a welcome from JLG President Claire Stam and Nearly New Shop Chair April Fuller. Provisionals Kristen Harris and Mary Catherine Srofe also gave opening remarks. Appreciation and admiration of the NNS's history and place in the Greenville community shined through all four speeches.

As part of the event, several Sustainers were invited to share their NNS memories; interviewees included Lynn Armstrong, Randy Armstrong, Charlotte Sarvis-Hoffman, Jill Schneider, and Jane Sykes. In these interviews, Provisionals asked questions of Sustainers about the Shop at various stages throughout its history and their experience with the Shop. A videographer was also there to capture the interviews; this footage will be a resource to give all Provisionals a richer understanding of the Shop's history.

Participation in the service project was a great opportunity for Provisionals to deepen their knowledge of the NNS, JLG's impact on the community, and connect them with members outside of their Provisional class.

To accomplish an undertaking with a significant scope like this event, the Provisionals divided into a variety of subcommittees. This approach gave Provisionals the opportunity to select a role that matched their interests. Provisionals coordinated among themselves to fulfill the expectations of each subcommittee.

Subcommittees included:

- Communications
- Event
- Interview
- Research
- Videographer

Each subcommittee designated a chair to be the point of contact with other subcommittees. All subcommittees also had a designated contact from the Provisional Development Committee to direct questions or request feedback.

Given the success of this event, there's no doubt that this Provisional class will go on to accomplish much more for the League!



View the final video at jlgreenville.org/nns



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Books with a Lasting Impact

JLG has an active Book Club that meets at JLG Headquarters the third Tuesday of each month. Book Club members were asked to share the titles of books that had a lasting impact on their lives and books that they continuously recommend to others.

Younger Next Year by Chris Crowley and Henry S. Lodge (Non-Fiction)

"The premise is that one can make lifestyle changes, primarily diet and exercise, that will result in one's body being at the level of health usually seen in a younger person. Ho hum, we've all heard this a million times. However, this book emphasizes finding fun and joy in the pursuit (e.g., ride a bike, dance) – things that you like to do and want to do more of. The authors are right. I started running in 2014. It is fun to be able to run and feel a bit more like your sassy younger self than the woman in the mirror."

Marianne Ballard

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver (Fiction)

"Reading the award-winning story of a youngster growing up in foster home care opened my eyes to the economic and social challenges of this country's child and family services. The author writes in the voice of the incredibly resilient child who makes the reader laugh, cry and cheer as he navigates challenges to an uplifting conclusion."

Liz Basnight

Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner (Non-Fiction)

"Freakonomics opened my eyes to the wonderful world of non-fiction books. It was the first time I read a non-fiction book that was a page turner and helped me think about the world I lived in a new way, instead of getting my mind captivated by a made-up world."

Meredith O'Malley



The Measure by Nikki Erlick (Sci-Fi / Fantasy)

"It was such an interesting concept: everyone in the world received a box with a string inside; the length of the string reflected the length of your life. We then followed various characters and how they approached choosing to open the box or not. The book led to a great book club discussion - would we want to open the box if we knew what it was inside and what it meant? Would we do anything differently with that information?"

Sara Stuart

MWF Seeking BFF by Rachel Bertsche (Memoir)

"I've moved twice as an adult - and making new friends is hard and intimidating. I miss the way friendships develop simply out of proximity throughout childhood and college. But as an adult, that's not enough. You really have to go on 'dates' with new friends - trying to find a good personality fit. And this book gave me the courage to ask friends on those dates!"

Nicole McAden

Nearly New and Totally Cool

// By Annalise Sinclair

Originally called the Opportunity Shop, The Nearly New Shop (NNS) offers a wide selection of top-notch items at reasonable prices, appealing not just to thrifty shoppers but also to those eager to support the Greenville community. NNS proceeds support the JLG's work by providing funding for its annual events, grants, community outreach, and other operational costs. In fact, the NNS is the League's largest annual fundraiser! Great deals and good vibes aren't the only treasures found - the NNS is also the go-to place for quirky, unique, and one-of-a-kind items.



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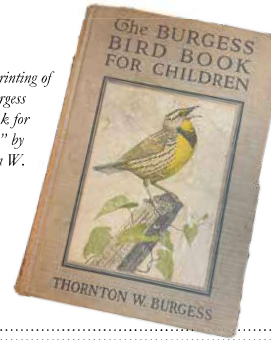
Gunne Sax by Jessica McClintock "Wednesday Addams" Dress



Vintage Golden Damask Couch with Cane Sides



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1930s Printing of "The Burgess Bird Book for Children" by Thornton W. Burgess

LEGACY PASSED DOWN

An Impact on Little Leaguers

// By Abby Plant Menzies

The Junior League of Greenville is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Members know what it means to be in The Junior League of Greenville, but what do the children in our lives think when they hear The Junior League of Greenville? Two women, one Active Tenure and one Provisional asked the "Little Leaguers" in their lives what they think The Junior League of Greenville is all about.

Kristen Harris (Provisional)

Kristen's two children, Charlie (13) and Emily Claire (6), gave different responses when their mother asked them what they believed the League is all about. Charlie said that he believes his mom helps children through The Junior League of Greenville. Emily Claire believes that her mom plays with friends and helps people recover. Kristen told her children that she is in The Junior League to help others in the community and to make it a better place for her children. Kristen's faith is also a big part of her 'why.' "I feel a responsibility to take care of others, especially during a time of need. The fabulous women that I meet would be another reason. When we gather, I am in awe of such a large group of women who come together to do good and to build each other up," said Kristen.

April Douglas Fuller (Active Tenure)

NNS Chairperson 2023-2024

April Fuller is blessed to have a daughter and granddaughter choosing to follow in her footsteps by volunteering with The Junior League of Greenville. "Miss Sonia Marie Douglas has been a Little Leaguer since preschool. She is always with Nana, an Active Tenure member, or her mom, April Douglas, an Active member in JLG, participating where she can. She helped in getting the Sustainer holiday bags ready this past Christmas. And she was excited to help in our 75th celebration at The Nearly New Shop in December. Sonia, when present at HQ GMMs, readily volunteers to watch the little ones in the children's room."

When April asked Sonia what she thought about Junior League, Sonia said, "Junior League is fun." April continued, "She plans on joining the League and will be at The Nearly New Shop for her Placement, but she has a ten-year wait!"



IMPACTING ECONOMIC MOBILITY JLG Scholarship Returns

// By Susan Elliot

This year marks the return of the Junior League of Greenville Scholarship. Meg Patel and her team have worked tirelessly to bring this initiative to life, which was created with the intent to have a tangible impact on the life of the recipient. In the past, the JLG had the Young Women's Writing Contest where high school girls submitted an essay for a \$500 scholarship for a college or university. This new iteration has expanded the eligibility of applicants and increased the scholarship amount.

This year the Annual Fund and Endowment Campaign Committee had the idea to bring back the scholarship and make it more open to women in the Greenville County community who are planning to complete an educational or career program. After researching what other leagues offered in terms of scholarships, the Committee designed a scholarship similar to those of other Junior Leagues that uniquely responds to the needs of our community and aligns with JLG's focus areas. It was intentionally very broad in order to allow it to grow and develop as community needs and our League evolve. The hope is that a larger award and simpler application, combined with a broader applicant pool due to reduced restrictions on programs, will allow the scholarship to have a bigger impact by empowering the recipient woman in our community to continue her education or further her career dreams.

This scholarship provides financial support of \$1,000 for educational expenses incurred in 2024. The applications were open to women, aged 16 and older, who are pursuing any degree, non-degree certifications, or professional licensing. Applicants wrote a short essay on their educational and career aspirations, including what they hoped to gain from the educational or professional program they enrolled in and how it would propel them to achieve their goals.



Congratulations to Marva Livingston, the 2024 JLG Scholarship winner! Marva is pursuing a Masters in Trauma-Informed Education. Her education and work ties in very closely with our JLG Focus Area of Economic Mobility. Learn more about Marva by scanning the QR code.



This year's scholarship was named in honor of Katina "Tina" Hampton. The impact she's made through her work with the JLG and its members has made her more than deserving of this honor. In the words of Karen Arrington, "Words alone cannot describe the impact Tina has had on the JLG. She has contributed to the overall consistency and leadership of the JLG in so many ways, as well as helping so many members on a daily basis with both the little things and the big ideas. All this while entertaining us with stories of her wonderful life experiences, devoted friends and beloved family. Tina deserves this recognition and so much more!"



JLG Member and Executive Administrator Katina "Tina" Hampton

To learn more about the scholarship, visit jlgreenville.org/scholarship.

BEYOND BOUNDARIES

The Transformative Work of the Community Impact Council

// By *Kate Dabbs*

At the heart of the Junior League of Greenville lies a steadfast commitment to community impact, a dedication that has evolved and adapted over the years while remaining the cornerstone of its existence. The Community Impact Council stands as a testament to this commitment, embodying the League's desire to effect positive change through education, advocacy, and service.

Over the years, the landscape of community impact has transformed, shaped by shifting societal needs and evolving approaches to philanthropy and social change. Yet, amidst these changes, one thing has remained constant: the **Junior League's unwavering dedication to making a tangible difference in the communities it serves.**

As we reflect on the achievements of the Community Impact Council in the 2023-2024 League year, we are reminded of the vital role it plays within the League and the broader community. Led by passionate individuals who embody the League's values of leadership and service, the Council has spearheaded initiatives that have touched the lives of countless individuals and families. From empowering women to advocating for policy change—supporting vital services and fostering voluntarism, the Council's impact resonates far beyond its immediate sphere of influence.

Throughout the 2023-2024 League year, under the leadership of Jen Compton, Beth Solomon Bunch, Teri Lawson, Sable Cleveland, Jade Fountain, Ashley Talbot, and the guidance of Community Council Sustaining Advisor Sallie Perrin White, the Council has achieved significant milestones, touching various aspects of community enrichment, advocacy, empowerment, and service.

Empowered Women of Greenville

Led by Sable Cleveland, the Empowered Women of Greenville Committee embarked on a transformative journey. Recognizing the need for tailored engagement, the Committee shifted its approach from one large-scale event to individualized experience with community agencies. This shift allowed for more meaningful connections, exemplified by activities like carving pumpkins with Pendleton Place. Despite the challenges of resource allocation in previous years, the Committee's reimagined strategy proved fruitful, fostering deeper community engagement and impact.



Advocacy Committee

With events like Advocacy 101 and discussions on supporting legislative bills, the Advocacy Committee, chaired by Beth Solomon Bunch, has been instrumental in empowering League members to use their voices for meaningful change. By focusing on education and non-partisan advocacy, the Committee has facilitated conversations and initiatives aimed at raising awareness and promoting civic engagement within the community.



Grants Committee

Led by Jade Fountain, the Grants Committee has implemented a structured grant application process and Capacity Building funding, ensuring dollars are allocated to initiatives that align with the League's Focus Areas. Through meticulous review and site visits, the Committee has identified projects worthy of support, ultimately contributing to the empowerment and sustainability of community organizations.

LEAD (Leadership, Education, and Development)

Under the guidance of Ashley Talbot, the LEAD Committee has offered valuable learning opportunities to League members. From partnering with the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee to plan an inclusive leadership training to offering sessions on mindfulness and human trafficking awareness, LEAD events have equipped members with the knowledge and skills needed to effect positive change both within the League and the broader community.

Community Enrichment Committee

Under the guidance of Teri Lawson, the Community Enrichment Committee has been a beacon of voluntarism and service. From supporting events like the Diaper Bank of Prisma Health to the Rotary Club of Greenville's Kringle Holiday Village, Committee members have exemplified the spirit of giving back. They also volunteered at United Ministries events, Switch's Freedom Gala, the Julie Valentine Center 50th Anniversary Luncheon, the Meals on Wheels Sweetheart Charity Ball, and SHARE's Annual Gala. Their dedication to providing volunteers for various organizations reflects the League's commitment to supporting community partners and addressing critical needs.



Meals on Wheels Initiative

The Meals on Wheels initiative has been a cornerstone of community service for years. Through dedicated efforts, League members have completed numerous routes, ensuring that vulnerable members of the community receive essential nourishment and companionship.

As we reflect on the achievements of the Community Impact Council in 2023-2024, it becomes evident that their collective efforts have left an indelible mark on the community. From empowering women to advocating for change, from fostering voluntarism to supporting essential services, the Council has exemplified the spirit of service and leadership that defines the Junior League of Greenville.

Cook the Book

// By Nicole McAden

Ten JLG Sustainers and Active Members hosted a social night at their homes on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Hosts coordinated themed menus using inspiration from Junior League cookbooks or their favorite personal recipes. Guests were asked to contribute sides, appetizers, and desserts. Shared below are some of the favorite recipes from the evening!



Sonya Ables's Sweet Potato Cake

(Personal Recipe; Prepared by Sonya Ables)

Cake Ingredients:

2 boxes of yellow cake mix
6 eggs
Water
Butter
2 sweet potatoes (peeled and baked)
Cinnamon (2 teaspoons)
Nutmeg (2 teaspoons)

Icing Ingredients:

2 eight-ounce packages of cream cheese
1 stick of butter
1 pound of powdered sugar
1 teaspoon of vanilla extract

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. Follow instructions on cake mix boxes.
3. Add 1 ½ cups of sweet potato flesh to the cake batter.
4. Add cinnamon and nutmeg.
5. Divide batter and fill into three cake pans.
6. Bake 20-25 minutes each.
7. Cool for at least 10 minutes.
8. Wrap each layer in plastic wrap and freeze for at least an hour, best if overnight.
9. Mix icing ingredients and spread between the layers of cake and on the top/sides of cake.

Optional note: Top with toasted chopped pecans.



Tomatillo Chicken Enchiladas

(From *Austin Entertains* by The Junior League of Austin; Prepared by Teel Jarvis)

Tomatillo Sauce Ingredients:

1/3 cup vegetable oil
2 medium onions, finely chopped
1 can tomatillos (28-ounce can)
2 cans chopped green chiles (4-ounce cans)
1 cup chicken broth
3 tablespoons lime juice
2 teaspoons of dried oregano
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon cumin

Enchilada Ingredients:

4 cups coarsely shredded cooked chicken
2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 or 2 cans (4-oz) of chopped green chiles
1/12 teaspoon dried oregano
Salt and pepper to taste
Vegetable oil
12 to 18 corn tortillas
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 to 1.5 cups of sour cream
Chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
Sliced tomatillos (optional)
Lime slices (optional)

Instructions for the sauce:

1. Heat oil in a 3-4 quart saucepan over medium-high heat until hot.
2. Add the onions and cook for 10 minutes until tender, stirring frequently.
3. Stir in undrained tomatillos, green chiles, broth, lime juice, oregano, sugar, and cumin.
4. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 25 minutes.
5. Process in a blender or food processor until smooth. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
6. Return to saucepan and keep warm.

Instructions for the enchiladas:

1. Combine the chicken, 2 cups of cheese, green chiles and oregano in a bowl and mix well. Season with salt and pepper.
2. Add 1/2 inch of oil to a 10-inch skillet and heat over medium heat.
3. Add 1 tortilla and cook for 10 seconds or until softened, turning once.
4. Drain on a paper towel and immediately spoon 1/4 to 1/2 cup of chicken mixture down the center of the tortilla.
5. Roll to close the filling and place the enchilada seam-side down in a 9x13-inch baking pan.
6. Repeat until baking pan is filled with enchiladas.
7. Cover the pan with tin foil and bake at 350 F for 15 minutes.
8. Remove foil and sprinkle with 1 cup of cheese. Bake another 10 minutes until cheese melts.
9. Spoon tomatillo sauce on enchiladas. Serve with sour cream, cilantro, sliced tomatillos and limes.

Beef Tenderloin with Horseradish Spread and Dinner Jacket Potatoes

(From *Uptown Down South Cookbook* by The Junior League of Greenville; Prepared by Elizabeth Barnhill)

Potato Ingredients:

4 large baking potatoes
1/2 cup of butter
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 cup sour cream
1 cup milk
Parmesan cheese, grated
8 bacon slices, cooked and crumbled

Tenderloin Ingredients:

8-pound whole tenderloin
15-ounce bottle of Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup of butter, softened
2 cups sour cream
4 tablespoons of horseradish

Potato Instructions:

1. Scrub potatoes and bake at 400 F for one hour.
2. Cut potatoes lengthwise and spoon pulp into a large mixing bowl. Save the shells.
3. Beat the potatoes until smooth, adding the butter, cheddar cheese, sour cream, milk, salt and pepper. Mix well.
4. Spoon potato mixture back into shells and place on baking dish.
5. Top with parmesan cheese and bacon.
6. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 F.

Tenderloin Instructions:

1. Remove surplus fat and skin from tenderloin.
2. Marinate in 1/2 bottle of Worcestershire sauce in refrigerator for 5-7 hours.
3. Coat sides of meat in softened butter.
4. Place on broiling pan and broil on both sides, 2 inches from heating element, for 15 minutes per side. Remove from oven and rest at room temperature.
5. Several hours before serving, place meat in baking pan and pour rest of Worcestershire sauce over meat. Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes.
6. Rest at room temperature or refrigerate until serving.
7. Prepare horseradish sauce by mixing sour cream, horseradish, salt, and pepper and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Kalua Pork

(From *The Junior League Celebration Cookbook*; Prepared by Nancy Kennedy)

Kalua Pork Ingredients:

1 (5-pound) bone-in center-cut pork loin roast
1/4 cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons of sherry
1 large clove garlic, crushed
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon thyme
2/3 cup peach preserves
1/4 cup chili sauce
1 cup water, divided
1 (8-ounce) can of water chestnuts, drained and sliced
Fresh parsley sprigs for garnish

Instructions for the Kalua Pork:

1. Mix the soy sauce, sherry, garlic, cinnamon, and thyme. Marinate the pork in this mixture for 2 to 3 hours turning often.
2. Preheat the oven to 450 F.
3. Pat meat dry, reserve the marinade, and place in a shallow roasting pan. Bake for 15 minutes.

4. Reduce heat to 325 F and continue cooking for another 1 1/2 hours or until internal temperature reaches 150 F.
5. In a small saucepan, combine reserved marinade, peach preserves, chili sauce, and 1/2 cup of water. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly.
6. When meat is done, baste it with the sauce and cook for an additional 10 minutes.
7. Remove to a carving board and add the remaining 1/2 cup of water to the baking pan to scrape any juices and brown bits. Add the pan juices and water chestnuts to the marinade sauce and heat through.
8. Carve the roast into slices and spoon the sauce around the roast. Garnish with parsley.



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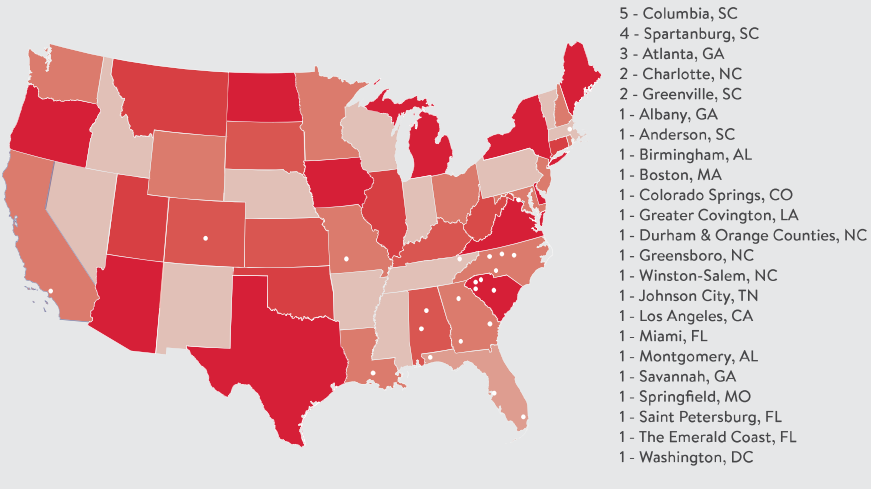
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OCCUPATION



LEAGUES OF ORIGIN



JLG Crossword Puzzle 2024

// By Annalise Sinclair

Across

- The Empowered Women of Greenville Committee continued JLG's support of the _____, which aims to provide prom attire and accessories to deserving young people.
- This year, JLG has _____ Transfer Members – our largest number to date!
- Originally called the Opportunity Shop, the _____ is the JLG's largest annual fundraiser.
- Since it opened in 2009, JLG has awarded the _____ of the Upstate over \$115,000 to provide Upstate children a place to learn and explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) fields.
- _____ GVL was recommended for a \$10,000 JLG Capacity Building Grant to fund their paid internship program, empowering middle and high school girls to reach their highest potential.

Down

- The JLG _____, named in honor of Katina "Tina" Hampton, provides financial support of \$1,000 for educational expenses, advancing JLG's mission towards improving economic mobility.
- In honor of the Nearly New Shop's (NNS) 75th Anniversary, the _____ Service Project connected new members to Sustainers to record the history of the NNS.
- The JLG Book Club read several books that left a lasting impact this year including _____, a non-fiction book by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner.
- The inaugural _____ fundraising party raised over \$28,300 for JLG's grant programs and community projects.
- JLG was fundamental to the creation of _____, an emergency center that provides housing and other resources to children facing homelessness or displacement.
- Although they all now call the Upstate home, _____ percent of the 2023-2024 Provisional Members are originally from places beyond Greenville County, including one member who is from Brazil!

Answers:
 1. Scholarship
 2. Provisional
 3. Columbia Project
 4. Freshmanhood
 5. Merry Tour
 6. Nearly New Shop
 7. March Girl Night
 8. Paulina Place
 9. Children's Museum
 10. Sevens One
 11. GADP

MAKING MEMORIES Looking back at 2023-2024

From JLG 101 to GMM Awards, we had many opportunities to enjoy training, service and fellowship!



Congratulations to our 2023-2024 Membership Award Winners!



Elle Cohen, PROVISIONAL
Frances Pearce Steele Award



Michelle Gray, ACTIVE
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Jane Cardwell Hughes Award

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