

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Junior League of Greenville (JLG), founded in 1929, is a women's organizations dedicated to improving the community, promoting voluntarism, and developing the potential of women through the effective action of trained volunteers. The JLG is comprised of over 1,200 members who recognize the needs of Greenville, and work together to create positive solutions.



Throughout the course of our history in Greenville, we have contributed over \$2.7 million, supported over 300 agencies, helped to start many organizations, and provided countless hours of volunteer service to the community. The JLG has been at the forefront of many programs and institutions to help effect changes in education, healthcare, and the arts. This year was a busy and exciting year for the League and our members. We expanded Home Run for Healthy Kids® to a three day event to help more students learn how to infuse healthy habits into their lives. The Nearly New Shop underwent major renovations this year that were a direct result of countless volunteers and the support of The Nearly New Shop staff. We made a commitment to help expand the successful SC Children's Theater. This year our members truly embodied this year's theme "One Makes the Difference."

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On behalf of our membership, I thank you, the Greenville community, for your support of our organization and the work we do to develop female leaders who use their passion for volunteering to make a difference in this community that we love. It has been my true honor and privilege to serve as President of the Junior League of Greenville this year.

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## OUR FUNDRAISERS



### The Nearly New Shop

The Nearly New Shop, our upscale resale shop, continues to fulfill its mission of raising funds to support the many programs and projects of the JLG. The Nearly New Shop also serves as a training ground for our members and provides an outlet for the community to purchase upscale clothing and household goods at nominal prices.

After 13 years in its current location, the Nearly New Shop underwent a major renovation and we are excited about the opportunity to continue to serve the Greenville community in this updated space. The Nearly New Shop continues to be our largest fundraiser and biggest impact on the Community

### Big Night Out

This year we hosted our 5th annual Big Night Out black-tie gala fundraiser at the Westin Poinsett Hotel. The theme was "Giving Back is a Matter of Time" which took a spin on Alice in Wonderland. The evening was filled with fantastic food, music, silent and live auctions and the Wall of Giving auction event.



### Annual Fund & Endowment Fund

The JLG continues to grow our annual campaign, the Annual Fund, and our Endowment Fund. This year we raised over \$18,000 and added 5 members to our 1929 club. Additionally, we saw continued increases in our Endowment Fund.

## OUR PUBLICATIONS

VISIONS, the JLG's magazine, is published twice per year and reaches an audience of over 4,500 readers. VISIONS informs both the membership and the community of the involvement and programs of the JLG and highlights human interest stories within Greenville County.

Our internal newsletter, The Update, is published nine times per year to inform the JLG membership about current League business, events, and opportunities.



# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2016-2017



### A Nearly New You

A Nearly New You (ANNY) is a committee of Junior League of Greenville (JLG) Members making visible, concrete impact on our community by serving women and children in need. ANNY partners with The Nearly New Shop and various non-profit agencies, including Serenity Place, Pendleton Place and Shepherd's Gate to equip, educate, and empower the women and children of our community. ANNY also coordinated a JLG-wide drive benefiting United Housing Connections, which resulted in over 1,400 items collected for the homeless.



### Home Run for Healthy Kids®

Home Run for Healthy Kids® is a free field trip opportunity for local schools with an emphasis on low-income students that is coordinated by a committee of JLG Members. Our 9th Annual Home Run for Healthy Kids® event was held in October of 2016 at Fluor Field. With the expansion to three days and the support of 16 local agencies and businesses who participated, we were able to educate more than 2,700 elementary school children on health, nutrition and safety. Each student enjoyed hands-on learning activities in the following areas: Healthy Lifestyles, Nutrition, Safety, and Fitness. Additionally, each child received high quality giveaways to promote healthy habits at home that included a backpack and a healthy snack bag.



### Junior Volunteers

The Junior Volunteers committee allows the JLG to promote voluntarism among youth in the community. This small committee had a big year. They worked with four community centers in Greenville as well as the Sterling School Beta Club. The committee installed a Little Free Library in the Sterling Community with the help of the Sterling School Beta Club. They also decorated cards to distribute at Thanksgiving for Meals on Wheels, partnered with the Salvation Army to make no-sew fleece blankets for Christmas, and folded and donated 1,000 Origami Paper Cranes to the GHS Children's Cancer Center with the help of their student volunteers.



### Kids in the Kitchen

The Kids in the Kitchen committee addresses issues surrounding childhood obesity and poor nutrition. This year, the committee partnered with the Nicholtown Community Center to teach bi-weekly cooking classes for students in the Center's afterschool program. They created a curriculum of healthy recipes, including shrimp and grits, pan "fried" chicken, vegetable chili and mashed cauliflower. Additionally, the committee partnered with Home Run for Healthy Kids® as a station partner by teaching participants about "Whoa, Slow, and Go" foods.



### Sustainer Holiday Bags

Sustaining members of the JLG gathered at our Headquarters in December to assemble 350 gift bags for the 25th annual Sustainer Holiday Gift Bag Project. The bags were gifts to cancer patients in Greenville county filled with comforting items that can be used during their treatments and throughout the holiday season. These gifts were made possibly by donor memorials, honorariums, and contributions. Two Men and a Truck generously delivered the bags to the Cancer Society of Greenville.



### Children's Theatre Developmental Grant

The South Carolina Children's Theatre, the largest year-round children's theatre in South Carolina, currently serves 43,419 adults and children each year, with The Peace Center and Second Stage performances, classes and outreach partnerships that bring performances to children in need. This year, the JLG voted overwhelmingly to support the South Carolina Children's Theatre in its fundraising campaign for a new facility. The

JLG has awarded the SC Children's Theatre \$100,000, to be distributed over three years. The new facility will include a main theatre, a second stage, multiple classrooms, lobby and public plaza. In connection with our grant, the JLG will receive naming rights for one of the classrooms to be housed in the new facility.

## GRANT RECIPIENTS

### JULIE VALENTINE CENTER

**\$14,500**

Julie Valentine Center provides free, confidential services to sexual assault and child abuse survivors and their families in the Greenville County area. Julie Valentine Center's mission is to stop sexual violence and child abuse and the impact of these crimes through prevention, investigation, collaboration, treatment, and advocacy. The Junior League of Greenville (JLG) is funding Julie Valentine Centers' new Campus Sexual Assault conference and two Community Forums. These events will serve as opportunities for the Julie Valentine Center to teach college age students and community members ways of prevention and how to help assault victims in the community. Funding will pay for speakers, supplies and equipment, food, and curriculum for the conference and forums.

### GREENVILLE LITERACY ASSOCIATION

**\$13,500**

The Greenville Literacy Association has served the community of Greenville and surrounding areas for almost 50 years. It is one of the largest community-based adult literacy programs in South Carolina and is one of the most highly developed in the nation. Helping adults improve their basic skills has a direct and measurable impact on both the education and quality of life of adult and of their children. The JLG will fund the Greenville Literacy Association's "Women Investing in Women. Educate, Enrich, Empower- A Pathway to Skilled Employment and Economically Stable Families." Funding will pay for 20 GED exam scholarships, will provide six Greenville Tech Quick Jobs scholarships, twenty vouchers for The Nearly New Shop for Employment Readiness certification participants to purchase mock interview attire, and marketing materials and items for student recognition.

### THRIVE UPSTATE

**\$12,500**

Thrive Upstate's (formerly known as Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board) mission is to provide all people with disabilities and special needs with meaningful services, opportunities, and support, so they may thrive in life, work, and play. At Thrive Upstate they redefine abilities for each person served to maximize their independence and contribution to the community. The JLG is funding Thrive Upstate's Generous Garden Disabilities Employment Project, under the impact area of Health and Wellness. The Generous Garden Disabilities Employment Project allows people with disabilities and special needs to plant, maintain, harvest, and sell fruits and vegetables out of a garden owned by Thrive Upstate. JLG funds will be used to purchase a cold storage unit and a washing station for the fruits and vegetables.

### UNITED MINISTRIES

**\$13,000**

United Ministries serves and empowers those on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. Their vision is a community working together to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to thrive in Greenville. The JLG will fund United Ministries' "The Junior League of Greenville Hospitality House", under the impact area of Families and Children. This house will allow a homeless family a place to live while achieving financial stability through a job and classes provided by United Ministries to where they can afford housing on their own. The funding will be used towards purchasing the house and to assist with operations of the home in the first year.