

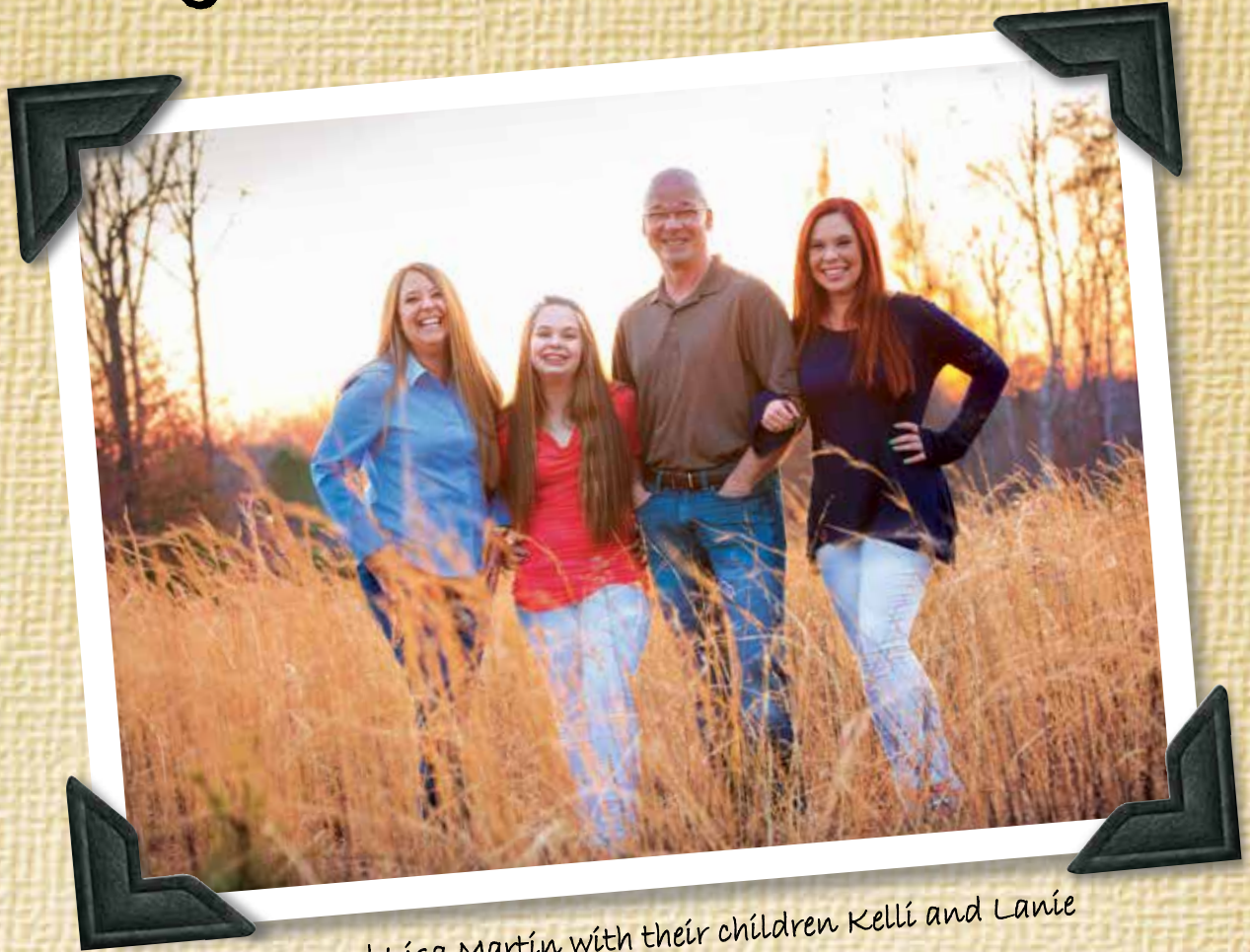
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Letter from

THE PRESIDENT

"The dedicated life is worth living. You must give with your whole heart."

- Annie Dillard, Author

It is amazing how quickly a year can pass! As my year as President comes to a close, I look back with a sense of pride and accomplishment. Not for my personal accomplishments, but for the accomplishments of the Junior League of Greenville and pride that I have had the honor of serving as the leader of such a phenomenal organization.

The theme this year has been Women Who Are Going Places Start in the Junior League of Greenville. I couldn't agree more with this statement. Serving as President has allowed me to see how true this statement is at every level of membership from the first year as a Provisional to our Sustainers Emeriti who have served a lifetime as members.

I attended a women's college and have always been drawn to women's organizations. The League felt like home from the minute I joined. I would like to say thank you to all of the past, current and future members of the JLG for serving our community, serving our organization and serving as friends to other members. Thank you for giving and serving with your whole hearts!

Each year we have members who truly embrace all that the League has to offer. This organization not only trains our volunteers but gives them a sense of empowerment. This empowerment, along with the sense of community and willingness to serve others, creates the perfect setting for women to make a difference. The women in the Junior League of Greenville find strength in each other and build each other up. Members take advantage of our environment to stretch beyond their comfort zones, and they know they have the support of other women who want them to succeed.

We are the Junior League of Greenville, and Women Who Are Going Places Start in the Junior League of Greenville.

Rebecca Feldman

Rebecca Feldman

President, 2015 - 2016

Junior League of Greenville, Inc.



Rebecca Feldman



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Letter from

THE SUSTAINER REPRESENTATIVE

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The Junior League of Greenville (JLG) is the epitome of a great and impactful community. This group of women living in Greenville County are sharing common attitudes (developing the potential of women), interests (promoting voluntarism) and goals (improving our community). Working together, our members have been a cornerstone of leadership in Greenville for 86 years.

Thank you to our members who are doing wonderful work in our community as a result of their membership in the Junior League of Greenville. I am so very grateful for the sense of community that has been provided as a result of my membership in the JLG. The foundation of my friendships were laid during my Provisional year and has continued to grow and flourish into my Sustaining years. My community service is a direct result of the training I received, connections I made, and an overall community awareness provided through the JLG.

I am honored to be part of an organization whose members work so diligently for our fundraisers, The Nearly New Shop and Big Night Out, each year. As a result, the JLG is able to support our many community projects like Home Run for Healthy Kids®, Kids in the Kitchen, and A Nearly New You. These dedicated hearts of all of our members – Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers – are the engine of the Junior League of Greenville.

Again, thank you for your hard work, perseverance and commitment to the Junior League of Greenville.

Kimberly Cooley

Kimberly Cooley

Sustainer Representative, 2015 - 2016
Junior League of Greenville, Inc.

Born and raised in southwest Michigan, Kimberly is a graduate of Michigan State University and received her Masters of Construction Science and Management from Clemson University. When Kimberly is not planning JLG Sustainer events, she is serving on the Board of Directors of the Jefferson Awards Foundation and the Charity Ball Board of Greenville along with various United Way committees focusing on School Readiness. Kimberly has lived in Greenville for 25 years and has been married to her husband, Don, for 15 years.





Letter from THE EDITOR

Throughout our issue you will find ways the Junior League of Greenville has impacted our community over the past few months. The JLG works to make a difference in Greenville and to provide all JLG members with meaningful volunteer opportunities. This is accomplished through the fund raising efforts and the hard work of our membership teams.

The Junior League's largest community project, Home Run for Healthy Kids® is showcased in this edition of VISIONS. As a Greenville healthcare provider, this event has always been extremely important to me personally. The theme for this event held each October for Greenville County school children is fighting childhood obesity and keeping children safe. The JLG hopes that the children in attendance will learn information which will turn into lifelong practices. Volunteering at the event, listening to the material provided and watching the children run around the bases at Fluor Field have been favorite experiences for me as a JLG member.

In my opinion, the most important aspect of the Mission of the Junior League of Greenville is "developing the potential of women." I have loved being editor of VISIONS this year, and I have learned things that I would never have learned in my current profession. The VISIONS Committee has been a small but truly mighty committee, and they should take all the credit for the amazing past two issues. Thank you for this opportunity to share with you a few of the incredible aspects of the JLG. I am honored to be a member of this organization and proud of the impact the JLG has on the Greenville community.

Kathryn Freedman

Kathryn Freedman

Editor, 2015 - 2016

Junior League of Greenville, Inc.

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PLAYING THE NUMBERS GAME

The Junior League of Greenville knocks it out of the ballpark with Home Run for Healthy Kids®

// Article contributors: *Kathryn Freedman, Anne-Marie Moebring, Hannah Spellmeyer and Caryn Vedane*

In October of 2015, the Junior League of Greenville (JLG) celebrated its eighth annual Home Run for Healthy Kids® event. Since 2008 the JLG has aligned with Greenville County Schools to reach over 17,000 students and has spent close to \$150,000 with the goal of improving the community by teaching children to adopt healthier lifestyles. On October 22-23 of last year, this JLG project provided a free, educational field trip for approximately 2,000 fourth graders of Greenville County Schools to Fluor Field at the West End, home to Greenville's minor league baseball team, the Greenville Drive.

The JLG started this event after research showed staggering statistics for obesity, accidental injuries and unhealthy youth throughout the State of South Carolina. Home Run for Healthy Kids® was designed to engage students to practice healthy habits and to ensure students received the support they needed to grow up safe, happy, healthy and thriving.

During Home Run for Healthy Kids®, Fluor Field was transformed into four "zones" of education and entertainment. Zones included safety, physical well-being, nutrition and healthy lifestyles, and each station provided hands-on learning activities, giveaways and educational information sessions. The JLG also gave every student attendee a backpack filled with quality give-a-ways from various sponsors and partners.



Dear Junior League, November 3

Hello! Thank you for providing us an AWESOME fieldtrip! I loved all my goodies like, the sunglasses, toothbrush, key chain, timer, reflector, baseball, certificate, bracelet, books, kazoo, and the bag to hold it all in! My favorite part was the optical course. I liked to run in and out of the cones. I also liked running the bases. It was cool to be running where the baseball players run. I love learning to be healthy and that is exactly what you did. Again, thanks! ☺ ★ ⊕

Sincerely,

Liza



Schools await the draft

What would prompt an elementary school teacher to send out permission slips, request parent chaperones and load more than 75 fourth graders on a bus in the middle of a school day for an October trip to Fluor Field? What would make him repeat the process every year since 2011 and plan the school field trip calendar around Home Run for Healthy Kids®?

For Alexander Elementary teacher Gordon Taylor, the answer is simple: It is an energizing, empowering experience that leaves a lasting, positive impact on his students and fellow teachers. For many of his students, participating in Home Run for Healthy Kids® offers a first-time peak at the iconic ball field. For others, Home Run for Healthy Kids® broadens their horizons on healthy lifestyle choices.

Because Home Run for Healthy Kids® is an annual, free field trip, many schools anxiously await the registration period each year. Teachers often start in August to ask how to sign up their classes because they feel the impressively organized event offers sufficient student interaction and supervision so that they, too, can engage in educational activities.

Due to increasing popularity, the JLG Board of Directors elected in 2014 to target local fourth grade classes and invitations to the event focus on Title One schools. Schools are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and the 2,000 student spots fill up quickly when registration opens each fall.

Taylor reflects on Alexander Elementary's annual participation in Home Run for Healthy Kids® proudly, and the 2011 issue of VISIONS magazine highlighting the 2010 Home Run for Healthy Kids® still rests atop his desk. Why? Because many of his students are featured on its pages and their smiles remind him the effort to attend each year hits a home run.

Nov. 2, 2015

Dear Junior League,
Thank you so much for organizing the "Home Run for Healthy Kids" event. I really liked the fun activities, they really inspired some of my friends to stay healthy, like not eating certain foods, running alot to make their pedometer's numbers go up. My favorite activity was running the bases because I ran all four bases in 8.5 seconds, and that is fast. Another activity I enjoyed was martial arts because it taught everyone self defense and we all like to yell alot so thats Another reason it was fun.

Thank you again for setting up Home Run for Healthy Kids.



sincerely, Logan



Greenville businesses step up to bat

A vital piece in the success of Home Run for Healthy Kids® each year has been the extreme generosity and assistance from the Greenville Drive. By hosting the event in the Drive's unique venue, Fluor Field at the West End gives the JLG enough space to serve a large number of students and presents a backdrop which alone encourages health and fitness.

According to Jennifer Brown, Event Coordinator for the Greenville Drive, Home Run for Healthy Kids® has always been a popular event among the staff members. The energy from the volunteers and kids, combined with the tremendous impact the event has on our community's children, generates an enormous amount of excitement at Fluor Field each October. The event also assists the Drive in serving their mission to be a part of the fabric of Greenville. Brown enjoyed getting out of the office and having a blast with the students, and she was blown away last year by the JLG's streamlined and organized execution. From the time the children got off the school buses to the final event of Zumba on top of the dugout, kids were engaged with outstanding community leaders. Because they were having so much fun, they hardly realized they were learning.

In the planning for this past year's event, the JLG solidified partnerships with community agencies and businesses to serve as "station partners" for the zones. Each of these station partners provided a fun, interactive activity that engaged all of the children.

Cynthia Fryer, Manager of Safe Kids Upstate through Greenville Health System, spends all year educating the community's youth about safety. From bike safety to sports safety, the focus of Safe Kids Upstate is to prevent unintentional injuries for children. According to Fryer, Home Run for Healthy Kids® was a great way to reach a large number of children in a short amount of time. Also because Home Run for Healthy Kids® was in October, it served as an essential component of their campaign to make sure kids were safe during Halloween.

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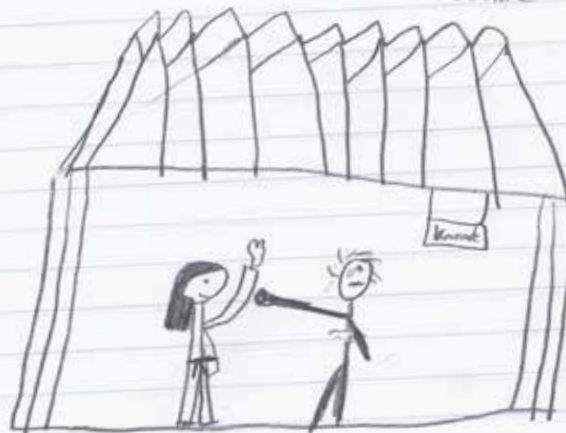
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Dear Junior League,

Nov. 2, 2015

I had fun at the Home Run for Healthy Kids field trip. Thank you for the sun glasses, letting us run the bases, teaching us about the Native American crops, thank you for the tooth brush and tooth paste along with the snacks. My favorite part was the Karate and I learned how to do an upblock.

Love, 
Modeline



NOV. 2, 2015

Dear Junior League,

Thank you for organizing the "Home Run for Healthy Kids" event. One reason I liked it is you gave us prizes after each rotation. My favorite prize was the sunglasses they made me and my friends look to cool. My second reason is how you had all the right rotations. Even my dentist office was there I have Dr. Robin. My third reason is I am very organized so I love to see a lot of organization. You guys blew my mind your organization was perfection. Thanks again for such a wonderful day.

Sincerely,
Georgie



Home Run for Healthy Kids® would not be possible without the continued support and partnership between Greenville Health System and the JLG. Greenville Health System served as a Platinum Sponsor of the JLG for 2015-2016, allowing the JLG to continue to fulfill its mission and assisting in all of its endeavors. Children's Hospital of Greenville Health System (GHS) served as the Presenting Sponsor for our Home Run for Healthy Kids® 2015 event. Thanks to the shared vision of a healthier Greenville, GHS Children's Hospital and the JLG have used Home Run for Healthy Kids® to positively influence the lives of young people in Greenville County.





Turning a double into a triple

Every year the JLG attempts to increase the scope of the Home Run for Healthy Kids® event, but in the past few years it has been difficult having to turn schools away due to capacity restraints. With this in mind, the JLG Board of Directors recently voted to increase the timeframe from two days to three days for the 2016 event scheduled to be held on October 19-21. With Home Run for Healthy Kids® expanding to three days this fall, volunteer and school participation will be even more accessible. When asked why someone would want to participate in Home Run for Healthy Kids®, JLG Volunteer Carmen Putnam had a simple reply, “Just come once and you will be hooked!”

The power hitters are the JLG Volunteers

For eight years and counting, this event has been managed exclusively by Junior League of Greenville volunteers. The JLG’s Home Run for Healthy Kids® Committee consists of approximately 20 JLG members. These women coordinate, organize and direct the entire event with assistance from an additional 150 JLG members who work shifts helping to set up, manage and clean up after the field trip. The Home Run for Healthy Kids® Committee works with the station partners to identify meaningful give-a-ways which connect to the lessons taught at each station. Committee members evaluate and execute the event curriculum and select, purchase and distribute the give-a-way items.

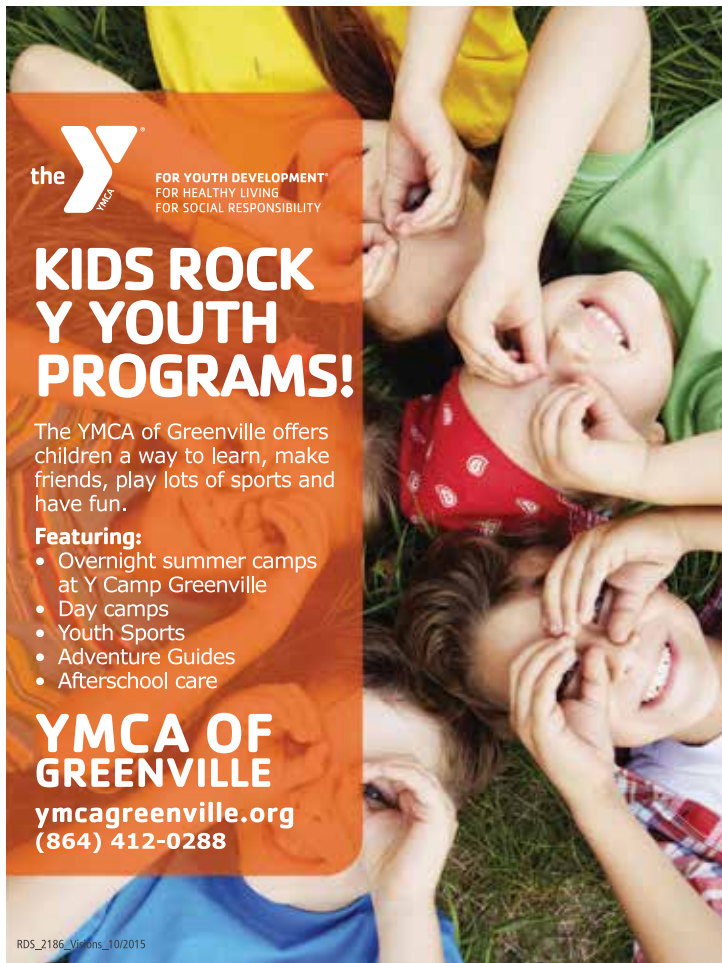
Carmen Putnam is a JLG member and a strong advocate for Home Run for Healthy Kids®. She initially joined the Home Run for Healthy Kids® planning committee knowing little about the event. Now she says, “this will be my third year on the committee, and it keeps getting better. It’s incredible to see these kids light up when they come to Fluor Field and to be able to teach them about living a healthier lifestyle.”

While she initially participated because of the effect the event had on the students, Putnam has seen a positive impact in her own life. “I have made great friends [in the JLG, and] being around these women who are impacting our community in such a big way is so inspiring. It truly makes you feel connected, not just to the Junior League of Greenville but with our amazing city.” To Putnam one of the greatest parts of the committee this past year was the diversity of the members and volunteers. At the end of the day “we come together for a common goal and have a blast while doing it!”

November 2, 2015
Dear Junior League of Greenville,
Thank you for doing everything you could so we could have this Run for Healthy Kids. I had so much fun. Thank you for making all of the activities. I hope you had a great time making everything. Thank You!

Sincerely,
Tyler





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YOUNG WOMEN'S *Writing Contest*

In February the Junior League of Greenville held its 4th annual Young Women's Writing Contest. Female students in grades 6-12 from Greenville County public, private and home schools submitted original essays on the following topic:

With 2016 being an election year, what should our female leaders do to help develop the potential of women? How do they rise above the heavy emphasis that popular media places on superficial and physical characteristics? What can they do to become positive role models and improve the community for the next generation of women? What would you do?

A winner was chosen via a blind judging panel with scoring based upon clarity, voice, topic analysis, evidentiary support, spelling and grammar. This year's winner was Erin Hilton.



*Many thanks to the judges of this year's contest,
JLG Sustaining Members Mary Margaret Bannister,
Ginger Mauney, Robin Pereda and Cheves Steck.*

Women: Leading the Way

// By Erin Hilton

Women are starting to become a more influential part of society, engaging in roles they were hardly seen in before. Today, there are women taking increasingly important roles in politics, engineering, and media. But there is still pressure on women to be physically suited to the whims of popular culture, and women are still seeing women treated as objects. What can the influential women in society do to prove that women are capable and reliable leaders? Women currently in these roles can and should set a good example, encourage other women to aspire to leadership roles, and target the media.

Influential women in society have a great opportunity to be positive role models to all the young eyes that see them and to set a good example for the next generation of women. Women in politics and media are shown everywhere: TV, magazines, radio, etc. What they need to keep in mind is that they are essentially showing the next generation what it takes to be successful. Everything they wear and say is directly influencing young women who look up to them. Influential women need to be honest, strong, determined; but, most of all, they need to be trusted. They need to elicit respect and exude class. Too much of a woman's success relies on her physical attributes! Hillary Clinton said, "If I want to knock a story off the front page, I just change my hairstyle." Though popular women cannot change society's standards all at once, they can encourage young girls to be confident in who they are and to not be discouraged by the unhealthy standards of media. Women in leadership roles are modeling proper dress and behavior. They need to be strong and confident. Women in leadership need to set healthy examples for girls to aspire to by not succumbing to societal pressures themselves.

Next, influential women need to use their social standing to encourage women into leadership roles. One of the highest ranking jobs you can get in business is Chief Executive Officer. In a 2015 study by CNN, out of the top 500 companies, only 24 have women CEOs (Egan). In their study, only 14.2% of the five major roles in companies in the S&P 500 include women. Though this is significant

progress from past generations, even more women need to be encouraged to rise up to the challenges of these leadership roles! Or how about being president? To date, this year could mark the first woman nominee to ever be on a ballot for president. Her initiative for seeking this role, even if she does not get elected, will mark a milestone for women. More women will consider jobs in politics as long as people keep paving the way. But perhaps the most important place that women need to enter into is the media.

The media affects everything! The way the world sees women is determined by what the media shows women to be! The problem with this is that 83% of film producers, writers, and directors are men (Warner). That means that men are the representatives of women! That is why there are hardly any female roles that are not sensualized with the casual and inevitable bra-and-underwear scene. This is also why women in film are often only shown as stick thin and pathetically flawed characters that move plot along with a love triangle or do not move plot at all and are just there to look pretty. Women in media are often being portrayed as circus animals that are there to please the crowd and leave. But, women are slowly creeping into media and showing that they can also be the ringleader. The last few years have made breakthroughs for strong female characters in film, books, and TV. There are thousands of women interested in archery after Katniss in "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins. There was a 105% increase in Archery memberships in the two years since the popular book and film series that armed their strong female lead with a bow and arrows (Rikard). Films and books such as "Divergent", "Harry Potter", "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" and "The Mortal Instruments" made major steps in developing female characters. There has also been a turnaround in TV. Many new and popular shows now have commanding female roles like "Blindspot", "Veep", "The Good Wife", "Elementary", "Scandal", and "How to Get Away with Murder", to name a few. Whether these characters are positive role models or not, the point is that women are being

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featured as lead characters in TV, film, and literature now more than ever before. If more women get involved in managing and producing media, imagine how much of an impact they can have on how women are portrayed in these shows. There will eventually be less need for anorexic women who show off their bodies on magazine covers and more for women who are intelligent and brave. This is the revolution of the media's view of women, and it all starts with the women themselves.

What would I do if I were an influential woman today? How would I encourage women to rise above all of the stress caused by standards set by society and media? I would encourage every woman to pursue a leadership role. Women need to gain respect; the way to do that is to show that women can handle being, and deserve to be, on the same level as men. A woman who is president would stand in meetings with high ranking men and would outrank them. This would be a role-reversal the whole world would be watching. Women need to work hard and prove that women are just as strong and independent as men. Women need to show that having a mind is admirable, and they can be successful without selling their body to get there. I would especially encourage women to enter the film industry. It is in desperate need of women to introduce more positive role models for young women to aspire to. I am a senior this year, and I am going to major in Computer Information Systems, a largely male-dominated field, even today. I was encouraged to pursue this by the TV show "Arrow", in which one of its strong main female characters, Felicity Smoak, is a computer analyst. Women can change the entire world if they are brave enough to try. It is my goal to lead in my field, without abandoning my convictions, and to show that I am not limited in my possibilities or defined by my appearance. I am inspired by the words of Mother Teresa, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples." We can all take the lead to affect changes in our culture's view of women.

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Photo provided by Erin Hilton

Erin Hilton is eighteen years old and will attend Clemson University to major in Computer Information Systems this fall. She hopes to use this degree to pursue film editing in the future. Miss Hilton loves to sing, act and edit videos in her spare time. She has been home schooled her entire school experience and has attended various co-ops. These programs are university-model schools which convene twice a week and have homework and tutoring on the other days.

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Highlighting the courage, confidence and character of Girl Scouts

// By **Kathryn Freedman**

The mission of the Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Together with 1.9 million girls and 800,000 adult volunteers, the Girl Scouts programs strive to empower girls to change the world. This national organization began over 100 years ago in Savannah, Georgia, and since that time, their programs have allowed girls to “discover their strengths, passions and talents.” Much of the curriculum today centers around the Girl Scout Leadership Experience which includes a collection of activities such as earning badges, selling cookies, taking exciting trips, exploring the outdoors and completing “Take Action” projects.

Last year the Girl Scouts of South Carolina: Mountains to Midlands, Inc. participated in the Junior League of Greenville’s grant application process. As the JLG’s Community Project Research and Development Committee considered their grant application, many impressive qualities were noted. Not only did the grant embody the mission of the JLG in “promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community,” but it also provided JLG volunteers a unique volunteer experience.

At its January General Membership Meeting on January 12, 2015, the JLG presented the Girl Scouts of South Carolina: Mountains to Midlands as one of its 2015 grant recipients. The grant awarded in the amount of \$5,000 supported a Career Exploration Series for high school girls. The program allowed participants in grades 9-11 to investigate different careers including college requirements, college options, financial aid, job shadowing, dressing for success and workplace expectations.

This committee-style community activity included JLG volunteers in the planning and implementation of a series of career education workshops. Planning for the Career Exploration Series began in the summer of 2015. Together with Girl Scout staff members, Teresa Spires (Grants Manager) and Savannah Ray (Manager of the Girl Leadership Experience – Outreach), the JLG Committee discussed the overview and scope of the series and set dates for the upcoming three sessions. The JLG Girl Scouts Committee included five women: Courtney Crandell, Tammy Gray, Summer Johnson, Lisa Lewis and René Morrow.



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The Career Exploration Series curriculum began in the fall of 2015 and consisted of three educational sessions. These sessions were followed by an individualized job shadowing experience for each participant in the spring of 2016. In the first session, entitled Career Exploration, the girls filled out an online assessment tool provided by Greenville Tech and joined in a small group panel discussion. The small group panel consisted of women from a variety of careers including a nurse, a college career specialist, an attorney, an engineer and a college professor. Two members of the five member panel were JLG members. The second session, Dress for Success, convened in November 2015, and the participants attended a presentation by Allison Peasley, Career Specialist from Greenville Tech on proper office attire and interview skills. Each participant received a \$50 gift certificate from the JLG to purchase appropriate job shadowing attire from the JLG's Nearly New Shop, and a mock interview process was staged by two JLG committee members. The third session, Mapping the Path to College, invited a parent or guardian to accompany the teens. Presentations focused on applying to college and understanding how to prepare for college life. Information regarding financial aid opportunities and applications was also addressed. The final activity involved matching each participant to a career of her interest and facilitating a job shadowing mentorship.

The inaugural partnership between the Girl Scouts and the Junior League of Greenville created an extraordinary learning environment for the participating teenage girls. Allowing the professional women of the JLG to serve as role models and mentors for the young girls as they attempted to select their future career paths served the girls in countless ways. The impact that was felt by these girls who were involved in the Career Exploration Series was best described by one of the girls as she wrote about the experience:

“Here I met a group of girls from different schools and was able to explore more about who we are and what we want to become. With our aspirations and dreams about our career paths identified, we were then able to interact with successful women in our community and learn about their respective fields. We got exposure about interview techniques and got to shadow a professional in the field that we are interested in. We learned that simple changes in our attire and etiquette can empower us. These sessions provided us with a variety of strategies that will help us toward a successful pursuit of the career of our choice.”



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The JLG and the Girl Scouts will be continuing their partnership into the 2016-2017 year. As the committee introduces career exploration tools and resources to a new group, they look forward to assisting the Girl Scouts as they continue to inspire young women to change the world.

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Junior League of Greenville Awards 2016 Grants

// By **Kathryn Freedman**

At the Junior League of Greenville's January General Membership Meeting held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, four local non-profit agencies were awarded funds totaling \$50,383. The granting process for the JLG is particularly unique because the organizations chosen not only receive money for their projects, but also receive the gift of a trained work force of Junior League of Greenville volunteers.

Any non-profit agency in Greenville County can apply for a grant through the Junior League of Greenville. The Community Project Research and Development Committee selects projects from the applicant pool which best match the mission of the JLG and fall within one of three impact areas: Education, Health & Wellness and Families & Children.

The skills required of the project volunteers comprise another major determining factor in grant selection. Junior League volunteers often possess training invaluable to local organizations, and JLG women look for challenging and rewarding volunteer opportunities. Recipients must demonstrate that the money provided by a JLG grant will create fulfilling volunteer endeavors for JLG members.

The Junior League of Greenville's grant cycle for 2017 will begin with an upcoming Grant Open House. This event will be held on June 9, 2016 at the Junior League of Greenville Headquarters Building, 120 Greenacre Road, 29607. Please visit jlgreenville.org for more information on the grant application process.

The Junior League of Greenville was proud to grant funds to the following agencies for 2016:

Little Steps **\$12,500**

Impact Area: Education

Little Steps provides a non-judgmental environment of encouragement and accountability for teen and young parents in the Greenville County area. The Junior League of Greenville is funding Little Steps' Baby Steps program, an eight-week summer program designed to provide support to young parents, and increase the graduation rate

for teenage mothers. JLG members will serve as summer classroom assistants and will work with pregnant teens as they complete online high school classes.

Ronald McDonald House **\$12,500**

Impact Area: Families & Children

For 25 years, the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville has been a home for critically ill or injured children and their families, providing hope, encouragement and comfort when they need it most. The JLG provided funds for the "Share a Night Program," providing the cost for a family to stay at the facility for six months. JLG volunteers will be assisting Ronald McDonald House in their nightly meal preparation for the residents.

Fostering Great Ideas **\$11,640**

Impact Area: Families & Children

Fostering Great Ideas is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of children as they struggle in foster care. The Junior League of Greenville will fund Fostering Great Ideas' Sib-Link program, which is designed to strengthen the bond between siblings who are placed in foster care in different homes. Sib-Link connects siblings if parental rights are terminated, helping to foster a long-term sense of belonging. JLG volunteers will work as Sib-Link program event planners for groups of siblings. Each JLG planner will coordinate and facilitate events for a group of children. These events will celebrate important milestones including birthdays, Christmas and school achievements.

Harvest Hope **\$12,500**

Impact Area: Health & Wellness

The mission of Harvest Hope Food Bank is to provide for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing quality food with dignity, compassion and education. The Junior League of Greenville is funding Harvest Hope's Pack-2-Feed Program, which will fund 1,000 boxes of 21 meals in one box. JLG volunteers will facilitate food packing and serving. Members will also function as Food Pantry Intake Coordinators and aid clients coming into the Emergency Food Pantry.

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Summer 2016

SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS

// By *Ryann Warlick*

The slower pace of the summer season often means more time to explore volunteer activities in our area, and there are many great volunteer opportunities available. During this time of year soup kitchens and food pantries are always looking for extra food and sup-

plies. In addition, summer means outdoor activities, and there are plenty of these in Greenville. There are many 5K runs and walks which benefit a variety of organizations, and there are also a variety of festivals throughout the summer with weekly events for families and adults alike. We hope this list helps you stay active, enjoy the outdoors and help your community this summer.

SOUP KITCHENS

- Greer Soup Kitchen
521 E. Poinsett Street, Greer
greersoupkitchen.com
- Miracle Hill Greenville Rescue Mission, 575 W. Washington Street, Greenville
miraclehill.org
- Project Host Soup Kitchen
525 S. Academy Street, Greenville
projecthost.org

FOOD BANKS

- Greer Relief
202 Victoria Street, Greer
greerrelief.org
- Harvest Hope Food Bank
2818 White Horse Road, Greenville
harvesthope.org
- Samaritan House
105 Old Augusta Road, Greenville
thesamaritanhouse.org
- Triune Mercy Center
222 Rutherford Street, Greenville
triunemercy.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Travelers Rest Farmers Market
Check the website for details
travelersrestfarmersmarket.com
- Rebuild Upstate
Locations and days vary
All skill levels welcome
Age 13 and up only
rebuildupstate.org
- Senior Action
Transport seniors to appointments
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senioraction.org

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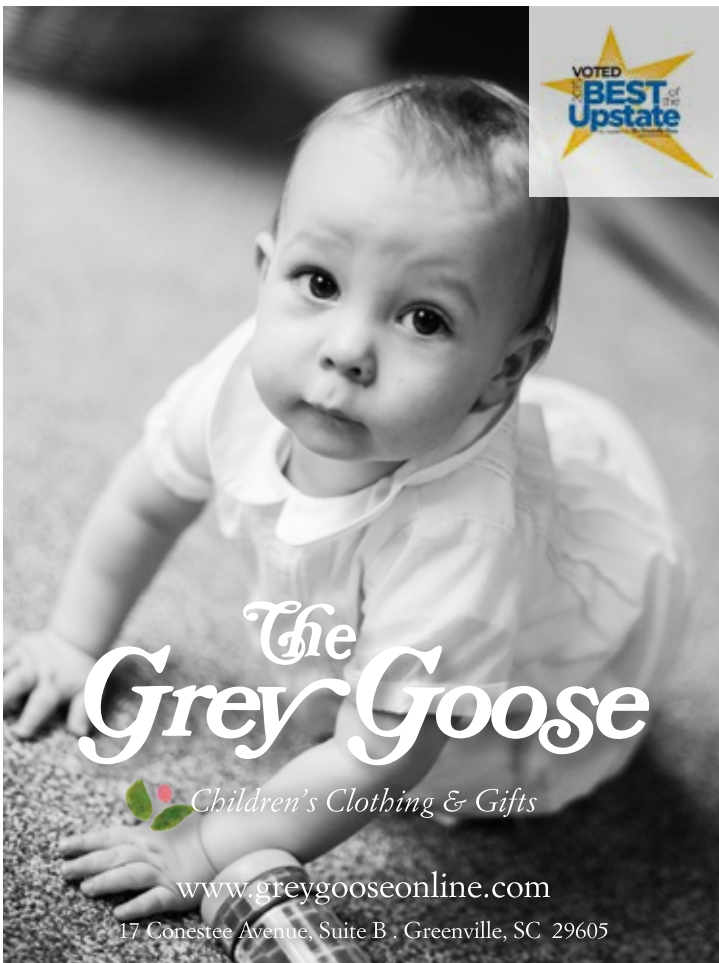
- Tri the Swamp Rabbit
July 13, 7:30 AM
Furman University
- You Go Girl Women's Only Triathlon
July 21, 7:00 AM
The Life Center, Greenville
- Heart of a Lion 5K
August 6, 8:00 AM
Legacy Charter School, Greenville
- Run2Overcome benefitting Julie Valentine Center
August 6, 7:00 AM
Cleveland Park, Greenville

FAMILY FRIENDLY

- Red White and Blue Festival
July 4, 5:00 to 10:00 PM
Downtown Greenville
greenvillesc.gov
- Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Musical
June 18-26,
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WEEKLY EVENTS

- Piedmont Natural Gas Downtown Alive
Thursdays, March 17 to August 25
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- Greenville Heritage Main Street Fridays
Fridays, March 18 to September 30
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- TD Saturday Market
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saturdaymarketlive.com
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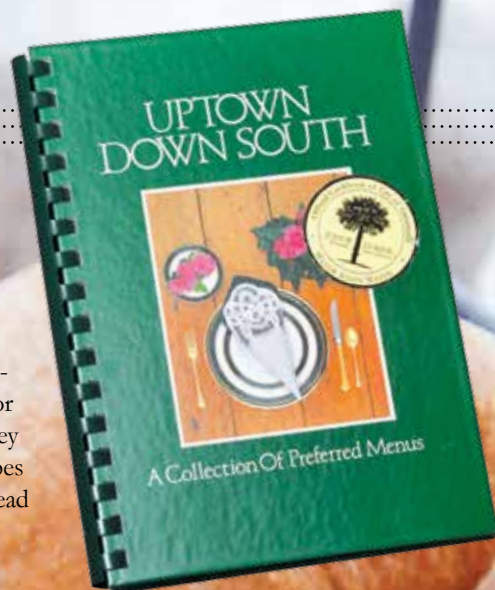


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Uptown Down South Cookbook

The “UPTOWN DOWN SOUTH” cookbook by the Junior League of Greenville provides so many great recipes. In this issue, we decided to go on a picnic, a perfect outing for spring and summer. Picnics are wonderful with friends and family, and even by yourself. They are perfect for beautiful days outside or even eaten inside on a lazy afternoon. All of these recipes were so easy to make and best of all, they were delicious. Most of these items can be made ahead of time. The recipes are from the section “Greenville Women’s Club Luncheon.”





When I first moved to Greenville two years ago, I knew no one. I transferred Junior Leagues, and the transfer placement helped me immensely. I met these two wonderful League members, Samantha Radandt and Meg Brown. Having a picnic with them using these recipes was such a great opening to spring. I hope you have just as many wonderful experiences with your Junior League friends.

// By *Ryann Warlick*

Chicken Salad Croissants

8 chicken breast halves, cooked
1 1/4 cups diced celery
4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
Juice of 1 lemon
Salt to taste
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
Paprika to taste
1 1/2 cups mayonnaise
3/4 cup chopped pecans
12 bakery croissants
Watercress or parsley for garnish

Cut chicken into small cubes. Combine chicken, celery, eggs, lemon juice, seasonings, and mayonnaise together; refrigerate overnight. Just before serving, stir in chopped pecans and adjust seasonings. Slice croissants partially through from inside curve to outside and warm uncovered in 350° oven for 5-8 minutes. Fill warm croissants with a generous portion of chilled chicken salad and place on plate with a sprig of watercress or parsley for garnish. Serves 12.

Cheesy Carrot Fingers

12 medium carrots, washed and peeled
1 1/2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
4 tablespoons grated onion
1 teaspoon seasoned salt
4 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
1 cup seasoned buttered bread crumbs

Boil carrots in salted water for 5 minutes or until tender. Remove several inches from tapered end of each carrot and mash until smooth. Split remaining carrot piece lengthwise; hollow center with a spoon and discard pulp. Combine mashed carrots with grated cheese, onion, seasoned salt, and mustard. Mix well and stuff into hollowed carrots. Top with buttered bread crumbs and brown in 325° oven for 20 minutes. This can be made the day before and refrigerated until ready to cook. Serves 12.

Chocolate Éclair Squares

1 14-ounce box graham crackers
2 4-ounce packages instant vanilla pudding
3 cups milk
12 ounces nondairy whipped topping
3 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips
2 teaspoons light corn syrup
3 teaspoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cup sifted powdered sugar
3 tablespoons milk

Line 9x13x2-inch glass dish with whole graham crackers. Using milk, prepare pudding according to package directions. Fold nondairy topping into pudding. Spread half of pudding mixture over graham crackers. Repeat cracker and pudding mixture layers. Then top with layer of crackers. To prepare icing, melt chocolate chips, syrup, and butter. Stir in vanilla, sugar, and milk. Ice pie and refrigerate overnight. Serves 12-16.

2016 TRANSFER CLASS

The Junior League of Greenville is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International. Any woman who is a member of a Junior League recognized by this parent organization is eligible to transfer her membership to the Junior League of Greenville if she moves to Greenville from another city. This perk enables members to instantly become a part of a new community and meet other like-minded women. Every year the JLG welcomes an incoming transfer class of women who are new to our area. These women learn about the Greenville community and the history and programs of the JLG. If you or someone you know has questions about any Junior League transfer curriculum, please contact us at information@JLGreenville.org or 864-233-2663.

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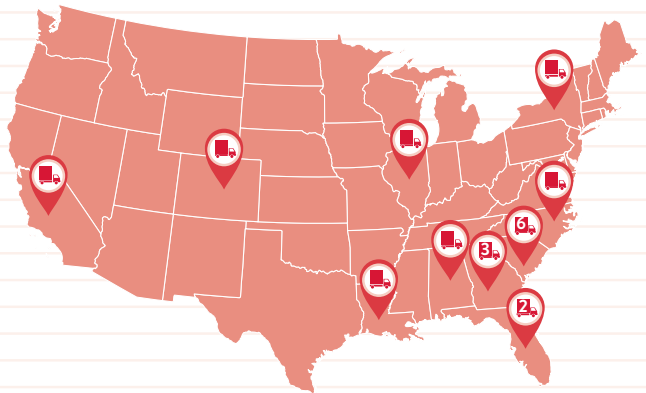
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