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Letter from THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Winter 2016 Issue of VISIONS. This issue focuses on the Junior League of Greenville's upscale resale store, The Nearly New Shop (NNS). The NNS, our largest fundraiser and greatest impact on the Greenville community, was started by twenty women known as The Junior Charities in 1929. The mission of the NNS has expanded from simply returning proceeds to the community and is three fold: to provide funds that support the many programs and projects of the Junior League of Greenville (JLG), to provide an outlet for the community to purchase quality clothing and household goods at affordable prices and to serve as a training ground for our members. The Nearly New Shop is one fundraiser that makes the difference in the League and throughout Greenville.

This year our theme is "One Makes the Difference." I joined the League over eleven years ago, wanting to give back to the community and help children and families. In other words, I wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. This passion was the foundation for the theme "One Makes the Difference." What I did not expect was how much the Junior League of Greenville would make a difference in my life. I have made lifelong friends, learned invaluable skills like organizing and presenting at meetings for a large group of women and managing and planning multiple projects. I have also had the privilege to work with and learn from an amazing group of women!



The Junior League of Greenville has also made a difference in our community this fall. We hosted our ninth annual Home Run for Healthy Kids® and expanded the event to three days to serve approximately 2,700 fourth grade children at Fluor Field. We also completed a previously approved donation of \$70,000 to the Nicholtown Child and Family Collaborative. Most recently, we approved a three-year pledge to the South Carolina Children's Theatre of \$100,000 to help fund a new and permanent home for the Theatre.

Throughout the history of the JLG, we have continued to make a difference in the community by contributing over \$2.7 million, serving over 300 agencies and providing countless hours of volunteer time. I invite you to learn more about how "ONE Makes the Difference."

Sandy Brown

Sandy Brown

President, 2016 - 2017

Junior League of Greenville, Inc.



Sandy Brown



Sandy Brown is the 2016-2017 President of the Junior League of Greenville. Born in Pennsylvania, Sandy lived in New Jersey until she was 13 when she moved to Atlanta with her family. A Clemson grad, Sandy joined the JLG in 2005 and has served on multiple committees, most notably finance, one of her many passions. She and her husband, Tom, have two children, Abby (20) and Alex (16). In her free time, you can find Sandy listening to Bon Jovi or attending one of their concerts.

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Letter from

THE SUSTAINER REPRESENTATIVE

It is hard for me to believe that this is my Junior League of Greenville Silver Anniversary! I am proud to say that I have been a member of this amazing organization for 25 years.

I am honored to serve as the Sustaining Advisor to the Board of Directors for 2016-2017. The theme this year of "One Makes a Difference" sums up the Junior League. On one hand, every one of us who join, do so to make a difference. As we volunteer in our Placements, we hope we make an impact in the community. In reality, our "1" job or "1" contribution to our Placement does make a difference to the group or organization where we are volunteering. On the other hand, the "1" group you work with or the "1" individual you help, makes a difference in your life.

Over my years of active membership, I experienced the difference the Junior League of Greenville can make as 1 group. The Nearly New Shop has been open since 1948 and has made a huge impact on our community by providing clothes and housewares at reasonable prices while raising funds to be used as grants. Every single member who makes their "1" donation or works their shift makes an impact on the funds that can be used for those grants. Also, as "1" group, we hosted an incredibly successful Home Run for Healthy Kids® event in October. I was especially excited to be involved with the event this year. We were able to touch the lives of 2,700 children and teach them ways to adopt healthier lifestyles.

We sincerely appreciate the community support we receive and thank every "1" of you. You are a vital part of the success of our organization and we include you when we say "One Makes a Difference".

Lynn Armstrong

Lynn Armstrong

Sustainer Representative, 2016 - 2017

Junior League of Greenville, Inc.

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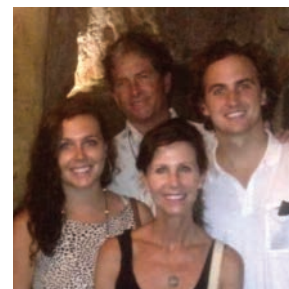
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For more information about the Junior League of Greenville or becoming a member, visit us online at JLGreenville.org.

From Ripley Tennessee, Lynn Armstrong is the 2016-2017 Sustaining Representative. Lynn joined the JLG in 1991 after graduating from University of Mississippi and moving to Greenville. She has a son, Sandlin, and daughter, Isabella, with her husband, Allen.





Letter from THE EDITOR

During my first year in the Junior League of Greenville, I volunteered in the Nearly New Shop alongside other Provisionals. We helped keep the store clean, sorted donations, and assisted the staff. I met other JLG members during that year but what stands out to me are the shoppers, especially the regulars. There were several women who came in three or four times a week to donate a stack of books or pick up a few items for grandchildren. A couple of men came in on double stamp days to look through the business clothes. Some of the regulars came only to shop. But most seemed to visit the store as much for the conversation and community as the clothes or dishes. The Nearly New Shop met physical and relational needs.

As we prepared the articles and planned for the photoshoot and illustrations you will see in this issue, I kept thinking back to my times in the Nearly New Shop. The Story of the Dress is fictional but it represents a combination of true stories. We receive donations weekly from Sustainers and community members who are retiring or downsizing. Those donations do change lives. Shoppers have returned to the Nearly New Shop and shared how the suit or dress they purchased allowed them to interview for a life changing job or have the wedding of their dreams. These individuals inspired the stories and illustrations.

I am excited to share a glimpse into the Nearly New Shop. It is the Junior League of Greenville's biggest fundraiser and allows us to give back to the community we call home. Sandy Brown chose this year's theme, One Makes The Difference. I hope you will see how one donation, one volunteer, one person really can make the difference.

Anne-Marie Moebring

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Editor, 2016 - 2017

Junior League of Greenville, Inc.

A Memphis, Tennessee native, Anne-Marie graduated from Vanderbilt University with a dual degree in English and Communications before earning her Masters in Social Work. She and her husband, Mark, moved to Greenville in 2011 and have loved being part of the Greenville community. When she is not working for the Harper Corporation or volunteering at the Junior League of Greenville, Anne-Marie spends her free time teaching high school Sunday School at Downtown Presbyterian Church and exploring the Upstate with her husband.



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Meet the 2016 - 17

JLG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Every year the Junior League of Greenville, Inc. (JLG) elects a new set of leaders within the organization who serve on the Board of Directors (BOD). These women are not only responsible for the operations and ongoing financial stability of the organization, but they also serve with a strategic focus, preparing the JLG for future changes by assessing ways to develop and strengthen the JLG for years to come.



Sandy Brown
President

Member Since 2005

The love and support I felt from the JLG membership when I was announced as President Elect in 2015 was such an incredible experience. This year, Tina Hampton and I have had a great time organizing Headquarters and going through some old JLG memories and artifacts!



Courtney Atkinson
President-Elect

Member Since 2004

My favorite collection of memories comes from my time as a member, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Nominating Committee. Serving on this committee not only gave me the opportunity to spend a lot of really fun time bonding with other committee members, but also gave me incredible insight into how the JLG functions as a "big puzzle" and how important it is that all pieces fit together to benefit the entire organization!



Nisha Patel
Communications Vice President

Member Since 2012

After my Provisional year, I was asked to be a Provisional Mentor. That was such an honor. After I completed my first Active year, I was asked to be Vice-Chair of the PR committee. That was also such an honor especially since I was only in the League for one year. Then in my 4th Active year I was asked to be Communications VP. This just proves that if you work hard, you can definitely move up!



Kimberly Witherspoon
Community Vice President

Member Since 2012

My 6 years of League Placements have provided so many opportunities to make friends for life and grow professionally. The leadership training is top notch - the best I've experienced in Greenville. Each leadership position I've held has helped me hone my skills and given me confidence as I utilize those skills in other community organizations. A highlight is this year's first annual Community Council Retreat which was, in my opinion, the perfect blend of JLG women having fun while coming together to brainstorm.



Wendy Witek
Finance Vice President

Member Since 2012

The JLG is an outlet for many things including community service, professional development, and friendship. This year's Board Retreat came after a trying week for me, but the Retreat served as a great refresher. We stayed up way too late and had a lot of fun while getting to know each other and planning for a great year! Experiences like these are why it's great to be a member of the Junior League of Greenville.



Jessica Sharp
Fund Development Vice President

Member Since since 2013

The best experience I've had is at Big Night Out during my first Active year. It was incredible to see how we had impacted the community that year while celebrating with all the amazing women of the Junior League.



Kristin Whitehead
Membership Vice President

Member Since since 2007

The most rewarding experience I've had in the JLG comes from my current Meals on Wheels route. There is a sweet little lady on my route, Ms. Henderson, who will be turning 100 in January 2017. She still lives at home on her own and is an amazing woman that always asks how I am doing, how my family is doing, and tells me every time I deliver that she "loves her Meals on Wheels!" Ms. Henderson is why the Junior League is important to me and my community!



Elizabeth-Kelly Pope
Corresponding Secretary

Member Since since 2011

As the committee chair for Junior Volunteers, I learned a lot about various non-profits and service opportunities. From that experience, I actually left my eight year corporate job to start working for the American Lung Association. I loved being able to put all that I had learned through my service with the JLG to help grow the organization. In my first year at American Lung Association, I recorded the highest fundraising in the organization's Upstate history and was promoted to Area Director. I strongly believe this is all because of the tools I gained through the JLG.

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Katy Sides
Recording Secretary

Member Since since 2011

My favorite League memory is leading last year's final Community Research and Development grant's committee discussion. The last discussion of CPR&D can be very challenging as you finalize the slate of grant recipients. We could not decide between the two grants vying for the final position and the discussion lasted for several hours. It was a great reminder that we have hundreds of amazing organizations in Greenville doing wonderful work and that many of those organizations look to the League for support and to be partners. The conversation also reminded me how incredible our members are. We were having a difficult conversation and everyone treated each other with respect, listened to each other's opinions and ultimately came together to make the best decision for our community and our League.



Kylee Heap
Strategic Planner

Member Since since 2002

Today, Home Run for Healthy Kids® is a huge part of JLG's outreach. My favorite memory from the JLG comes from the inaugural HRHK event: standing at the top of the stairs at Fluor Field watching bus after bus drive through unloading excited children for what would become such an impactful field trip that kids look forward to every year.



Elizabeth Gunter
Parliamentarian

Member Since since 2011

After serving as a station partner for Home Run for Healthy Kids® (HRHK), I decided to join the Junior League of Greenville. The year I served as chair for this the HRHK committee, I met a very inspiring young girl in a wheelchair. While helping her get to a station through an elevator and series of ramps, she opened up about her life. She was seven years old and in a wheelchair due to domestic violence. Although she was dealing with physical and emotional traumas, her face lit up every time she approached a station. Her worries disappeared and she was able to just be a child on "the best field trip ever." I am so thankful that through the JLG I was able to meet this little girl and be a part of making her, and thousands of other children over the years, smile.

Nicholtown Child and Family Collaborative

// By *Anne-Marie Moebring*

The Junior League of Greenville (JLG) gave \$70,000 in 2016 to the Nicholtown Child and Family Collaborative (NCFC) to help fund the creation of a Head Start program being housed at the Phillis Wheatley Center. The program opened its doors in August to 25

children in the community. In addition to providing an educational space to help prepare these children for elementary school, the program is part of a larger revitalization plan for the neighborhood.

“We wouldn’t be able to be where we are without that seventy-thousand-dollar contribution. Commitment from the Junior League is essential to our growth,” says Amanda McDougald Scott, JLG member and Project Coordinator at NCFC. The JLG’s dedication to Nicholtown began with the decision to relocate the headquarters to its current location. Involvement with NCFC began several

years later. Past Presidents Kristy Way and Anna Kate Brown have been involved with the project and steering committee since 2013.

Greenville Health System and DHEC have also committed to supporting this multi-phase initiative. Phase 1 will continue to develop the Head Start program. The key stakeholders from the community and partner organizations are meeting to discuss Phase 2. The multi-generational plan aims to offer necessary community services in one location and to allow parents the opportunity to find affordable, high-quality childcare in their community.

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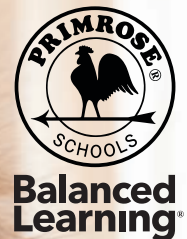
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THE RED DRESS

*From retirement to first job,
one dress makes a difference*

// By Anne-Marie Moebring

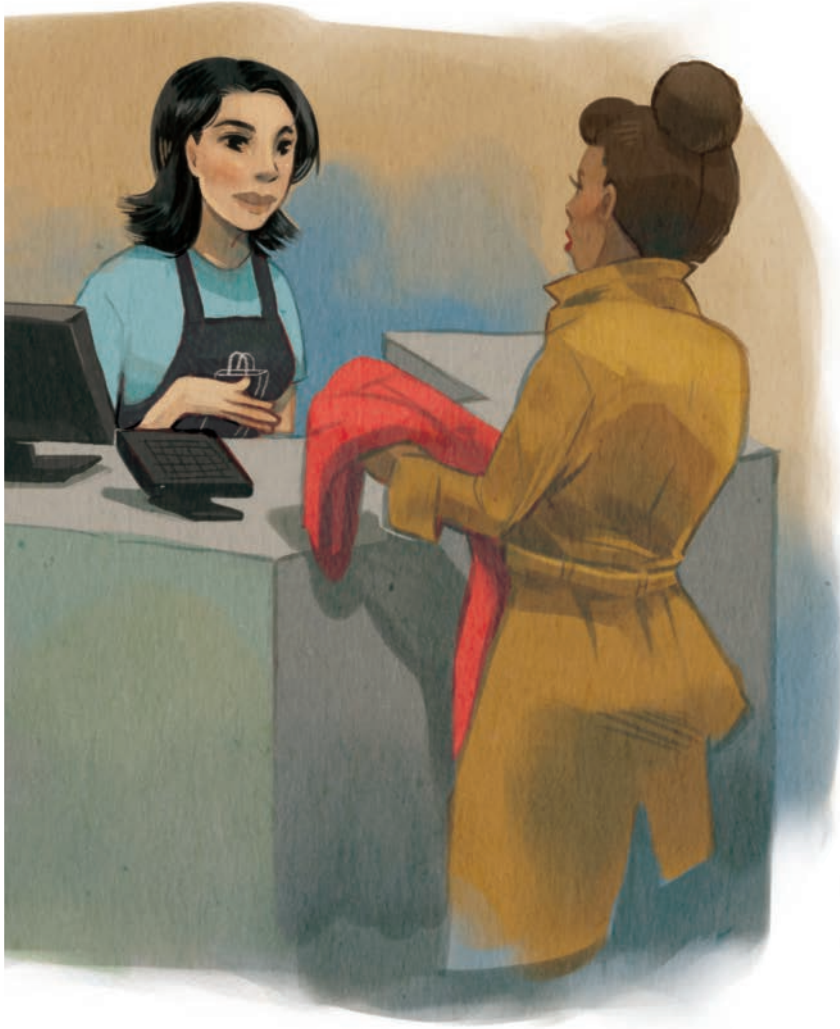
A woman walks through the glass doors holding a red dress and two bags. Her heels click on the tile floor as she passes clothing racks and jewelry displays on her way to the counter near the shoe department. She brushes her brown hair out of her face as she sets the dress and the bags on the counter.

“Welcome to the Nearly New Shop!” says a woman in a black apron with the red Junior League logo prominently displayed on the front. “How may I help you today?”

“I would like to donate a few items. One in particular is a red dress I wore last year for my retirement celebration and on some of my favorite date nights. There are also several pairs of shoes, some kitchen items and a jewelry box. But our children are grown and we are downsizing so I want to pass these on to their new home.”

“Thank you and we appreciate your generosity. We would not be able to keep the store open or contribute to the community without your support. Enjoy your retirement!”

“I’m happy to help. My granddaughter participated in Girls on the Run and my whole family has enjoyed fun afternoons at the Children’s Museum.”



As the woman walks to her car, The Nearly New Shop employee takes the two bags of clothing to the volunteers working in the back of the store. Organized racks of next season's clothing and several shelves of housewares and children's toys line the path from the employee door to the pricing station. Each item represents another generous donor and a treasure waiting to be discovered by its new owner. She takes a second to reposition a throw pillow precariously placed on a shelf.

"I have two more bags of clothing and miscellaneous items to be sorted, priced and stocked. Looks like most of these are this season so they can go out for sale as soon as you are finished. I noticed a few shelves and a dress rack that need to be restocked. The woman who donated these mentioned household items so please add any plates to the table setting display if they match."

The volunteers take the bags and start laying the clothes on the counter. Several button-down shirts, one pair of khakis, a small clutch, and the red dress lie ready for pricing. After an inspection for stains, tears and other imperfections, the volunteers begin pricing. A large white sign outlines the standard pricing structure. Then, priced and on hangers, the clothes are ready for sale. The volunteers repeat the process for the household items. As items sell in the shop, the new donations sit ready to move to the floor.



The bright red dress with the smart collar and angled neckline immediately catches a shopper's attention. Even on the hanger it has an air of confidence. She walks over and touches the fabric. Soft. Comfortable. But sophisticated and professional. It is exactly what she needs. She smiles slowly. But surely a dress so nice, so perfect could not possibly be in her price range. Hesitantly, she touches the price tag, slowly turning it over to see the price. "Oh my!" She gasps. Not only can she afford the dress, but she has just enough left for the pair of black pumps displayed beside.

"Welcome to the Nearly New Shop! May I help you today?" says a warm voice.

"I'd like to try this one please."

"Certainly. Dressing rooms are right this way."

Her smile grows as she turns in front of the mirror. It is a perfect fit. The type that leaves no doubt that this is the dress for you. And so it is. Changing quickly the woman walks to the counter, dress in hand.

"I'll take the red dress and black heels please."

"I'm so glad it worked! A woman brought it in just this morning. Said it was one of her favorites. I believe she wore it to her retirement party actually."

"No kidding? I have an interview tomorrow for my first job in several years. As if an interview isn't intimidating by itself, finding affordable professional clothes for the first time is almost impossible. Until I found this dress, I didn't know what I was going to do. I haven't been able to concentrate on how to interview worrying about what to wear."

"Well it's a lovely dress. Definitely professional. But fun. I think you will really enjoy it. Good luck in the morning!"

As the woman pulls out of the parking lot, nearly new red dress in hand, the manager returns to her office and continues her month-end bookkeeping. She is excited to share the report with the rest of The Nearly New Shop team. The redesign of the store appears to have made a noticeable impact. She worked all summer rearranging and reimagining

the store's look and layout. New racks for clothes. Additional tables to showcase household items. Dedicated displays for shoes, toys and bridal.

Four months later, donations have increased. And sales are rising as well. Standing in the door of her office, the manager surveys her work. Volunteers are busy restocking shelves, sorting new donations, and helping shoppers find the perfect item. The whole store buzzes with activity. One decision to update a few key areas made a significant difference in the atmosphere of the store.

She returns to her office to continue compiling her report. After paying each bill and the salaries of her two employees, the surplus is surprising. They had anticipated a slight increase after the store redesign but she did not think it would be this much.



A woman walks through the glass doors wearing a nearly new red dress. Her black heels click on the marble floor as she passes the security guard and coffee shop on her way to the elevator bank. Men and women in suits buzz past her, talking on cell phones and sipping their morning coffee.

She catches a glimpse of herself in the elevator doors as she waits to ride up to the eleventh floor. The red dress makes her smile the same way it did when she tried it on in The Nearly New Shop. She touches her red hair, pushing several stray strands back into place. She's ready.

As she rides the elevator she thinks about the last time she was here. She was nervous. Uncertain. But the warm welcome from the receptionist and the encouraging comments from the interviewer had put her at ease. Like the dress, the job felt like a perfect fit. Now, two weeks later, she was stepping off the elevator for her first day at that perfect job. She will be able to pay her bills, support her family, even buy her daughter the doll she wants for Christmas.

She had worn her new red dress to the interview and now, chose to wear it again on her first day as an employee. The dress gives her confidence. As if she can do anything. That one dress really did make a difference in her life.

The Junior League of Greenville Board of Directors regularly reviews financials and projected net profit for the Junior League of Greenville and The Nearly New Shop. This leadership involvement in the consolidated budget leads to direct support for the community, including grants to local non-profits.

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THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

*The Nearly New Shop has a long history
of giving new life to what was once
used merchandise*

// By Emily Clever, Hannah Spellmeyer and Ryann Warlick



Created in 1948 under the name “The Opportunity Shop,” the Junior League of Greenville’s (JLG) thrift store is our most enduring and successful fundraiser. For readers who have never felt the thrill of finding J.Crew®, Lilly Pulitzer® and Trina Turk® at eye-popping prices, JLG’s second hand store sells clothing, shoes and household goods. The store accepts donations and partners with local retail stores to ensure customers find exactly what they are looking for to supplement their wardrobe.

But even the most loyal customers may be surprised to learn that the store does much more than donate profits back into the community. The Nearly New Shop (NNS) also provides vouchers for families in emergency situations such as household fires or floods, interview attire for people seeking employment, and prices that allow everyone to have the wedding dress of their dreams or presents under the tree at Christmas.

Throughout its nearly 70 years in business, the NNS has evolved to meet JLG needs—as well as the needs of the community. Situated on Antrim Drive between Laurens Road and Pleasantburg Drive, the NNS is currently undergoing yet another transformation.

Renamed “The Nearly New Shop” in 1976, the store has moved five times since its inception. During the winter of 1983, it moved to its next home beside Rush Wilson Limited on W. North Street downtown. In this four-story building, the NNS occupied the first floor; administrative offices and meeting rooms were located on the second and third floors. To go between floors, an elevator with a massive steel door was cranked to move up and down between floors, rather precariously.

During the 20 years that the store was located on W. North Street, the NNS was fairly successful, but the store faced some challenges. Despite averaging about \$70,000 in net profits per year, parking was a problem, and space in the Shop was cramped. In 2001, Lynn Armstrong (President), Jill Schneider (Sustaining Adviser) and Alita Webster (Sustainer) set out to reinvigorate the NNS once again. After consulting with other Leagues, the committee determined a centrally located traditional retail space—with better access to public transportation—was essential. “It was a herculean task,” claims Sustainer Tina Hampton.

With talented and tenacious leaders forging the way, a lot of hard work and a little serendipity led the NNS to its present location on Antrim Drive. In the early 2000s, the JLG was challenged with finding a new retail location and a new building for Headquarters as well as selling our space downtown. It was imperative that the relocation further the JLG’s mission of serving a community in need. After tremendous research, Kitty Allen, Realtor and JLG Sustainer, found what seemed like a perfect fit along the Pleasantburg Corridor.

The Rainbow Paint Store was for sale, and the empty parking lot next to it provided an ideal space to build the new JLG Headquarters. As if it were predetermined, the location downtown sold, the paint store was upfitted, and construction on the new Headquarters began.

While it initially seemed as though it was orchestrated by fate, there were naturally growing pains. While the new Headquarters was under construction by Pazdan Smith Group (today McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture), the JLG was crowded into the Sistine Complex across the street for nearly eight months. As a result, administrative staff took care of daily business mere feet away from frequent committee meetings.

Despite the many projects, the NNS didn’t close for a single day when it finally moved into its new home on November 3, 2003. With the help of Two Men and a Truck and countless volunteers, vans and trucks made trip after trip from Saturday evening to early Monday morning. From the time the new store opened in November to the end of the JLG fiscal year in May, the anticipated \$70,000 in profits jumped to nearly \$120,000.

Today, the NNS brings in an average of \$200,000 in profits that is allocated directly back to the Greenville community.

The NNS is a staple to the Junior League of Greenville, and the League is thrilled to see it evolve once again to continue to meet our community’s needs. Renovations are ongoing, and JLG leaders expect the project to be completed in the Spring 2017.



An array of items

The Nearly New Shop contains a wide variety of items at a range of price points. There are smocked baby outfits, designer formal gowns, designer ties, beautiful wedding gowns, and lovely furniture in the store.



Put to best use

Items that are not placed on the sales floor are not thrown away. Glass vases are reused to provide bouquets to nursing homes. Plastic water bottles are handed out to the homeless. While The Nearly New Shop is careful in what it puts out on the sales floor, it also does its best to find a use for every item donated.

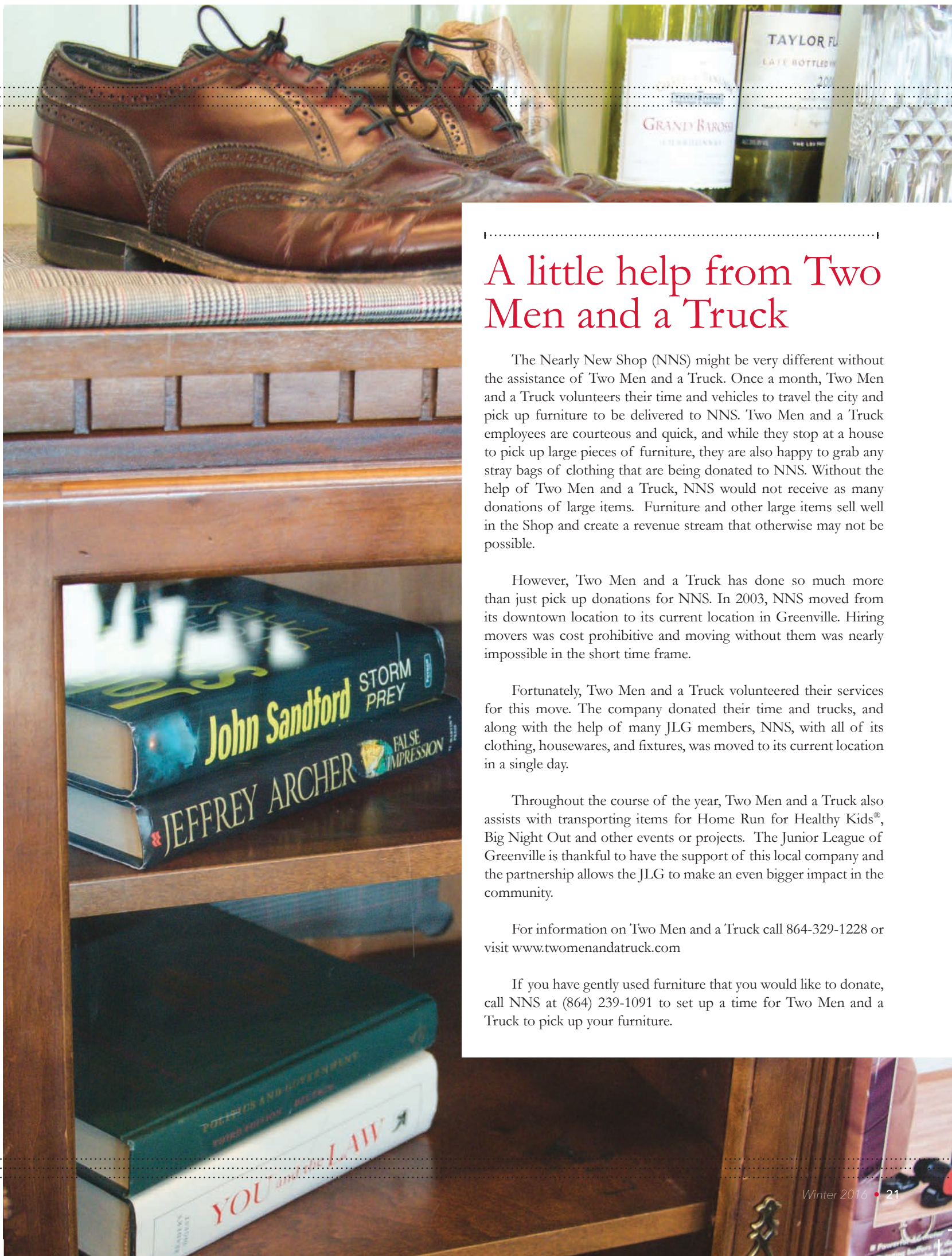
True quality at great prices

Each item is carefully scrutinized and priced before being placed on the salesroom floor. The Nearly New Shop prides itself on only providing quality items at affordable prices.



Providing new life

When you donate your like-new, favorite work dress, it is priced reasonably for another hardworking woman in search of her new favorite dress. The Nearly New Shop prices according to label and clothing item, providing a variety of price points that truly run the gamut.



A little help from Two Men and a Truck

The Nearly New Shop (NNS) might be very different without the assistance of Two Men and a Truck. Once a month, Two Men and a Truck volunteers their time and vehicles to travel the city and pick up furniture to be delivered to NNS. Two Men and a Truck employees are courteous and quick, and while they stop at a house to pick up large pieces of furniture, they are also happy to grab any stray bags of clothing that are being donated to NNS. Without the help of Two Men and a Truck, NNS would not receive as many donations of large items. Furniture and other large items sell well in the Shop and create a revenue stream that otherwise may not be possible.

However, Two Men and a Truck has done so much more than just pick up donations for NNS. In 2003, NNS moved from its downtown location to its current location in Greenville. Hiring movers was cost prohibitive and moving without them was nearly impossible in the short time frame.

Fortunately, Two Men and a Truck volunteered their services for this move. The company donated their time and trucks, and along with the help of many JLG members, NNS, with all of its clothing, housewares, and fixtures, was moved to its current location in a single day.

Throughout the course of the year, Two Men and a Truck also assists with transporting items for Home Run for Healthy Kids®, Big Night Out and other events or projects. The Junior League of Greenville is thankful to have the support of this local company and the partnership allows the JLG to make an even bigger impact in the community.

For information on Two Men and a Truck call 864-329-1228 or visit www.twomenandatruck.com

If you have gently used furniture that you would like to donate, call NNS at (864) 239-1091 to set up a time for Two Men and a Truck to pick up your furniture.

Something for everyone

The Nearly New Shop offers options for every budget and need. Whether you are a grandparent searching for a small gift for a visiting grandchild, a recent college graduate looking for a professional outfit, or you are searching for decorative accents for

the holidays, The Nearly New Shop has what you need. We look forward to welcoming you to our re-designed shop and helping you find the perfect item.





To donate to the Nearly New Shop, please visit our store or call our collection hotline at (864) 232-1091. Want to know what's new in the shop? Follow us on Instagram or Facebook for the *Look of the Week* or *Daily Deal*.

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Winter 2016

WINTER COMMUNITY EVENTS

// By Caryn Vedane

JUKEBOX HEROES

The annual Hit Rock show is back and better than ever. You'll be dancing in the aisle and humming along to the greatest singer songwriters of the past during this hit musical review.

**January 19 -
February 11**

11 AM - 2 PM

Venue:
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WEDDING FESTIVALS BRIDAL SHOW

Experience a mock wedding and reception display. See the latest fashion in the couture display. Visit the table top design gallery and the photographer's gallery. And don't forget to bring a groom! He's sure to enjoy the groom's expo.

**January 7
10 AM - 3 PM**
Venue:
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**January 28
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**January 28
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**January 29
3 PM**
Venue:
**The Peace Center,
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Event proceeds support the community projects, programs and grants of the Junior League of Greenville.



ONE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE: *Annual Fund Report*

// By *Rebecca Feldman*

What does the year 1929 mean to you? Be the one to make a difference!

In 1929 the Junior League of Greenville (JLG) was founded when 20 young women came together to make an impact in our community. Throughout its history, the JLG has supported more than 300 agencies with over \$2.7 million in donations and has been instrumental in the founding and funding of Upstate organizations.

Since 2012, the Annual Fund has allowed members and non-members to support the JLG with charitable contributions. The Annual Fund plays a vital role in the JLG's ability to sustain and advance our mission as an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, to developing the potential of women, and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

The 2016-2017 campaign will focus on our founding year, 1929, and gifts that reflect 1929 are encouraged. That may be a gift of \$19.29, \$192.90 or \$1929, which is our 1929 Club. However, a gift of any amount is appreciated and welcomed.

Your support of the Annual Fund helps to sustain the Junior League of Greenville and our ongoing commitment to giving women in the Upstate the opportunity to improve our community. With each donation to the Annual Fund YOU are

SUPPORTING community engagement through programs such as Home Run for Healthy Kids®, A Nearly New You, Junior Volunteer, Kids in the Kitchen and The Nearly New Shop

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- Because the Junior League of Greenville has given them friendship and networking opportunities
- Because the Junior League of Greenville has given them training and community experience
- Because they want to see the Junior League of Greenville grow
- To honor or say thank you to a fellow League member
- To remember someone
- To serve as a gift on holidays or special occasions
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Cati Heglar, René Morrow, and Susan Reed at the End of the Year Sustainer event. Photo courtesy of Tim Reed.

Membership Awards

// By Kathryn Freedman

In May the League celebrated the end of another successful year and the organization recognized three members for outstanding service to the JLG.

On May 10, 2016, the Junior League of Greenville held its Annual General Membership Meeting at the Poinsett Club. Each year, a new member who goes above and beyond her Provisional year obligations and demonstrates outstanding dedication and service is awarded the Frances Pearce Steele Service Award. The 2016 recipient was Cati Heglar. Heglar was described by her Provisional Advisor as someone who, “always had a positive attitude and was inclusive.” Heglar also was diligent in completing her Nearly New Shop volunteer hours, despite undergoing four knee surgeries in the past 18 months.

Created to recognize outstanding volunteer service among Active Members, the Helen Horton Hunt Service Award was also presented during the JLG Annual Meeting. This award is presented annually to an Active Member who demonstrates voluntarism at its best. This year the award was given to René Morrow, a member who embodies the legacy of Helen Horton Hunt. Morrow transferred into the JLG 16 years ago from Junior League of Bristol, and she has served in two volunteer rolls within the JLG this past year. As Community Impact Liaison, she oversaw the JLG members volunteering in community agencies serving families and children, and Morrow was the “face of

the League” for the agencies providing these volunteer opportunities. In addition to this roll, Morrow volunteered with the Girl Scouts Powerful Women Summit, and she created a JLG community committee to spearhead this new partnership with the Girl Scouts.

On May 19, 2016 the JLG Sustaining members held their end of the year party. During this event the Jane Cardwell Hughes Sustainer of the Year was awarded. This annual recognition acknowledges one Sustaining Member who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and service to the Junior League of Greenville and the Greenville community. This year’s recipient was Susan Reed. Reed has been a devoted member to the Junior League of Greenville since 1988. She has served as Sustaining Advisor to the Fund Development Vice President on several occasions and was an integral part of the Finance Council securing sponsorships. Most recently she served as Sustainer Representative to the Board of Directors while planning her daughter’s wedding! This year Reed has been a loyal supporter to the Sustainer Outreach Committee, and she is recognized for living the mission of the JLG in everything she does.

Congratulations to all three of these outstanding women! Thank you for your service to the JLG and the Greenville community.



25th annual JLG Sustainer Holiday Gift Bags

This December marked the 25th annual Junior League of Greenville Sustainer Holiday Gift Bag project. Each year, the JLG Sustainers distribute approximately 350 gifts bags to current cancer patients in Greenville County during the holidays. These gifts offer hope and encouragement to patients and their families during a season that can be filled with anxiety and discomfort.

This important project has raised over \$100,000 over the past 25 years. Donations are tax deductible and can be made in honor of someone or as a memorial. Gift bags are \$25 each. For more information, contact the Junior League of Greenville at 864.233.2663 or email information@jlggreenville.org.



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Holiday Cookie Swap

// By *Hannah Spellmeyer*

My favorite part of the holiday season growing up was my mother's annual Holiday Cookie Swap. The savory smells of hors d'oeuvres I looked forward to all year combined with the energy and laughter of family and friends was extraordinary. My sister and I would stay up far too late for a school night and enjoy leftovers for days.

Each holiday cookie party is a little different. My mother's event was ladies-only and we saved the cookies for last. Everyone would bring a dozen of their cookie recipe and then choose a dozen to take home. A friend in Greenville has a contest for the best recipe at her party. With the recipes below from the Junior League of Greenville's Uptown Down South Cookbook, this year may be my chance to win.

Scotch Shortbread Squares

1 cup butter
1 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup cornstarch
2 1/2 cups plain flour

Cream butter. Add sugar and cream again. Add cornstarch all at once. Mix well. Add flour gradually, mixing well after each addition. If mixture becomes difficult to work with, mix remaining flour in by hand. Roll out on lightly floured surface and cut into squares. Place squares on cookie sheet and bake at 325 deg for 20-25 minutes. Yield: 3-4 dozen.



Chocolate Mint Rounds

4 oz unsweetened chocolate
1 1/4 cups shortening
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1/3 cup light corn syrup
2 1/2 tablespoons water
2 teaspoons peppermint extract
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 cups plain flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
Granulated sugar

Melt chocolate over hot water in top of double boiler. Remove from heat. In separate bowl, cream shortening; gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add melted chocolate, eggs, corn syrup, water and flavorings; mix well. Combine flour, baking soda, and salt; add to creamed mixture, beating just until blended. Shape dough into 1-inch balls and roll in sugar. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 deg for 10 minutes. Yield: 10 dozen.



One-Is-Enough Cookies

1/3 cup butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
3 eggs
1 1/2 cups peanut butter
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 teaspoon light corn syrup
4 1/2 cups rolled oats, uncooked
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup M&M plain candies

Cream butter and sugars. Add eggs, peanut butter, vanilla, and corn syrup; beat well. Add oats, baking soda, salt; stir well. Stir in remaining ingredients. Drop dough by 1/4-cup measures at 4-inch intervals on light greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes. Yield: 2 1/2 dozen.





Young Women's Writing Contest

// By *Kathryn Freedman*

The Junior League of Greenville is pleased to announce that it will be holding its 5th annual Young Women's Writing Contest. Female students in grades 6-12 from Greenville County public, private and home schools are encouraged to submit their essays. Essays should be between 750 - 1200 words and will be accepted for online submission at jlgreenville.org between February 1, 2017 and March 1, 2017. The topic will be announced in early January. Along with a \$500 scholarship award, the winning essay will be published in the Summer 2017 issue of VISIONS magazine, and the winner will be invited to accept her award at the JLG's Annual Meeting in May of 2017.

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