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THE ONLY THING THAT  
EVER HAS.”

– MARGARET MEAD

Margaret Mead's words could not be truer of our wonderful Junior League of Houston members. It is evident each day in the work League members do in our community like providing the only free CPR classes in Houston, providing meals and leading activities at Ronald McDonald House's family nights, and providing support to seniors at Sheltering Arms just to name a few. It was also evident at our first-ever Focus Area Event supporting Undies for Everyone where League volunteers helped sort and pack more than 10,000 pairs of underwear for kiddos throughout the Houston area.

While the League's work in the community is nothing shy of outstanding, what sets the League apart and makes it so unique is its dedication to also training its members and developing their leadership potential in the hopes that all League members will then carry that forward in both their professional and personal lives helping serve our city for years to come. The leadership skills gained in the League are certainly evident amongst the women highlighted in this issue that have either founded their own nonprofits or have gone on to lead very well-established nonprofits. These women are stellar examples of how the training they received and their passion for the community can come together to create wonderful success stories.

Another JLH featured leader is this year's Sara Houstoun Lindsey award winner, **Katie Hackedorn**. This award is given each year to an active who has demonstrated leadership, passion and dedication to not only the Houston League, but also to other organizations, friends and family. Katie has dedicated herself for more than a decade to JLH and has defined what it means to be a servant leader offering encouragement and inspiration to those around her even serving as a mentor to the new wave of League volunteers. All the while, she is a successful small business owner.

Of course, the League would not be able to offer leadership programs like our Leadership Institute Training or give back so generously of volunteer time and money to the Houston community without the support of our advertisers, individual donors and of course our Community Partners. Sewell Automotive Companies, the Hamman Foundation and The Woman's Hospital of Texas have partnered with the League for many years believing in our mission and supporting our outreach efforts. The League is thrilled to welcome CCRM Fertility Houston and Memorial Hermann as new Community Partners this year. And, of course, the League appreciates the long-standing relationship and unwavering dedication that Texas Children's Hospital, our Premiere Community Partner, has shown for our members and the Houston community.

Thanks to the support of all our donors, the League was able to raise more than \$770,000 for our Community Program at our annual Charity Ball, Fire & Ice Ball. It was a well-orchestrated and exciting event led completely by volunteers. Thank you to those that attended – we welcome you back next year!

My sincerest gratitude goes to **Melissa Matsu**, Houston News Editor, for all the hard work that she and the entire News team has put into making this such a beautiful and insightful magazine. I wish you all an amazing summer filled with fun, rest and relaxation.

Sincerely,

**STEPHANIE LOWREY MAGERS**  
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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



“YOU HAVE NOT  
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SOMEONE WHO CAN  
NEVER REPAY YOU.”

– JOHN BUNYAN

Women join and serve the Junior League for different reasons. When I joined the Houston league in 2012, I sought a structured volunteering organization where I could serve in the community. Like so many other members, my path through the League has been unpredictable and not what I planned. My experience in the League has far surpassed what I could have ever expected because the benefits have been reciprocal; not only did I develop my potential as a League member, I was also able to make my mark on the organization. As Admissions Chairman, I was able to encourage prospective members to stretch themselves personally by committing to a life-changing experience as a League member. The following year, I was part of the strategic planning team that studied the League and its policies surrounding admissions and member obligations and ultimately proposed significant changes to better serve our members and the community. This year, I am completing my seventh and final year of active service in the Junior League of Houston with my most challenging role to date, Houston News Editor. As a former science teacher and current high school Dean, writing has never been my strong suit. This placement has pushed and challenged me in ways I could not have imagined, and I am better because of the experience.

Serving in the League has allowed me to volunteer with my sister, Jennifer, who joined the same year I did. Even though our placements have never crossed paths, we now have a mutual love of the League and many shared experiences as members. We have mentored our youngest sister, Allison, who is now an active League member serving in a community placement. As first-generation League members, this has officially become a family affair! Even my husband has served as a volunteer at League events; you may spot him in photos in the Undies for Everyone feature in this issue.

Each placement in the League has allowed me to have an impact on the community and in return has impacted me. As my active League service comes to a close, I reflect on all that it has given me, both personally and professionally. I am now encouraged and better prepared to serve beyond the League, and I have accepted the challenge. I currently serve on the board of a local nonprofit, something I would have not predicted or expected before joining the League. As a member of the Junior League of Houston, I have a better understanding of volunteer and leadership opportunities available in Houston, and I am excited to join other sustainer members who continue to serve the League and the community.

Sincerely,

**MELISSA MIDORI MATSU**  
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EACH YEAR, THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON, INC. PROVIDES COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA THAT DO NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVE VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FROM THE LEAGUE, ALLOWING THE LEAGUE TO EXPAND ITS REACH INTO THE COMMUNITY. LESS COMMONLY KNOWN, COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS OFFER AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LEAGUE FOR AGENCIES THAT ASPIRE TO BECOME ONE OF THE LEAGUE'S COMMUNITY PROJECTS. ONE SUCH ORGANIZATION, CAMP FOR ALL, RECEIVED A 2017 – 2018 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR ITS CAMP FOR ALL 2U PROGRAM AND WILL DEBUT AS A LEAGUE COMMUNITY PROJECT IN THE UPCOMING 2019 – 2020 LEAGUE YEAR.

# CAMP FOR ALL 2U:

FROM 2017 – 2018 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT  
RECIPIENT TO 2019 – 2020 COMMUNITY PROJECT

by Sarah Davidson



## THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

The Community Assistance Committee evaluates grant applications and makes funding recommendations for consideration to the League's Community Council and Board of Directors. Specifically, the Community Assistance Committee looks for requests that address a critical or basic need, fund a pilot program and/or expand a significant service to the community. The five focus areas for the 2018 – 2019 Community Assistance Grants are: the abuse/neglect of children, basic needs, children's education, children's health care and women's health care. These five focus areas tie to the priorities of the League membership as expressed in the League's 2015 *Membership Survey*.

Each year, the Community Assistance Committee receives applications from dozens of Houston-area nonprofit agencies. The Community Assistance Committee individually evaluates the applications to understand each agency and its mission, how they meet the criteria of the five focus areas and to review the agencies' financial statements and tax filings. From the initial group of applicants, the Community Assistance Committee then selects approximately 10 to 15 agencies for site visits. **Amanda Jeffus**, Community Assistance Committee Member, shared factors that she considered when attending site visits: "The committee looks for agencies that are well thought-out and resource-conscious. We enjoy touring the agencies to meet the grant requestors, agency staff and potential clients, gaining a sense of how League funds could be utilized to realize the agencies' goals." After all site visits are completed, the committee recommends a final list of recipient agencies to Community Council and the Board of Directors to receive Community Assistance funding.

## CAMP FOR ALL APPLIES FOR A COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT

One of the Community Assistance Grant applicants for the 2017 – 2018 League year was Camp For All. Camp For All 2U is a program of Camp For All, a barrier-free camp in central and south Texas serving children, youth and adults with serious illnesses and special needs. The Camp For All 2U program emulates the camp experience by modifying activities to deliver them in a hospital setting to critically ill or special needs children and their siblings.

**Pat Sorrells**, President and CEO of Camp For All and League sustainer, explained how the Camp For All 2U program prepared its application for Community Assistance Grant funding: "We first looked at the League's guidelines and determined that Camp For All 2U was a good match with the children's health care focus area. Next, we selected Texas Children's Hospital as a site visit venue where the Community Assistance Committee would have the opportunity to see Camp For All 2U in action with real patients." Pat also shared the most important message that Camp For All 2U hoped to communicate to the Community Assistance Committee on the site visit: "Camp For All 2U is a worthwhile investment of League funds because we help children realize what they can do rather than what they cannot do."

## CAMP FOR ALL IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT

Camp For All's application for Community Assistance funds was successful, and the organization was awarded \$15,000 by the League for the Camp For All 2U program. **Lindsay Gallmore**, Camp For All 2U Program Supervisor, credits the Community Assistance funds for helping Camp For All 2U to grow and expand its volunteer pool: "The League's Community Assistance funds helped to facilitate a greater understanding and awareness of Camp For All 2U in the greater Houston community. As a result, we saw an increase in campers and volunteers," she said.

## CAMP FOR ALL APPLIES AS A LEAGUE COMMUNITY PROJECT

Pat Sorrells recognized Camp For All 2U's growth as an opportunity for the agency. She submitted a 2018 – 2019 Community Project Application for the Camp For All 2U program to the Community Initiatives Committee, which annually researches new volunteer opportunities from outside agencies. Pat shared why Camp For All 2U would benefit from becoming a League project: "As the Greater Houston Area continues to grow, the special needs population continues to grow, Camp For All 2U needs to be in the forefront in people understanding the value and importance of what we do and participating as a League Community Project could help us do that," she said.

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Pat pointed to the League's reputation for supplying outstanding volunteers: "The League develops really good volunteers: they arrive on time, they understand their jobs and they interact energetically and positively with our patients. League volunteers make sure that, at the end of the day, they have made a difference," she said.

## CAMP FOR ALL IS SELECTED AS A LEAGUE COMMUNITY PROJECT

To research Camp For All as a potential League community project and Camp For All 2U as the placement, the Community Initiatives Committee visited the agency onsite at Memorial Hermann – Texas Medical Center. Throughout the site visit, the Community Initiatives Committee had the opportunity to see directly how Camp For All 2U works. **Amanda Gyeszly**, Community Initiatives Chairman, shared one of the reasons that she considered Camp For All 2U well-suited to be a League community placement: "Camp For All 2U offers League volunteers direct contact working in an area that is important to the League: children's health care," she noted.

Amanda also notes Camp For All 2U's historical involvement with the League as a helpful factor for its application as a community project: "When you look at what works for agencies to become a successful League community project and placement, often past involvement with the League is beneficial. The agency learns how the League operates and vice versa," she said. "Camp For All hosted League Done In A Day volunteers two years ago when Camp For All 2U was held at Bo's Place. The feedback we received in surveys from the League volunteers was fantastic. This showed the

Community Initiatives Committee that Camp For All 2U had the potential to be an impactful, successful League community placement," she said. As a result of the site visit, the Community Initiatives Committee recommended Camp For All to the League's Community Council and Board of Directors as a 2019 – 2020 community project.

## LEAGUE MEMBERS: SELECT CAMP FOR ALL 2U AS YOUR PLACEMENT

Camp For All 2U would like to encourage active League members to consider their agency when selecting their future placement. In this placement, League volunteers will assist Camp For All 2U staff members delivering on-site, modified camping activities at various Houston-area hospitals to critically ill or special needs children and their siblings. One unique attribute of the Camp For All 2U placement is its summer concentrated sessions where League volunteers choose from five full weeks of volunteer opportunities to work eight full days or 16 morning shifts.

Lindsay Gallmore offered a summary of the adventurous activities that League volunteers can expect from the Camp For All 2U placement: "League volunteers can push canoes on rollers down the halls of Houston hospitals' children's wards, lead the kids in tea parties, and help the kids throw pies in the faces of their favorite nurses and doctors," she said.

Pat further encourages potential League volunteers who may lack a background in health care: "League volunteers do not attend to the patients' health challenges," she shared. "The League volunteers' role is simply to facilitate an amazing camp experience for these deserving kids." **JL**

# 2018 OUTSTANDING SERVICE ORGANIZATION AWARD



## THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON, INC.

WAS THE PROUD RECIPIENT OF THE 2018 NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY OUTSTANDING SERVICE ORGANIZATION AWARD PRESENTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS – GREATER HOUSTON CHAPTER.

**NOVEMBER 15** is National Philanthropy Day, and every year around that date, the Association of Fundraising Professionals – Greater Houston Chapter hosts a luncheon honoring various businesses, nonprofit organizations and individuals for their philanthropical impact in the Houston community. The 2018 luncheon was held on November 15 at the Hilton Americas – Houston.

## THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON RECEIVED THE 2018 OUTSTANDING SERVICE ORGANIZATION AWARD BASED UPON:

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- Description of the impact of the organization's support on the local community;
- Evidence of membership volunteerism in support of the nonprofit community; and
- Evidence of encouragement and motivation given to others to take a leadership role toward philanthropy and community involvement.

The League last won this award in 1998 and is eligible to be nominated again in 10 years. Also honored at the luncheon were active League member **Kristen Schlatre**, CFRE, who won the M. Anne Murphy Award for Professional Advancement, and sustainer member **Phoebe Tudor**, who along with her husband, Bobby, won the Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy. **JL**



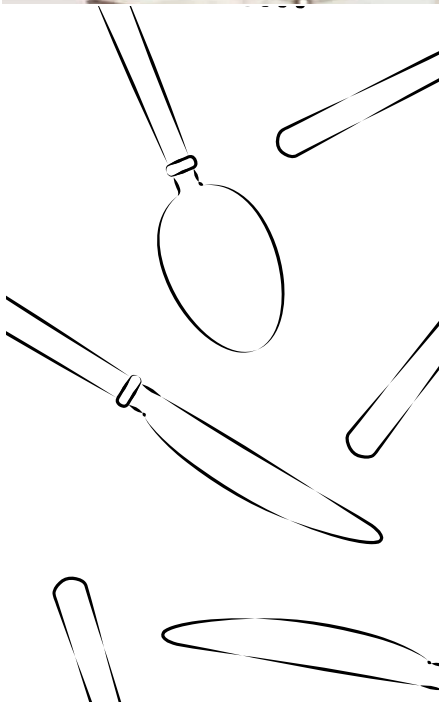
# MAKING AN IMPACT ONE BITE AT A TIME

by Ann Woods

**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON** building serves as a home to provisional, active and sustainer members, as well as a place of comfort for the community agencies where the League provides volunteers. The ability to host a variety of community activities and events is one of the many reasons the Junior League of Houston is so special.

The League recently hosted the seventh-grade girls for the Chinquapin Preparatory School's annual Etiquette Dinner. Junior League volunteers serve as mentors to the girls at Chinquapin Preparatory School and communicate through written correspondence and a book club. They also have lunch on campus with the students several times throughout the year, but the highlight for volunteers and students alike is coming to the Tea Room for an etiquette dinner.

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Another wonderful event featuring collaboration between the Tea Room and the Community Program is Kids in the Kitchen. In February, the Junior League hosted students from Energized for Excellence Academy – a charter school in southwest Houston serving predominantly low-income families. Kids in the Kitchen is designed to teach children about healthy living and eating. The fifth graders designed their own chef's hat, partook in a yoga class, mastered their table setting skills, including proper placement of silverware, and dined in the Tea Room. Each child took home a goody bag filled with the tools needed – including a laminated placemat and water bottle – to continue their healthy lifestyle at home.

The League's Community Outreach Events Committee also hosted high school aged students from Community Family Centers and The Woods Project at the Polite Bite. Volunteers gave a tour of the building and hosted a three-course dinner in the Tea Room so students could enhance their table etiquette and social skills such as introducing themselves, shaking hands, excusing themselves from the table and much more. At the end of the event, thank you notes were written and everyone went home with their own set of personalized thank you notes. **JL**

**THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE AMAZING EXAMPLES OF HOW THE TEA ROOM AND COMMUNITY PROGRAM GO HAND-IN-HAND.**

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THE LEAGUE'S INAUGURAL FOCUS AREA EVENT:

# UNDIES FOR EVERYONE

by Allyson Lambert

"I BELIEVE WE ARE HERE TO REPAIR THE WORLD." – RABBI AMY WEISS

"I never gave a second thought about the availability of clean underwear until I met Rabbi Amy," said Megan Ryan, Focus Area Chairman. And for many that is true, but during this past year, members of the Junior League of Houston learned of an unmet need in the community and how the passion of one woman turned into an organization that is stepping up to meet that need.

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IN THE SPIRIT OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT AND LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF LEAGUE MEMBERS, THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON RECENTLY HELD ITS INAUGURAL FOCUS AREA EVENT. THE GOAL OF THE EVENT WAS TO ALLOW ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS – PROVISIONAL, ACTIVE, TRANSFER AND SUSTAINER – TO UNITE IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE GREATER HOUSTON COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE ONE ORGANIZATION WITH THE FULL IMPACT OF THE LEAGUE.





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**THE** Focus Area Event came from the direction the Strategic Planning Committee gave in the 2016 – 2017 *Community Structure Study* to have the then-named Impact Area Chairman (now Focus Area Chairman) coordinate at least one optional, League-wide activity or initiative that aligns with the membership-selected focus areas. Under the direction of Katherine Lacey, 2017 – 2018 Impact Area Chairman, the research and initial planning of the event commenced in 2017.

For Megan Ryan, her League experiences are coming full circle. She recalls meeting Rabbi Amy Weiss in the fall of 2013 during site visits with the Community Assistance Committee. “I was inspired by the work of a dynamic, one-woman force in her small office.” During the League’s 2013 – 2014 year, the League awarded Undies for Everyone the funds to purchase barrels to expand the collection of new children’s underwear in organizations and businesses. Through the Done In A Day community project, Undies for Everyone was introduced to League volunteers who have helped to sort, count and package the underwear. A few years later, Undies for Everyone applied and was selected to be the recipient organization of the League’s inaugural Focus Area Event during the 2018 – 2019 year.

Rabbi Amy Weiss, Founder and Executive Director of Undies for Everyone, is a philanthropist who believes “we are here to repair the world.” She started her work in 2008 when a social worker expressed to her the need that disadvantaged children had for underwear. As a blogger for the *Houston Chronicle* at the time, Rabbi Weiss wrote a post calling for children’s underwear donations. Due to the overwhelming response from readers, the nonprofit organization was born.

With the overarching belief that every person deserves the basic dignity of clean underwear, Undies for Everyone focuses on three programs to distribute underwear to children in need. Shelia Coleman, a Houston Independent School District school nurse noted, “Each new school year, we have students who barely have enough clothes to come to school five days in a row. Their parents struggle to provide food, clothing and shelter on minimum wages and usually only one income.” With the Undies for Everyone Back to School Distribution, disadvantaged elementary and middle school students and their families attend an Undies for Everyone partner event where each child receives a bag with five pairs of new children’s underwear. Children are excited to receive the bags of new underwear with fun character prints, and parents and caregivers are grateful for essential items that

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sometimes gets overlooked. One of the largest partner events in Houston is the annual City of Houston Mayor's Back 2 School Fest. Undies for Everyone also works with the Houston Food Bank's Backpack Buddies program, BEAR... BE A Resource for CPS Kids (BEAR) and the Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC) to reach children in need.

The second program is the School Nurses Emergency Distribution which currently serves Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio providing school nurses a "spare pair" when a student has an accident. The program gets the student back to learning in the classroom quickly and with dignity. Each school nurse participating school orders a customized set of 150 pairs of underwear. In 2018, the School Nurses Emergency Distribution program alone distributed 106,350 pairs of underwear to 709 area elementary and middle schools in 15 school districts within the Greater Houston Area. Another 25,650 pairs were distributed to 171 nurses in the Dallas Independent School District.

Undies for Everyone also is engaged in supporting disaster relief by providing underwear to those affected by natural disasters in the United States. During 2018, Undies for Everyone sent 350,000 pairs of new underwear to individuals – children and adults – impacted by hurricanes in the United States, including Puerto Rico, as well as to locations in California impacted by wildfires.

Undies for Everyone started out one person strong, serving the city of Houston. Today, the nonprofit has seven employees serving four cities –

Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio – and plans further expansion in the future.

Megan Ryan, describing the Focus Area Event, noted that, "This year the League has committed \$10,000 and multiple volunteer shifts to support Undies for Everyone. The League's financial contribution translates to 10,000 pairs of underwear for children in need."

During the month of October 2018, the League kicked off the Focus Area Event with a children's underwear drive. The League collected over 4,000 pairs of children's underwear from League members, Tea Room patron members and friends.

"We have seen excitement build for this Focus Area Event with Undies for Everyone," said Alicia Lee, Community Vice President. "Members are able to see and feel the impact the Junior League of Houston makes when we all come together for a common goal."

The Focus Area Event was held over a four-day weekend in January, where League volunteers kicked off the Undies for Everyone 2019 Back to School program by sorting brand new packages of children's underwear, in two-hour shifts. A total of 155 volunteers served 310 volunteer hours by unpacking and sorting 130,736 pairs of underwear. One shift over the weekend was designated as Family Philanthropy Day, where members volunteered alongside their "Minor Leaguers," ages four and up. Undies for Everyone staff enthusiastically engaged with all children volunteers by

facilitating a philanthropy curriculum module to further instill the value of sharing one's resources to serve others in the community.

While Undies for Everyone became a nonprofit in 2012, its outreach exploded after Hurricane Harvey. Underwear, this forgotten piece of clothing, poured in from all over the world to help those who lost everything in Hurricane Harvey's flood waters. Today, Undies for Everyone is the only organization in the nation that is designed to enhance the self-esteem, dignity, hygiene and success of disadvantaged students through the distribution of underwear.

So, how does it work? Undies for Everyone has partnerships with four underwear manufacturing companies to purchase underwear. Last year, 98 percent of underwear distributed by Undies for Everyone was purchased, and two percent came from donations and underwear drives that organizations held for Undies for Everyone.

If you would like to get involved with Undies for Everyone, you can help their mission by volunteering, holding a children's underwear drive or by donating children's underwear. Undies for Everyone accepts new underwear in girl sizes four through 16 and boy sizes extra-small through extra-large. Learn more about Undies for Everyone through their quarterly newsletter or by attending one of Rabbi Amy's speaking engagements.

"Someone else thought of the need to collect and distribute underwear to disadvantaged students. I just did something about it," said Rabbi Amy. "You can turn any idea into something that helps people." **JL**

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In addition to the 2018 – 2019 Community Partners presented in the *Winter 2018 Houston News*, the League is now pleased to present CCRM Fertility Houston, Memorial Hermann Health System and The Woman's Hospital of Texas.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

PART TWO: CCRM FERTILITY HOUSTON,  
MEMORIAL HERMANN HEALTH SYSTEM AND  
THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL OF TEXAS

by Sarah Davidson



## CCRM FERTILITY HOUSTON

## CCRM FERTILITY HOUSTON,

formerly Houston IVF, offers its patients a fast path to a healthy baby. As a national pioneer in fertility science and research, CCRM offers access to a cross-country network of award-winning physicians, a full suite of fertility services, innovative technology and cutting-edge labs. Centralized medical suites enable CCRM to provide continuous, on-site care for patients from the initial consultation to egg retrieval and embryo transfer with no hospital visits necessary. CCRM's patient-focused, individualized care yields impressive results: on average, CCRM patients become pregnant after 1.2 in vitro fertilization (IVF) cycles versus the national average at 1.6 IVF cycles.



"CCRM Fertility Houston is thrilled to partner with the Junior League of Houston. As providers of health care focused on women's health and helping families grow, we are excited to work together with the Junior League to bring to life our shared vision of empowering women and building a healthier, stronger community," said Rashmi Kudesia, MD, CCRM Fertility Houston Director of Patient Education and Sugar Land Site Director.

On Tuesday, February 5, 2019, CCRM hosted a group meeting for League members entitled, "Maximize Your Fertility: Scientific and Natural Approaches to Managing your Reproductive Health." Drs. Timothy Hickman and Rashmi Kudesia discussed technological advancements in fertility treatment and IVF, and a holistic approach to maintaining fertility and achieving healthy pregnancies. Topics of discussion included reproductive health, fertility testing, egg and embryo freezing, and mind-body approaches to fertility and pregnancy.



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## MEMORIAL HERMANN HEALTH SYSTEM



## MEMORIAL HERMANN

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Memorial Hermann's many facilities are conveniently located throughout the Greater Houston Area. The Texas Medical Center location is one of the nation's busiest Level I trauma centers and is the primary teaching hospital for the McGovern Medical School at UTHealth. Memorial Hermann's 5,500 affiliated physicians and 26,000 employees practice evidence-based medicine with a relentless focus on quality and patient safety, which continually results in national awards and recognitions.

Memorial Hermann offers leading-edge diagnostic technologies and treatment techniques, as well as Houston's first health information exchange that shares vital patient data among care providers, helping to ensure that patients receive the right care at the right time. Additionally, Memorial Hermann sponsors hundreds of community events, classes and support groups dedicated to providing current, reliable health information. These workshops are provided on a variety of topics such as staying fit, learning how to cook more healthily and receiving guidance for the healing process. Memorial Hermann has proudly served the Greater Houston Area for more than 105 years and contributes \$451 million annually to bettering the community through its school-based health centers and other programs.



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- The area's only March of Dimes NICU Family Support program.

The Woman's Hospital offers expertise and an outstanding level of care in breast health, imaging, gynecology, minimally invasive surgery, infertility, obstetrics, high-risk pregnancy, NICU (neonatal intensive care) and pediatrics. The Woman's Hospital delivers over 800 babies a month and hosts more multiple births than any other hospital in the region. These numbers represent the trusting relationships that The Woman's Hospital has built with generations of Houston area women and families. **JL**



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# COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT RECIPIENTS

EACH YEAR, THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON, INC. PROVIDES COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO WORTHWHILE ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO NOT RECEIVE ONGOING VOLUNTEER SUPPORT OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE LEAGUE'S COMMUNITY PROJECTS. THE LEAGUE'S COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE REVIEWS THE GRANT REQUESTS BASED ON THEIR ALIGNMENT WITH MEMBER-DETERMINED IMPACT AREAS AND CONDUCTS SITE VISITS BEFORE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING. WHEN SELECTING RECIPIENTS, THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS WHETHER AN AGENCY REQUEST WOULD ADDRESS A CRITICAL OR BASIC NEED, FUND A PILOT PROJECT OR EXPAND A SIGNIFICANT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

For 2018 – 2019, the League awarded \$150,000 in Community Assistance Grants to the following agencies. These agencies were honored at a check presentation and reception on Monday, January 28, 2019.

## MANY THANKS FOR THE DILIGENT AND THOUGHTFUL EFFORTS OF THE 2018 – 2019 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE:

MELISSE REYNOLDS, CHAIRMAN  
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### BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals and resources to provide weekend food for school-aged children in Houston who might otherwise go hungry while away from school meal programs. League funds will support 300 students with weekend food at Foerster, Grissom and Windsor Village elementary schools for the 2019 spring and fall semesters.

### CANDLELIGHTERS CHILDHOOD CANCER FAMILY ALLIANCE

Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Family Alliance provides emotional, educational and practical support to families of children with cancer. League funds will provide resources for expansion of the Parent Consultant Program at Texas Children's Hospital Main and West Campuses. Funds will also create the Candlelighters' Corner at Texas Children's Hospital West Campus, a designated area which consists of a play area with games and activity books, as well as educational and reference materials.



### CHILDREN 4 TOMORROW

Children 4 Tomorrow creates a professional collaborative atmosphere of community awareness and nurturing support for children to thrive and grow in a mentally and emotionally healthy environment. League funds will provide an overhead projector and associated supplies in support of the curriculum's pilot program, LEAP Jr., a course designed to help approximately 150 indigent children learn resilience for coping with the trauma and in emotional crisis surrounding divorce and/or custody cases of their parents.

### CHILDREN'S LITERACY INITIATIVE

Children's Literacy Initiative works with pre-kindergarten through third grade educators to improve instruction so that children can become powerful readers, writers and thinkers. League funds will provide expert coaching and training to educators with low-income students in eight Houston Independent School District Title I elementary schools, as well as provide high-quality classroom materials, including carpets, racks and books.





### EPIPHANY COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH SERVICES, INC. (ECHOS)

ECHOS connects people in need with health, social and educational resources that can improve their lives. Food insecurity is a critical issue for ECHOS clients. League funds will provide a commercial freezer, allowing ECHOS to provide more nutritious, well-rounded meals, as well as support the purchase of both frozen and non-perishable food as the organization responds to the increased needs of their clients.



### FREE THE CAPTIVES

Free the Captives is an anti-human trafficking nonprofit that fights the exploitation and trafficking of Houston's youth. League funds will support the Free the Captives summer job program which allows girls ages 12 – 14 to learn important job-related and financial planning skills, such as resume writing and budgeting.



### THE JUNG CENTER OF HOUSTON

The Jung Center helps people navigate life's challenges and transitions in healthy ways. The Jung Center helps create strong families and communities through educational classes onsite and online, as well as in outreach programs serving those in need of mental health support. League funds will fund an after-school art program with classes in stress management and creative expression for at-risk children in Houston's Third Ward.



### NORTHWEST ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) is a nonprofit, community-based, multi-program social service agency that strives to meet basic human needs through neighbors helping neighbors. League funds will provide financial support for transportation services which are vital for NAM's clients to find a job, to remain employed, to seek medical services for themselves or their children, to access food or to flee domestic violence. League funds also provide supplemental liquid nutrition for 25 medically frail homebound seniors in the Meals on Wheels program.



### SICKLE CELL ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS MARC THOMAS FOUNDATION

Sickle Cell Association of Texas Marc Thomas Foundation educates, supports and improves the quality of life for adults and families affected by sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait. League funding will support 20 Houston area campers attending Camp Cell-A-Bration, a specialized week-long camp for children ages six – 14 living with sickle cell disease that takes place at Camp For All.



### THE WOODS PROJECT

The Woods Project provides underserved high school students from Houston with transformative, experiential outdoor learning opportunities that allow them to develop life and leadership skills and behaviors needed for success. League funds will allow 47 volunteers to receive wilderness and first aid training to support the overall health, safety and well-being of students, and acquire gear including tents, sleeping bags and hiking books to be used by the students participating in the program. **JL**

# THE NEW SUPERKIDS PEDIATRIC MOBILE CLINIC

THE LEAGUE'S CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THOSE IN NEED

by Courtney Durham



## COMMON SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH THE SUPERKIDS PEDIATRIC MOBILE CLINIC INCLUDE:

- Examinations for sick children
- Vaccinations and immunizations
- Non-emergency care
- Well-child, school and sports physicals
- Health care and nutrition education for children and families
- Assistance applying for public health insurance and other resources, such as Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) and Harris Health eligibility cards
- Referrals to medical and social services
- Referrals to permanent and trusted medical homes

Nearly 20 years ago, the Junior League of Houston recognized a critical need to improve pediatric health care for economically disadvantaged children in the Greater Houston Area. After researching and identifying several obstacles faced by families, including transportation, language and education, the League noted existing programs which addressed these obstacles individually but could not find an initiative that addressed all of these collectively.

**IN 2000**, in celebration of the Junior League of Houston's 75th anniversary, a \$1 million gift from the League launched the

Texas Children's Hospital SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic Program, a collaborative effort with Texas Children's Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston Independent School District, the City of Houston and the Harris Health System. The Junior League purchased and equipped the SuperKids mobile unit and paid for its operation fully for the first three years. Texas Children's Hospital now holds title to the SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic and provides medical staffing, while the Junior League is a partner providing financial support. The SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic is one of the most well-known Junior League community collaborations.

Over the years, the Junior League of Houston has continued to support the operation of the SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic Program. When the Mobile Clinic first began, League members volunteered on the SuperKids vehicle, taught health curriculum and attended special events, such as parent meetings, to promote healthy lifestyles and usage of the clinic. In 2002, League members expanded their health care service involvement by serving as Immunization Registry volunteers, where they input records of children's immunizations performed at the Mobile Clinic into the Texas Children's Hospital immunization database to assist with backlogged data. By 2016, the efficiency of League volunteers helped the Mobile Clinic become up-to-date with immunizations records, thereby eliminating the need for volunteers to serve in this role.

In celebration of the League's 90th anniversary, the League initiated funds to support a certified community health worker to serve as a liaison and cultural mediator for families served by the mobile clinic. This health care professional provides patient education, patient navigation and social support, and assistance in completing applications for health insurance and other available resources.

The SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic was initially staffed with only a pediatrician, nurse and social worker from Texas Children's Hospital and

Baylor College of Medicine, along with 13 League volunteers. Today, the clinic is staffed by three pediatricians, two nurse practitioners and the community health worker. **Dr. Sanghamitra M. Misra**, Medical Director of the Texas Children's Mobile Clinic Program, shared, "Approximately 78,000 patients have been seen since the beginning of the program, and in 2018, the SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic served the highest number of patients ever seen in a single year, with 5,241 patients served."

The average lifespan of a mobile clinic is 10 years, and the current SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic is in its 11th year. As of June 2017, the unit has needed constant repairs to keep it operational, including repeated repairs to its generators and air conditioners. The continuous maintenance issues have prevented the unit from consistently serving patients in the community. Obtaining a new vehicle would allow the SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic to run on a normal schedule, and it is believed it would enable the staff to reach an additional 350 to 400 patients.

In November 2017, **Sarah Snyder**, 2017 – 2018 League President, **Courtney Hoyt**, 2017 – 2018 Community Vice President and **Melisse Reynolds**, 2017 – 2018 Financial Vice President, met with members of the Texas Children's Hospital team to discuss the opportunity for the League to support a new SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic. In February 2018, the Junior League agreed to a three-year pledge of funds to Texas Children's Hospital to purchase a brand new, state-of-the-art SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic to replace the current aging clinic and to continue providing much needed primary care to underserved children. The new mobile clinic will remain operational day and night, on weekdays and weekends, giving out free immunizations and comprehensive medical care.

Currently, Texas Children's Hospital is in the process of procuring the new vehicle with the hope to begin serving communities in the fall of 2019. As the League is the sole underwriter of the new mobile clinic, the Junior League of Houston's logo will be prominently displayed alongside the Texas Children's Hospital logo. League President **Stephanie Magers** shared, "It is exciting to work alongside Texas Children's Hospital and be a part of the hands-on design process of the mobile clinic's external wrapping." An unveiling of the new SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic will take place at the Junior League of Houston, and League members will have the opportunity to meet mobile clinic staff and tour the new unit.

Dr. Misra is a passionate advocate for the SuperKids Mobile Clinic Program, promoting all that it provides for the community: "The SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic is special because it allows the staff the opportunity to make each patient it serves feel special," she said. "The new, updated mobile clinic will provide families with the same dignity and care as if they had directly walked into Texas Children's Hospital, and we are very grateful for all of the League's continued contributions with Texas Children's Hospital." **JL**





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Thank you for donating to Chiniquin and making my chances of me coming here possible. Without people like you I would have never learned all the things that I have. I learned about Sequoyah and the Cherokee alphabets in ELA, the Mayan empire in History, how to conduct a science experiment in Science, how to multiply fractions in Math, how to build go friendships in Skills, how to play dodgeball during PE and how to draw blind contour during Art. Thank you. Happy Holidays.

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- A teenage girl came to shop and told her volunteer that she hopes to go to Rice University for college. She later learned that another volunteer shopped over a Rice student. She was thrilled, and we found out later in the morning that she is already being looked at for a Rice basketball scholarship!

These wonderful stories happened because of donations like yours.

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Stephanie Magers  
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Mark Brown



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October 3, 2018

Courtesy Hoyt  
The Junior League of Houston  
1811 Briar Oaks Lane  
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Dear Ms. Hoyt,

Covenant House Texas is truly grateful for our partnership with The Junior League of Houston. Because of the emergency assistance provided by The Junior League of Houston, homeless young people impacted by Hurricane Harvey received immediate safety and began their journey towards independence.

I am especially grateful for the \$5,000 gift. The Junior League of Houston generously contributed towards Hurricane Harvey relief efforts last October. Enclosed is a full report detailing the impact that your gift has made in the lives of homeless young people in our community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (713) 620-5629 or lbh@lhouston.org. Samantha Costa, Grant Development Officer, is also available at scosta@lhouston.org.

Once again, thank you to The Junior League of Houston for your generosity and support!

Sincerely,

Letitia Bernal  
Executive Director

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April 16, 2019

Ms. Courtney H. Hoyt  
The Junior League of Houston, Inc.  
1811 Briar Oaks Ln.  
Houston, TX 77027

Dear Ms. Hoyt:

First, let me just say, thank you! The Junior League of Houston, Inc.'s recent donation of \$11,000.00 supporting the Houston Food Bank means that you understand just how important it is for everyone to have reliable access to healthy food.

Right now, your generous donation is helping children like Carolina, a fourth-grader at a local elementary school. She is excited about upcoming summer vacation but is anxious about having enough food for her and her siblings at home, especially once school is out and meals become limited. She is thankful for the nutritious food she receives from Houston Food Bank. "My family doesn't always have enough food. Now we have meals when we're hungry."

Donors like you help ensure that your neighbors in need can put healthy food on their tables throughout the year. On behalf of the staff of Houston Food Bank, our Board of Directors, and thousands of children like Carolina, thank you for your willingness to share your resources with those in need.

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June 5, 2018

Ms. Alicia Lee  
Community Vice President  
The Junior League of Houston, Inc.  
1811 Briar Oaks Ln  
Houston, TX 77027-3485

Dear Ms. Lee,

On behalf of Small Steps Nurturing Center, thank you for the generous gift of \$3,000.00 from The Junior League of Houston, Inc. toward purchasing a new dishwasher for our DePelchin campus kitchen. Your contribution will help Small Steps provide breakfast, lunch, and snacks for economically at-risk children through our exemplary early childhood education program.

Children need stimulating learning environments for brain development in these critical early years, and Small Steps provides access to a high-quality early childhood education for low-income children at no financial cost to their families. By partnering with parents through education and support, Small Steps works to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

Because of you, Small Steps is making a lasting impact in the lives of our students and families. Thank you again for supporting Small Steps in this important way.

Sincerely,

Ana Schick  
Ana Schick  
Executive Director

cc: Courtney Hoyt

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April 22, 2019

Ms. Courtney Hurst Hoyt  
Community Vice President  
Junior League of Houston, Inc.  
1811 Briar Oaks Lane  
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Dear Ms. Hurst Hoyt:

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# GROUP MEETINGS

by Mary Itz

TRAINING IS AT THE FOUNDATION OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON'S MISSION. WITH APPROXIMATELY 1,500 ACTIVE AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERS, THE LEAGUE IS COMMITTED TO TRAINING LEADERS, DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL OF WOMEN, PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND CREATING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS.



Active members commit to extensive training through their annual volunteer placement and membership obligations, such as general and group meeting attendance. Beginning in the late seventies, group meetings served as an alternative to general meetings, allowing members greater flexibility in meeting their membership obligations. In 2007 – 2008, the League discontinued scheduling group meetings only in November and March, months when a general meeting was not held, and implemented year-round group meetings.

With approximately 50 group meeting opportunities available each year, these meetings offer a diverse array of topics and are designed to enhance the skills of the membership to become effective volunteers and leaders, to promote the functioning of the League and to improve members' knowledge of critical community issues.



**TO BE EFFECTIVE LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY, INDIVIDUALS MUST SEEK BOTH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS AN UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY.**

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

This year, group meetings were organized not only for members to visit an agency and learn about one of the League's 36 community projects, but also as volunteer opportunities where friends and family were welcome to attend. In September, volunteers sorted medical supplies and prepared shipments for those in need at Project C.U.R.E., the largest provider of donated medical supplies and equipment in developing countries around the world. In December, volunteers learned about services offered by BEAR...BE A Resources for CPS Kids from Tammy Hetmaniak, BEAR's Executive Director, before assisting in the annual BEARing Gifts program by receiving and sorting gift deliveries and shopping for gifts for children in the foster care system. These friends and family volunteer shifts not only introduced the League's community projects to the membership, but also served as a way to share the League's work with those close to members. Family and friends volunteer shifts were also held at the Houston Food Bank and Books Between Kids.



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Dr. Elisabeth Netherton, Group Meetings Coordinator, said, "the goal for this year's group meetings was to provide education about important issues facing our community and how other organizations outside of the Junior League are working to address those issues. Our hope was that this year's group meetings would increase awareness about outside organizations that are unique Houston resources, are influential in our community, and are addressing issues that the League is not currently focusing

on or about which our membership might benefit from additional information."

As a Houston-trained physician, Netherton chose group meeting topics to showcase different aspects of the health system. To recognize January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the League held two group meetings highlighting this topic. At one of these meetings, Dr. Mollie Gordon spoke about her work at Baylor College of Medicine's Anti-Human Trafficking Program, which is a unique Houston resource influencing the way hundreds of medical professionals help survivors of human trafficking.

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A 2016 study conducted by the Institute on Domestic and Sexual Violence at The University of Texas at Austin estimated 313,000 reported labor trafficking and minor sex trafficking cases in Texas alone. Given Houston's status as a major hub of human trafficking, Houston-area hospital providers are likely to encounter victims of sex trafficking and labor trafficking in the course of primary, specialty or emergency care of patients of all ages. Dr. Gordon recognized that health care providers at Houston-area hospitals and clinics are in a unique position to identify human trafficking victims who arrive in need of medical care.

Seeing a need, Dr. Gordon worked on weekends to create a continuing education curriculum for health care professionals. Once completed, she saw that the training was not enough. She worked with others to create a protocol for health care providers to recognize, respond and refer survivors of human trafficking to access needed health care and social services.

Through generous local grant support in the Greater Houston community, Dr. Gordon helped create a pilot program where a social worker and a psychologist fellow assist human trafficking patients by linking them with other programs and resources. In its pilot year, the program had 125 patient referrals and is helping Baylor College of Medicine develop as a medical

clinic with human trafficking expertise. Dr. Gordon hopes to replicate this program and create satellite models in other cities. Her goal is to create a global mental health department with expertise in serving those who have experienced extreme trauma, like survivors of human trafficking.

## ENGAGED MEMBERSHIP

Following Dr. Gordon's discussion, many members stayed after the group meeting to ask questions in order to better understand the community impact of the issue, to learn more about how the issue is influenced by public policy and how individuals can help to find solutions. As Netherton noted, members did the same after other group meetings, in particular after Dr. Christopher Greeley's talk about factors that contribute to risk for child abuse; Dr. Chad Lemaire's discussion about social determinants of health; and Dr. Ruth Buzi's discussion on maternal and infant mortality and the IMPACT Collaborative.

To be effective leaders in the community, individuals must seek both knowledge about issues in the community, as well as an understanding of other organizations currently active in the community. This year's group meetings have delivered and helped the membership stay engaged. **JL**



## WAYS YOU CAN HELP VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Educate yourself: Polaris Project – <https://polarisproject.org/human-trafficking-myths-and-facts>
- Bring an educator to your church or school: Contact United Against Trafficking – <https://uaht.org/>
- Volunteer: Contact Jennifer Hohman at Houston Area Against Trafficking – <https://humantraffickinghouston.org/>

## THE 2016 – 2017 TRAINING AND EDUCATION STUDY SET FORTH CRITERIA FOR GROUP MEETING CREDIT AS FOLLOWS:

- Contribute to or enhance the competencies, skills and/or attributes of an effective volunteer or leader;
- Promote the healthy functioning of the organization, including promoting the understanding and two-way communication within and between categories of membership; or
- Improve knowledge and understanding of our community, with special emphasis given to critical community issues (impact areas).



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# MEMBERS WORKING IN NONPROFITS

by Taylor Thompson

AT THE CORE OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON'S MISSION AND WITHIN THE LEAGUE'S VALUES IS THE CONCEPT OF "TRAINING AND EMPOWERING WOMEN TO BE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE VOLUNTEERS AND LEADERS." THIS VALUE IS EVIDENCED BY THE MANY MEMBERS WHO LIVE THIS PURPOSE THROUGH THEIR CAREERS WITH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, ALL THE WHILE UPHOLDING THEIR JUNIOR LEAGUE COMMITMENTS AND ENGAGING IN OTHER COMMUNITY ENDEAVORS. WHEN RESEARCHING MEMBERS WHO WORK IN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO FEATURE IN THIS ARTICLE, THE *HOUSTON NEWS* STAFF BECAME INUNDATED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE ARE ENOUGH AMAZING STORIES TO FILL THIS ENTIRE EDITION OF *HOUSTON NEWS*, AND THE STAFF IS HONORED TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW OUTSTANDING MEMBERS WHO HAVE APPLIED KNOWLEDGE THEY LEARNED AT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE TO THEIR WORK OUTSIDE THE LEAGUE.



Jolea Payne, a first-year active, started her career in the nonprofit sector 10 years ago after completing her master's degree in public policy. Currently Jolea is working for Girls Inc. of Greater Houston. Their mission is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold, with a focus on ages six to 18. Jolea describes a recent highlight: leading the program team at Girls Inc. during

the inaugural Be BOLD Institute for girls ages 13 to 18 years old. The Institute consists of a two-week summer program held on the campus of Texas Southern University with additional campus tours of other colleges and universities in Texas meant to inspire girls to think beyond high school. Jolea describes the impact of the program as "a rewarding experience to see girls who had not given a second thought to attending a four-year university make the decision to not only attend, but to apply for admission immediately upon return to Houston." Jolea credits her placement experiences at Texas Children's Hospital and Kids' Meals, Inc. with allowing her to better understand the breadth of young people's life experiences and inspires her to maximize her impact with ALL girls while appreciating their different backgrounds.

Seante Johnson is another first-year active. She witnessed her mother's interaction with the homeless community as a child, inspiring her to work in the nonprofit sector. Seante began an internship at Big Brothers



information for children who have never experienced what many take for granted – a birthday party. Seante credits the Junior League with helping develop the networking skills which have been a crucial part of getting Birthday Bash Box up and running.

Big Sisters, which turned into a full-time job after her graduation from college. In March 2018, Seante launched Birthday Bash Box, which provides the supplies for what could be a child's first birthday celebration. Each bash box consists of cake mix, frosting, candles, party supplies and a small, age-appropriate gift. School principals, counselors and social workers supply Seante with the contact



Courtney Reynolds is a third-year active and the Special Programs Manager for Bo's Place, a bereavement center that provides grief support for children, teens and their families. Courtney coordinates family group nights, adult-

only group meetings, special summer programming and the women's retreat. Courtney first interned at Bo's Place while in graduate school and continued to volunteer after graduation and starting her own career. Three years ago, she joined Bo's Place as a full-time staff member, and Courtney credits the Junior League's Leadership Institute Training with fine-tuning and improving her volunteer management skills within this

position. Within the League, Courtney is The Health Museum Chairman. Courtney says of her placement, “To see the girls have fun, learn and also build self-esteem is a wonderful gift.”



**Andrea B. Davidson**, a sustainer, joined the League in 2005. She and her husband, Scott, founded the Chance for Hope Foundation in 2014 to honor the legacy of their son Chance. Diagnosed in 2012 with a form of brain cancer, Chance went into remission twice but relapsed in

September 2013 before passing away the following month at just 13 years of age. The Chance for Hope Foundation helps families battling pediatric cancer by providing free housing while they undergo treatment at the Texas Medical Center. Andrea credits the League with providing her the skill sets she needed to create and manage her own foundation, along with the inspiration that she could make a difference in the community. Of the several roles she held during her 14 years of active membership, her time as Community Vice President was her favorite. “It pushed me to work outside my comfort zone, which allowed me to grow significantly as a leader,” she says.

**Renée Shockley Davis**, a second-generation Junior League of Houston member and sustainer member, has devoted 44 years of service to the Junior League of Houston. Renée was originally employed in the for-profit sector but switched gears 33 years ago. After Junior League placements and regular volunteer work with both the Houston Museum of Natural Science (HMNS) and the Children’s Museum of Houston, Renée began “a very fun 20 years” with the HMNS before eventually moving on to other opportunities. One highlight from her time at HMNS was serving as a courier for the Dead Sea Scrolls. Renée states that the most useful skills she has gained from the Junior League are how to structure a productive meeting, organization skills for large projects, and the importance of being on time, fully present and giving 100 percent.



**Peggy Ratcliffe Roe** is a sustainer member celebrating her 40th anniversary of League membership this year. Peggy has served on several committees during her years with the League. She was a member of the Advisory Planning Committee that created the current council system along with the Community Endowment Fund. She credits her experience with the Community

Endowment Fund as “one of the most powerful fundraising experiences” she has had. Peggy was originally a stay-at-home mom until her children went off to college. Ready for the workforce, she decided to leverage what

she learned as a volunteer and turn it into a profession. Her inspiration was former Junior League of Houston President **Emily Crosswell**, who once said, “If you love something, you will raise money for it.” Peggy’s career has been a mix of consulting and full-time employment for a variety of Houston nonprofits. Currently, she is consulting for The Rose, a breast health clinic that provides access to mammograms for all. Peggy’s career highlight to date came while working as the development director for The Center for Hearing and Speech. She secured a million dollar gift endowment for the center and credits the Junior League with teaching her how to negotiate differing opinions to reach a shared outcome that benefits all parties.



**Mary Beth Staine**, a sustainer who has dedicated 27 years to the Junior League of Houston, served as President from 2003 – 2004 and as the editor of *Houston News* during the League’s 75th anniversary. Mary Beth is an attorney who transitioned into a stay-at-home mom after the birth of her second child, dedicating her time and talents to raising her family. It was during this time that her neighbor, Rhonda Johnson, suggested she join the Junior League. Mary Beth completed her provisional year just before the birth

of her daughter, **Julianne Staine Hickey**, a current provisional member. After Mary Beth’s children grew older, she knew she wanted to return to work. But, rather than return to her previous career, Mary Beth went into the nonprofit sector. She points out, “The League opened up a whole different world for me,” and she “loved learning about internal workings of a nonprofit and learning new things with each League position that [she] took.” Her experience serving on Finance Council, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee inspired her to pursue consulting with a focus on grant writing and strategic planning. Later, following the encouragement and recommendation of several League members, Mary Beth took on the role of Executive Director of The Periwinkle Foundation, an organization which provides camp and art activities for children who are being treated for life-threatening diseases at Texas Children’s Hospital. For the last nine years, Mary Beth has served as Executive Director for Bo’s Place, a bereavement center that provides grief support for children, teens and their families. A highlight of this latest position has been the pairing of Bo’s Place with the Junior League of Houston. League members provide volunteer support to families during Tuesday evening and Sunday afternoon sessions by working in the kitchen and providing other assistance to Bo’s Place staff. In reflecting on the Junior League’s role in her nonprofit career, Mary Beth remarks, “I continue to be amazed that virtually every issue or challenge that I have faced as a nonprofit professional, I have been able to use something learned at the League or have been able to reach out to a connection I have from the League to work through and find an appropriate solution.” **JL**



2019  
SARA HOUSTOUN  
LINDSEY AWARD  
HONORING  
KATIE HACKEDORN

by Allyson Lambert

It may come as no surprise that the Junior League of Houston selected Kathleen “Katie” Hackedorn as the 2019 recipient of the Sara Hustoun Lindsey Award. Katie admits that she was in “total disbelief” to be recognized with this award. “I think it’s important to contribute to your local community any way you can,” Katie says. Volunteering was a family tradition growing up as Katie watched her parents and grandparents volunteer in a variety of ways.



In its 15th year, the Sara Houstoun Lindsey Award was endowed by John H. Lindsey to honor his wife, **Sara Houstoun Lindsey**, 1957 - 1958 Junior League of Houston President. The annual award honors an outstanding active League member with a minimum of five years of service who exemplifies the League's mission within the organization and the community at large. Katie has been involved in the Houston community serving as a volunteer with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for over 10 years, and this award embodies her life both within and outside the League.

League member **Amanda Hanks** nominated Katie for the award. "I have had the immense pleasure of volunteering alongside Katie for the past five years and was immediately struck by her thoughtfulness and awareness of the needs of the Houston community," Amanda says. "She is doing what she loves professionally and is also making an impact in the Houston community," she adds. "It did not take me long to realize that Katie was the epitome of the definition of a League volunteer—something and someone I aspire to be."

Amanda continued, "Katie has donated her time, services and resources to help the causes of many Houston organizations, including The Walk for Children's Awareness, The American Heart Association, The Children's Fund, Children's Museum of Houston, St. Luke's Hospital and Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart." Amanda adds, "Katie continues to help the League in a multitude of ways. Her stationery store, Katie & Co., collected arts and crafts supplies in Hurricane Harvey's aftermath that were given to the League to support the children's area at BakerRipley's shelter at NRG Center."

**Tara Merla Hinton**, Membership Vice President and a member of the Sara Houstoun Lindsey Award selection committee, said that Katie is a "constant supporter of all things Junior League and selecting Katie to be the 2019 award recipient was an honor." Tara also noted that, "With her 14 years of service and multiple noncredit placements, Katie quietly and generously gives back to the community and friends alike. Her heart, compassion and servant attitude are attributes to which every League member should aspire."



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Katie has held a variety of placements within the League including serving as a Kids' Meals volunteer and Tea Room waitress and has assisted as both a transfer mentor and Nominating Committee Member. She has also served in numerous administrative placements including Ad Sales Chairman, Membership Training Chairman, Charity Ball Decorations Chairman, Publishing Chairman and Strategic Planning Study Chairman - Publishing, to name a few.

It is other Junior League members that keep Katie motivated and excited to serve in leadership roles within the League. "Often it is friends who have encouraged me to take on roles, such as Ad Sales Chairman and Publishing Chairman, that I would not have thought I would enjoy or be successful in," says Katie. "You are constantly around people who can inspire you to be better and do better and push yourself."

Katie fondly recalls her time serving as the Charity Ball Decorations Chairman as her favorite Junior League placement. "It was fun to use my creativity applied to my Junior League job." She continues, "Another highlight was participating in the Extreme Home Makeover. It was so rewarding to be involved as part of a team and able to help that sweet family."

Nearly 15 years in the League, Katie has relied on her good friends, including her sister, to help navigate her way through the League. In particular, Katie notes that she "really leaned on **Roni Atnipp's** expertise while doing the Publishing Study on the Strategic Planning Committee last year. Over the years, **Melissa Garlington** has also been a wealth of knowledge and support for me."

Katie, a Texas A&M University graduate, is the owner of Katie & Co., a full-service stationery and gift shop in Houston. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her two nephews, attending Astros games and music concerts, and vacationing in Seguin along the Guadalupe River. **JL**

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# Spring FÊTE

## AND SUSTAINING CLUB SPRING LUNCHEON

by Pat Prior Sorrells

Throughout the year, the Junior League Sustaining Club offers a variety of events, including social gatherings, educational programs and volunteer opportunities that allow members to continue their Junior League involvement well beyond their active years. Sustainer members have participated in volunteer opportunities this year at Project C.U.R.E. and Undies for Everyone. In addition, the Sustaining Club hosted several gatherings this spring in celebration of old and new friendships.

### SPRING FÊTE

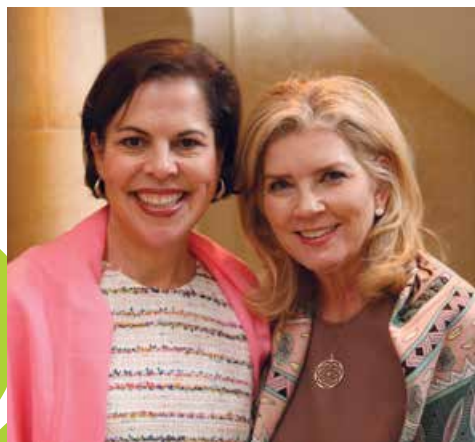
The Junior League of Houston Sustaining Club members enjoyed food and fellowship at the Spring Fête on Thursday, February 21, 2019. **Joni Hruska Fichter**, 2017 – 2018 Sustaining Club President, hosted the popular event in her lovely home. The festivities were co-chaired by **Laurel Bashaw** and **Ann Vest Rogers**. Joni said, “Ann, Laurel and I were excited to host this event at my home so that Junior League sustainer members could meet new friends and rekindle old relationships!”

### SPRING LUNCHEON

This year, the Spring Luncheon was on April Fool's Day, but there was more fun than foolin' as sustainers gathered together at the beautiful Memorial home of **Melissa Bruce Schnitzer**. It was the perfect setting in every way. **Emily Wynne Bolin**, Sustaining Club Second Vice President, planned the Spring Luncheon and created the delicious menu with **Malcolm Rowland**, Tea Room General Manager.

This annual event provides a wonderful opportunity for sustainers to remain connected with each other and connected to the Junior League of Houston after active membership ends. **Liz Winfield Rigney**, Sustaining Club President, said, “I look so forward to the Spring Luncheon each year because I always run into at least one Junior League friend who I have not seen in a long time! It is a great time to catch up and to make new friends as well.” **JL**





# Bubbles & Brunch

by Jenny Childers



## BUBBLES AND BRUNCH SOLD OUT FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW!

The event was put on by the Tea Room Special Events Committee, led by **Lora Knapp**, Tea Room Special Events Chairman. The committee hosts a variety of events throughout the year including Opening Style Show and the Pumpkin Parade. These events bring in additional funding for the League's Community Program. Bubbles and Brunch is a chance for members and Tea Room patron members of the Junior League of Houston to take advantage of the Tea Room's brunch offerings on a weekend when more members may be available to dine at the League.



This spring's brunch included an informal style show featuring clothing and accessories by Trina Turk. Semmes Burns, Tea Room Director, said,

**“IT’S A  
WONDERFUL  
OPPORTUNITY  
TO ENJOY  
THE LEAGUE’S  
BRUNCH  
OFFERINGS  
ON A SUNDAY  
AND ENJOY  
AN ELABORATE  
MIMOSA BAR  
AT THE SAME  
TIME!”**

In addition to League members who wanted to get together with friends, many of the other tables were groups of members who served in a placement together. Houston News Editor, Melissa Matsu, put a table together to thank those who contribute to *Houston News*.

Sara-Nell Van Lant, Ad Sales Chairman, sat at Melissa's table and said “the League does a great job of planning fun special events for members, Tea Room patron members and friends. You can enjoy the beautiful building while attending an activity which offers easy camaraderie. It is a great time to be with friends. It is relaxing, and the food and drinks are always delicious. Who can resist a Trina Turk show at the League? It is the best of both worlds!” **JL**

# BUNNY BRUNCH AND STORY TIME TEA

by Ann Woods



Some of the favorite Tea Room special events each year are focused on fun with Minor Leaguers. "Minor Leaguers" is the affectionate term for children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends of Junior League members and patron members. New this year was Bunny Brunch, which sold out all 120 seats in just one day! This festive and fun new event began in response to member interest in more Sunday events and more family events. There was also a desire to provide more opportunities for Minor Leaguers to enjoy the Tea Room just as members and patron members do. And the Minor Leaguers sure did enjoy it. At the inaugural Bunny Brunch, they were treated to a yummy brunch and were able to take photos with the bunny. And of course, it would not have been a true bunny brunch without an egg hunt and fun activities for the kids of all ages.

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MINOR LEAGUER EVENT THIS YEAR WAS STORY TIME TEA.** Volunteers read three popular children's books: *Mary Poppins*, *Curious George* and *Unicorn Thinks It's Special*. The three readers dressed up as a character from their book during the story, which was met with much enthusiasm from the young guests. The League served tea and lemonade, tea time sandwiches and desserts in between each book. Lastly, there was a Story Time Bingo Game which was led by the Tea Room Models. The event was filled with many fun activities that the children and adults alike loved. These events allow League and Tea Room patron members the opportunity to share their love of the League with the special children in their lives, experiencing the fun side-by-side. **JL**



## LEAGUE LEGENDS ANNUAL FUND:

*Donor Celebration*

On Thursday, April 25, 2019, the Junior League of Houston honored donors for its *League Legends* Annual Fund, by holding a reception for those donors contributing \$250 or more. Each donor was invited to bring a guest to enjoy the celebration, and nearly 100 attendees enjoyed the lively evening of art, food and conversation.

Art of the World Gallery generously donated their venue for the event, where all were dazzled by the hyperrealist sculptures by Carole Feuerman and other eye-catching artwork. Guests enjoyed Texas wine donated by William Chris Vineyards and light bites and dessert from Taste of Texas, served expertly by the restaurant's staff. The restaurant also provided the Junior League-branded ice sculpture and flowers, under the art direction of Taste of Texas director and League member, **Kristin Blackford**. The Perfect Touch graciously donated tables and linens, and Baker Noel, **Rebecca Adler**, also a League member, provided delicious macaron favors for each partygoer.

The event was a success thanks also to the efforts of League volunteers **Julie Danvers Baughman**, Annual Fund Chairman, and **Anne Sears**, Development Vice President.



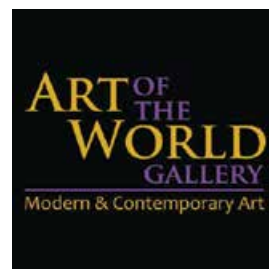
The *League Legends* Annual Fund supports the League's operating expenses, building preservation and community efforts. All year long, members and the community are invited to contribute to the *League Legends* Annual Fund. This generosity and commitment to the League enables it to continue "Building A Better Community!" **JL**



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by Katia Mackintosh

## SIZZLES FOR FOUR NIGHTS

THE 71ST ANNUAL CHARITY BALL BROUGHT OVER \$770,000 FOR JLH TO FUND THE LEAGUE'S MISSION.

The 2019 theme, "Fire & Ice," embodied the League's membership and its generous League supporters, reflecting their "fiery passion" for supporting the community and the "shimmery brilliance" shown in those efforts.

The theme was brought to life with a tent transformed into a "Winter Showcase" featuring a dedicated champagne aerialist, a dazzling 90-pound crystal chandelier, and an ice bar that glittered and drew oohs and aahs from the partygoers.

The Ballroom was transformed into an icy side with décor ranging in shades from white, blue, purple and pearl, split down the middle with gorgeous mirrored rectangular tables, to a fiery side with shades of crimson, tangerine, magenta and gold. The menu featured foods that were a nod to the theme, including frosty sorbet and pecan balls with cayenne chocolate sauce. During dinner, the champagne presentations were a huge hit. Fire & Ice characters danced and greeted tables who purchased magnums of champagne, contributing to the high energy in the room.

The Tea Room became the "Ember Room," dedicated to everything fire. The LED dance floor was a hit with guests becoming the hottest spot of the party with dancers showcasing their fancy footwork until the very end of



the night! The Guzzlers heated up the room and kept the party going with favorites from all decades.

The all-volunteer Charity Ball cast sizzled in song and dance numbers on the main stage in the Ballroom, highlighted by outstanding pianist and cellist performances by talented League members. The finale number, *Just Like Fire*, brought attendees to their feet in applause.

All told, the four-night affair raised over \$770,000 towards the League's mission, thanks to the hard work of the Underwriting Committee, Ad Sales Committee, the Community Partner Chairman, the Auction Committee and the entire Fire & Ice Ball Committee. Some of the most coveted auction items included: a seven-night wintry escape at Telluride Mountain Village, an exclusive In-Home Chef Dinner for 10 from acclaimed chef Drake Leonards of Eunice Restaurant, and the always popular Houston Texans Ultimate Fan tickets for four with an up-close and personal sideline experience before the game.

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# THE 71ST ANNUAL CHARITY BALL, FIRE & ICE 2019



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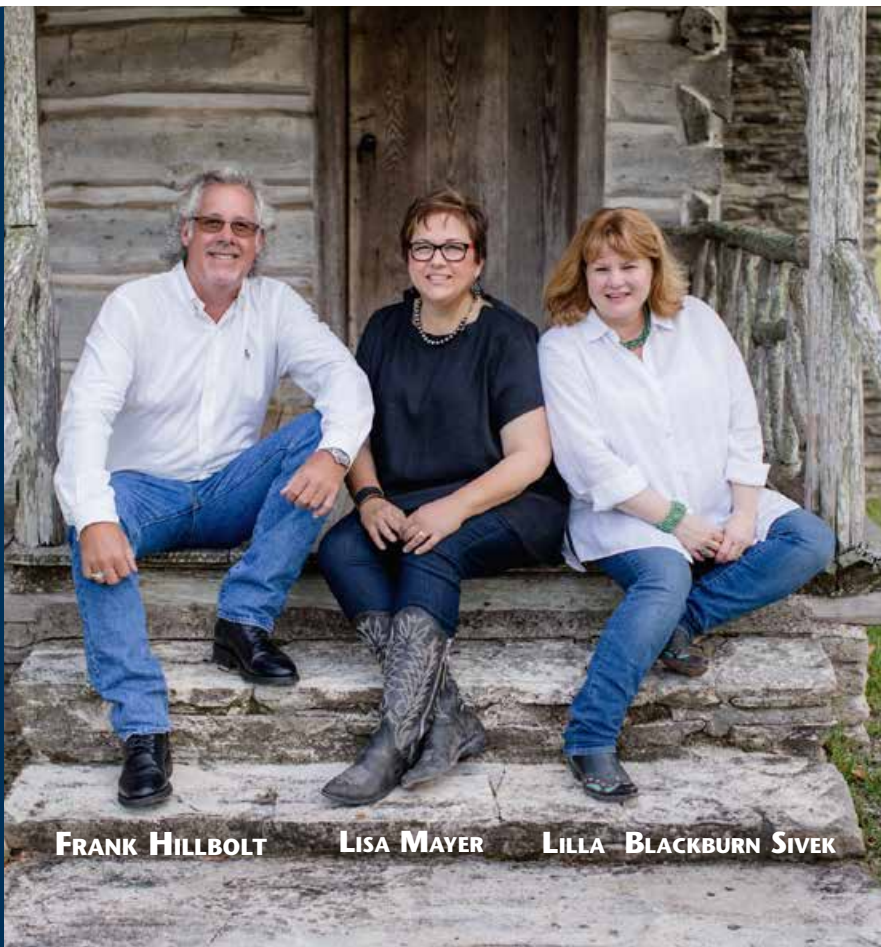
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Charity Ball



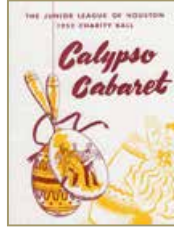
1950  
Silver Anniversary  
Charity Ball



1951  
Charity Ball



1952  
Calypso Cabaret



1953  
La Nuit de Neptune



1954  
Chez Shamrock Ball



1955  
Out of This  
World Ball



1956  
East of the Sun



1957  
Rhapsody in Rhythm



1958  
Mediterranean  
Cruise Ball



1959  
American Beauty Ball



1960  
Charity Ball



1961  
Versailles Ball



1962  
Neopolitan Night



1963  
Rhapsody in Blue



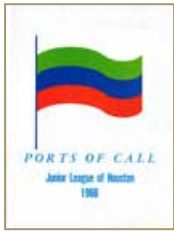
1964  
The Wonderful World  
of the World's Fair



1965  
Special Edition



1966  
Ports of Call



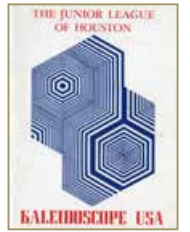
1967  
Four Seasons



1968  
A Night to Remember



1969  
Kaleidoscope USA



1970  
A Night of Numerantics



1971  
You've Come a  
Long Way Baby



1972  
The Late Show



1973  
Reflections



1974  
Houston After Dark



1975  
The Magic Of



1976  
Golden Anniversary Ball



1977  
A Houston Mosaic



1978  
Carnival Ball



1979  
A Magic Carpet Ride



1980  
Chinoiserie Ball



1981  
Black Tie Country Ball



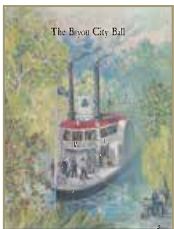
1982  
Under the Big Top



1983  
New York, New York



1984  
Bayou City Ball



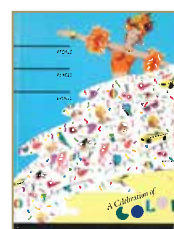
1985  
American Skyline Ball



1986  
Red and White Ball



1987  
A Celebration of Color



1988  
Born in the U.S.A.

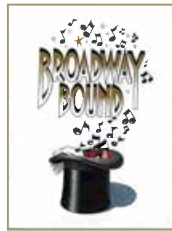
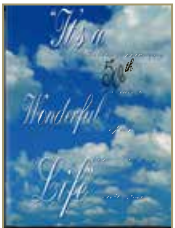
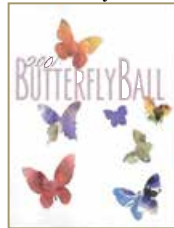


1989  
Moonlight  
Masquerade



1990  
Hooray for  
Hollywood



1991  
Boardwalk Beach Ball1992  
Passage to Paradise1993  
Back to the Future1994  
A Time to Remember1995  
Broadway Bound1996  
Do You Believe in Magic1997  
Intrigue on the Orient Express1998  
It's a Wonderful Life1999  
There's No Place Like Home2000  
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