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# THE BRIDGE

A watercolor illustration of a large flower with vibrant red and pink petals. A small bee is perched on the center of the flower, surrounded by dark spots representing stamens. The background is a soft, light pink wash.

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- WINSTON CHURCHILL

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## OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Boca Raton, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

## OUR VISION

The Junior League of Boca Raton will provide resources, knowledge and funding to the community through the training, education and voluntarism of its members. The Junior League of Boca Raton will be proactive in developing collaborative partnerships to address significant issues in South Florida and will improve the overall quality of life through a legacy of trained volunteers.

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The ladies of the Junior League of Boca Raton are sending heartfelt prayers to our sisters in the Galveston and Houston Leagues following the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.



# From the EDITOR

**CULTIVATING LEADERS.** That is what the League does *BEST*. I can certainly attest to that statement, although not with regards to myself, but with regards to my family.

My daughter, Christine, grew up in the League. Or should I say, Leagues. When I first was asked to join the Boca Junior League, she (my oldest) was just a baby. We passed her around the table at provisional meetings. As she grew and we moved to Texas, she accompanied me to my League activities at the orphanage on Galveston Island. As I struggled to promote and assist this center under the umbrella of the League there, she was at



my side every step of the way. As a toddler she attended many events and she was with me when I volunteered with children that didn't have parents.

When I transferred into the Fort Lauderdale League, she accompanied me on volunteer shifts and critiqued articles that I wrote for their magazine. Later back at the Boca League, I was very involved in the State Public Affairs Committee (our political arm), and she accompanied me to our Tallahassee meetings and did everything from introduce Senators and State Representatives to hand out brochures and pour coffee. She met amazing leaders in our great state. She was asked to participate in leadership activities at our state's capitol, and did so with enthusiasm.

In addition to the requisite cheerleading and lacrosse teams that occupied her afternoons, she participated in her school's leadership program, and began volunteering hundreds of hours a year, in addition to organizing leadership and volunteer activities in our

*"The League has added to my life immensely. But not just my life. It has added to my family in ways I never could have imagined."*

community. At the same time, she was seen checking in attendees at our prestigious Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon and serving our ladies at committee meetings in our various homes.

Last year she ran for the executive board of her school's Student Government Council and won. This year she graduated and left for University to study political science and public relations. Last month I sat next to a former Senator (and friend I gained while participating in the political branch of the Junior League) at a luncheon in Fort Lauderdale. She asked about Christine. When I mentioned that she was interested in a future of politics, she handed me her business card and asked me to have Christine phone her for an internship.

The League has added to my life immensely. But not just my life. It has added to my family in ways I never could have imagined. And for that, I am extraordinarily grateful. A heartfelt thank you to the Junior Leagues in my life that helped create this amazing woman that is

my daughter and that I am now sending out into this world to make it a better place.

Warmest wishes,  
*Kirsten Stephenson*  
EDITOR OF THE BRIDGE, 2017-2018

*are*

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# RENATA DE NEGRI

*& In The Pines*

EVERYONE HAS A *special memory*—  
A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE IN THE LEAGUE  
THAT STANDS OUT AMONG OTHERS.  
MINE WAS MY *journey* AT *IN THE PINES*.

Deep in the heart of affluent Palm Beach County is a small nonprofit organization working to care for low income families. These families work in the fields supporting our agriculture industry, and many do not speak English or have access to basic services. For nearly two decades *The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR)* has collaborated with this organization, known as *In The Pines, Inc. (ITP)* in order to improve the lives of low-income farmworkers. Throughout the years, this vision has grown from a focus on housing to a broad range of sustainable programs to improve many aspects of these families' lives and the community itself.

*"From the first smile that I encountered there, my heart melted. The League is involved in so many projects around our community, this one was personal to me."*

It all started in the early 1990's with outreach to the JLBR from the Goray family, long time advocates and friends to the farmworkers. Could JLBR organize a health fair and a potential day care solution? These farmworker residents mostly did not have access to either, and not many in the broader Palm Beach community knew this. JLBR went into high gear, working with elected officials to pave roads and bring awareness, while bringing in other nonprofits with which to collaborate - a League specialty. Initial donors such as Leaguer Elaine Wold helped make possible these first efforts. Lisa Mulhall, a new Leaguer at the time the project was just starting, toured the facility and was overwhelmed at the quality of assistance JLBR could provide. A lawyer by trade and never before having written a grant, she rolled up her sleeves and spent the next several years successfully securing powerful grants for ITP.

*who we are*







*“The funding Lisa Mulhall secured was such a legacy for this organization! When you mention her name around In The Pines, people are in awe of her!”*

JLBR then set about reorganizing and strengthening the board of directors to become more sustainable, the new mission being ‘to provide safe, low cost housing and educational and transitional living opportunities to farmworker families west of Delray Beach.’ Many additional programs such as the popular ‘adopt a family’ initiative took off.

*IN THE PINES WAS LOCATED NOT FAR FROM MY home. I HAD driven BY IT NUMEROUS TIMES BUT HAD NEVER NOTICED IT.*

*“17 years ago, I came to the United States from Brazil on a student VISA. I then applied for citizenship. I met my husband Marco, while at Lynn University here in Boca Raton while we were working on our MBAs.”*

*“After joining the Junior League of Boca Raton, I volunteered at In the Pines. I was blown away by what we were able to do – how we were able to help these children. There was a homework program – many of the parents were illiterate, but we were able to help many of these children succeed and eventually go on to college! I was so incredibly proud of our League’s work with this organization.”*

The Junior League of Boca Raton won national awards from the Association of Junior Leagues International on behalf of their efforts with *In the Pines*.

BEING PART OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT CHANGES *our community*, THIS IS VERY PERSONAL TO ME. I AM ASSOCIATED WITH A GROUP OF WOMEN THAT MAKES ME VERY *proud*.

*“I eventually became the chair of the League’s efforts at In the Pines, and sat as president of their board until May. The League enables us to do so much with regards to learning leadership and personal empowerment.”*

*“My husband and I have two small boys. They were both born while I was in the League. In fact, my due date for my older son was the same day as our League’s annual golf tournament that year. I was driving around in golf carts waiting for the baby to come! Such is the life of a Junior Leaguer.”*

Most residents of *In the Pines* still work on the farms.

*“My boys probably attend some of the same schools as the farm workers’ children. Being Brazilian, they probably follow some of the same traditions as well.”*



1998 awarded the BMW/AJLI Community Impact Merit Award in recognition of projects that best fulfill AJLI’s mission of effective community improvement through volunteer leadership.

2005 awarded the AJLI Community Impact Award given to the league whose community project best demonstrates through planning and implementation the achievement of tangible and long lasting results.

Renata started her first of two years as President of the Junior League of Boca Raton in May.

*“It is such an honor that the League instills the trust in me to lead the organization. I am deeply grateful and extremely excited. I have big shoes to fill!”*

Although JLBR no longer has a committee fully dedicated to *In The Pines*, we still strongly support the organization by providing such volunteer opportunities as dental services, self esteem projects, and field days.

*ITP is actually two separate non-profits: one manages the buildings, the second handles all the programs for the kids, such as help with homework, summer camp, and all activities with the Junior League of Boca Raton. The latter of these represents the board that Renata led.*





# Great Charity CHALLENGE

The Great Charity Challenge presented by Fidelity Investments® (GCC) was founded by Mark Bellissimo and his daughter Paige in 2010 as a way for the equestrian community to give back to Palm Beach County.

In the last seven years, the GCC has distributed over \$9.2 million to 200 Palm Beach County Charities.

Of 300 applicants, 34 charities are randomly chosen through a raffle drawing. The charities are then randomly assigned to a corporate sponsor, team sponsor and 3 equestrian riders that compete in a relay competition. The relay style equestrian jumping competition has teams consisting of two junior/amateur riders combined with one Olympic or world-class rider. All of the 34 charities are guaranteed a minimum of \$15,000 and can win up to \$150,000 based on their team's score.

The McCahill family and Bank of America were the sponsors of JLBR's *Alice in Wonderland* team. On February 4th, our equestrian team skillfully jumped to earn JLBR a total of \$23,500.



*fundraising*



## THE FUNDS ARE EARMARKED FOR OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN TO...

◆ ...expand the Wildflower Walk with more native wildflowers and shrubbery, including durable signage that identifies the species and its importance to the ecological systems.

◆ ...further develop the Food Forest (we require more fruit bearing foliage, trees, herbs and vegetables plants). Permaculture shows us that if we design using observation and bio-mimicry of nature, land can be restored to an abundance that supports all living things.

◆ ...build a hydroponic garden system. This will serve as a teaching garden to provide instruction for children and adults on how to grow produce and manage a garden using energy and space efficient technology. The hydroponic garden produces several times the amount of edible vegetables than a similarly sized soil garden would be able to produce, due to highly efficient delivery of nutrients and space-saving design.





# Calendar of EVENTS what we do

*December*

7TH- SPRING NEW MEMBER OPEN HOUSE

11TH- WHITE PARTY@ CLIVE DANIEL

*January 2018!*

9TH- MEMBERSHIP MEETING

27TH- SPRING SUPER SATURDAY

*August*

10TH- 1971 SOCIETY KICK OFF, PRIVATE

22ND- MEMBER TRAINING: VIDEO – STINK!

23RD- WVOY KICK-OFF

30TH- WVOY HONORARY CHAIR RECEPTION

*September*

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

12TH- MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ BOCA COUNTRY CLUB

23RD- FALL SUPER SATURDAY

23RD- MEMBER ENGAGEMENT IS HOSTING A MEMBER TAILGATE @ THE ZACH BROWN BAND CONCERT

SEPT 25TH – OCT 1ST  
DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

*February*

1ST- FLAVORS 2018 @ THE ADDISON

13TH- COTTAGE MEETINGS

24TH- DR. SEUSS EVENT @ COMMUNITY GARDEN

*March*

13TH- DAY OF IMPACT

*October*

5TH- WOMAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON @ BOCA RESORT

7TH- COMMUNITY GARDEN'S OPENING DAY

10TH- COTTAGE MEETINGS

18TH- LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

25TH- POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

*November*

11TH- JINGLE ALL THE WAY @ BOCA CENTER

14TH- MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TBA- POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

*April*

9TH- BOCA WEST FOUNDATION GOLF CHALLENGE

10TH – BOCA WEST FOUNDATION CONCERT FOR THE CHILDREN

10TH- MEMBERSHIP MEETING

22ND- EARTH DAY CELEBRATION @ COMMUNITY GARDEN

*May*

8TH- MAY DINNER MEETING



# Community Garden

“MEANDER PAST THE *pergola*, THROUGH THE GARDEN’S 97 PLOTS, AND YOU’LL FIND A 1 1/2-ACRE ORGANIC *garden* OF FRUITS, VEGETABLES, FLOWERS, PLANTS AND TREES IN THE *heart* OF BOCA RATON.”

-EMILY MILLER, SUN SENTINEL NEWSPAPER

The mission of the Boca Raton Community Garden (BRCG) is to cultivate the spirit of community and enhance quality of life by creating and sustaining an organic garden of vegetables, flowers, plants, and trees. The garden fosters environmental sustainability and stewardship, advances horticultural and nutritional education, provides a beautiful and natural retreat, and produces a healthy supplemental food source for its gardeners and the hungry. The Junior League of Boca Raton founded the BRCG and is responsible for managing and maintaining the garden. The City of Boca Raton provides the land and water for the garden.



## Did you know...

...gardeners sign a contract agreeing to donate 10% of their bounty to **Boca Helping Hands**, our local food bank.

...our community garden was an initiative of Mayor Susan Whelchel (a Junior League member) which broke ground on Earth Day 2011!

...the garden contains 97 plots, of which 93 are leasable. The others belong to **Betsy Roots & Shoots**, a school program that teaches school children about gardening, organics, and giving back.

...community gardeners host everything from brunches and cooking classes to Tuesday night gatherings to work and socialize. The garden goes a long way in building and supporting community relationships.

...our community garden proudly boasts to be the largest community garden in the state.

...the permaculture garden has already yielded many pounds of highly nutritious organic fruits and vegetables, of which 100% are donated to **Boca Helping Hands**.

...events last year included the **Dr. Seuss** party, **Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat**, and **Earth Day** among others.

...you can purchase a personalized brick at the garden for \$100, proceeds to benefit the garden's upcoming projects.



# Non-Profit Training LEADERSHIP SERIES

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON OFFERS AN EXTENSIVE MENU OF COURSES TAILORED TO NON-PROFITS AND BUSINESSES IN OUR AREA, VIRTUALLY FREE OF CHARGE. SCHEDULES OF UPCOMING COURSES ARE ALSO LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE AT JLBR.ORG.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON ALSO PROVIDES UNLIMITED FREE ACCESS TO THE LARGEST NATIONAL DATABASE AVAILABLE FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, AND IS AVAILABLE FOR FREE TO THE PUBLIC. EVEN THE SMALLEST NON-PROFITS – ESPECIALLY THE SMALLEST NON-PROFITS – ARE ABLE TO SEARCH FOR FUNDING AT NO COST AT OUR FACILITY. WE EVEN HAVE A GRANT LIBRARIAN TO HELP WITH THE PROCESS. THE CITY OF BOCA RATON HELPS TO SUBSIDIZE THESE EFFORTS ANNUALLY.



Susan Whelchel

*“If it wasn’t for the Junior League of Boca Raton and all the other non-profits in our community, the City would have to assume the responsibilities that the non-profits now support and Boca Raton would not be the beautiful and caring community that it is today.”*

*-Susan Whelchel, former mayor*

## Upcoming Leadership Courses Available to the Public

**INTRODUCTION TO FINDING GRANTS**  
Presented by the Junior League of Boca Raton  
Sept 5, Nov 7 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
No Registration Fee

Learn how to effectively utilize the VCRC library resources, including the Foundation Directory online database. Research potential funders for your organization by developing targeted lists of foundations that will match your organization’s funding needs.  
*Audience: Beginning funding researchers or those in need of a refresher.*

**PROSPECT RESEARCH BASICS**  
Presented by Liz Locke,  
Palm Beach County Library System  
Sept 12, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 11:30a.m.  
No Registration Fee

You’re looking for individual donors, but where do you begin? This workshop will provide guidance on how you compile a list of potential donors, the strategies

to use when conducting research, what information is relevant, and what sources are available on the Internet. We’ll also discuss ethical standards that must be applied when gathering information about individuals.  
*Audience: All levels of staff involved with fundraising.*

**NONPROFIT STORYTELLING**  
Presented by Leon Fooksman,  
Digital Storyline, LLC  
Sept 26, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
No Registration Fee

How many of you have great stories about your organizations that are going untold? Many, right? In this workshop, you’ll learn how to successfully tell your agency’s stories to attract new donors and supporters. Nonprofit storytelling strategist Leon Fooksman will educate you on how to identify, produce and publish stories of your non-profit’s aspirations and achievements on your website, social media, and e-newsletters.  
*Audience: All*

**TAKE INSPIRED ACTION,**  
Kate Volman Consulting, LLC  
Presented by Kate Volman  
October 10, 2017 10:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
No Registration Fee

Are you busy all week, but still feel like you aren’t moving forward and accomplishing what you’d like? We’re all trying to get more done and this workshop will help jump-start your business to get better results. You’ll leave with a custom plan to start accomplishing more goals. Your plan will include: identifying your #1 goal to achieve in 30 days, a list of the daily, weekly and monthly activities necessary to achieve that goal, a list of collaborators you will commit to contacting to help you and strategies to hold you accountable.  
*Audience: All*



*“Very helpful to know who funds locally and how to use the library databases most effectively.”*

**NONPROFIT FUNDING MIX**  
Presented by Dr. Christopher Noe,  
CNoeLimits, LLC  
October 19, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
No Registration Fee

Traditional philanthropy is rapidly changing. Does your organization currently have diversity in its funding mix? Do you feel your organization has a healthy mix of revenue streams in its funding portfolio? If not, this is the workshop for you. You will learn why it is critical to have a diverse funding mix for your enterprise model and how to map to various funders as you create demonstrated Social Return on Investment for your contributors. Come learn how to leverage relationships and your programs to gain new funding streams and ideas in this engaging workshop.  
*Audience: All*



Karen Krumholtz

*“Every fall, the League hosts a funding fair that allows funders to meet with non-profits. It’s kind of like speed dating!”*

*-Karen Krumholtz, 2016-2017 Training Chair*

**USING THOUGHT LEADERSHIP TO INFLUENCE DECISION MAKERS AND ATTRACT DONORS**  
Presented by Leon Fooksman,  
Digital Storyline, LLC  
November 14, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
No Registration Fee

If your nonprofit wants to broaden awareness of your work, the secret sauce is to become a “thought leader” in your industry. By priming your field experts and executive leaders as champions of your cause, thought leadership is an effective way for your organization to build support for your ideas and programs and influence the communities you need to reach in Palm Beach County and beyond – including decision makers, policy makers and the media, as well as donors and supporters. Nonprofit storytelling expert Leon Fooksman will train you in this hour-long workshop on harnessing the power of thought leadership to inspire and move your supporters to action.  
*Audience: All*



### MEASURING NONPROFIT SUCCESS

Presented by Jennice Chewlin,  
Chewlin & Associates, LLC

November 28, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
No Registration Fee

Are you doing great work, but funders aren't noticing? That's because you're missing DATA! Learn how to leverage your program impact by measuring success, the right way. Understand the reasoning for developing strong metrics and identify measuring tools, as well as learn the collection process. *Audience: All*

### INTRODUCTION TO FUNDRAISING PLANNING

Presented by Liz Locke,  
Palm Beach County Library System

Dec 12, 2017 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
No Registration Fee

Does your organization need help directing its fundraising efforts? Planning focuses your organization by setting fundraising priorities and helps give staff and board members a roadmap to success. This introductory class will provide you the basic steps for developing a fundraising plan, including tips on making your case for support, diversifying your organization's fundraising base, and creating a plan of action. *Audience: All*

*“Every year, the very deserving non-profits in our community go before City Council and ask for funding. One of these non-profits is the Junior League of Boca Raton. The difference between our non-profit and all the others is this: We actually help all the other nonprofits in that room – everything from finding grants to providing volunteers. We stand out from the crowd.”*

*-Dorothy MacDiarmid*



Dorothy MacDiarmid

*“As a newly formed nonprofit, there are times you have a question and do not know where to go. Having resources and people to help is so important.”*



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# Woman Volunteer of the Year 2017

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Honorary Chair Barbara Schmidt with Chair Kirsten Stanley.

## Woman Volunteer of the Year Honorary Chair Reception

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# Woman Volunteer of the Year Kick off Party

The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) announced the fashion designer for its Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon as well as the 42 nominees for the award at a kickoff event hosted by Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton. The JLBR will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon on Thursday, October 5 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.





# 30th Annual Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon October 5th, 2017

The Junior League of Boca Raton's Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 5, at Boca Raton Resort & Club. The event's 30th anniversary will be celebrated as one of the kickoffs to event season in South Florida. This year, the Junior League is honored to announce the Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute as the Award Sponsor and Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton as the returning Fashion Show Sponsor. Saks will present a Fall Trends fashion

show headlined by a curated assortment of Cinq à Sept that will take place during the luncheon. The Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon celebrates outstanding, local women in the community by recognizing nominees from nonprofit organizations throughout Palm Beach County for their dedication and expertise as volunteers. The 2017 Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon will honor 42 amazing women and their contributions to building a better community.

*"The Junior League of Boca Raton's mission focuses on promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through effective action of trained volunteers. As a nonprofit itself, the Junior League's fundraising efforts are critical to its support of other local nonprofits. The Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon is the Boca Raton chapter's largest annual fundraiser with over 1,000 in attendance and \$185,000 netted in 2016."*

-Renata De Negri,  
President of the Junior League of Boca Raton

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# Feeding Our Community with CHRISTINA SHERRY

“THIS HAS BEEN THE MOST *beautiful* PLACEMENT, I HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH AND *empowered* A LOT OF WOMEN, AS WELL AS FULFILLING A BIG NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY....”

When Christina Sherry signed on as 2016-2017 chair for Feeding Our Community, she started researching vigorously. *“I spoke to food banks, I learned about hunger, I wanted to know all the reasons why people went hungry.”*

*“I started with an awareness campaign.”* Leaguers wore orange (the color of hunger) to the first membership meeting, and invited FEEDING SOUTH FLORIDA to provide an educational presentation. *“We learned that oftentimes people shift money from food budgets to pay for such necessities as medical or electricity bills. It’s all about choices.”*

*“I also wanted to incorporate cooking and nutritional classes in the curriculum. I wanted to give our hungry community the skills to make strategic choices.”* The committee, under Christina’s guidance, went on to partner with BOCA CARES, the parent organization of chef volunteers for local firefighters and Emergency Management personnel. Cooking classes were organized at the PLACE OF HOPE, a local nonprofit dedicated to rescuing abused and neglected children.

*“Firefighters are good cooks by necessity! They also run a tight ship and the kids just love working with them!”*

They also brought in Alex Calegari, an award winning chef, to the PLACE OF HOPE cooking classes. *“We wanted to focus on cooking and nutritional education.”* In order to further their mission, they engaged Astrid Matthysel, a diabetes educator and nutritionist. *“We set up rotation stations, taught the essentials of cooking, and provided recipes.”*

*“I’ve been so blessed in life, I want to find a way to give back in a way with a big impact to such basic needs. This is one of the best things I’ve done in my life – to help others and to help people grow.”*

*“There were so many activities occurring at once in our committee that I had to constantly outsource to the team, it was the only way to survive! This helped to empower my committee members and sharpen their leadership skills.”*



One of our biggest programs of this past year was the TRICK OR TREAT SO OTHERS CAN EAT event at our Community Garden. It was a ‘food raiser,’ not a ‘fund raiser.’ There was face painting, cupcake making, lots of food and fall flavored fun! FEEDING SOUTH FLORIDA had a booth there. *“There was even a 12 year old beekeeper with his bees educating the children!”*



**Boca Raton Firefighter & Paramedic Benevolent joined forces to teach the children residing at Place of Hope at the Leighan and David Rinker Campus how to cook. Chef Alex Calegari - The Firefighter Foodie led the kids & volunteers in an amazing menu.**

Another impressive ‘food raiser’ occurred at SKLAR Furnishings, an elegant and modern furniture store in east Boca Raton. Guests wore white, and the cost of admission was the equivalent of \$30 worth of food. *“We raised almost 2900 pounds of food, the equivalent of 2300 meals!”* The food was donated to FEEDING SOUTH FLORIDA.

*“Also throughout the year, we packed pallets every Thursday night at Boca Helping Hands, our local food bank. Then, we went to J.C. Mitchell every Wednesday morning to pack food into backpacks for kids to take home over the weekend.”*



**The Feeding Our Community committee kicking up their heels at the White Party Food Raiser at Sklar. From L: Astrid Matthysse, Alex Cender, Jenna Drozdowicz, Lindsey Rothrock, Christina Sherry, Morgan Forsythe, Melissa Hassan, Catheryn Espino, Kristin Gallo, Emmy Custodio, Cathy Eltringham, Diana Hileman, and Joyce Devita.**



**Feeding Our Community hauling in 2,809 pounds of food at the White Party Food Raiser at Sklar. From L: Co-owner Pat Howard, Christina Sherry, Lindsey Rothrock, Diana Hileman.**

Other initiatives included a ‘rice & beans’ packing for the FARMWORKERS COALITION, monthly making of sandwiches for the homeless served by LOVE BOCA at the First United Methodist Church, Thanksgiving in a Box for CARING KITCHENS in Delray, and Spring in a Box, complete holiday meals delivered to IN THE PINES.

Finally, Christina’s team negotiated a cooking class for Kindergarten and first graders at JC Mitchell in May complete with a full replicable curriculum.

*“This year my team really pulled together, and we ended the year with a dinner at my home complete with a slide show of all that we accomplished this past year!”*



love letters

to the league

January 17, 2017  
 Junior League of Boca Raton  
 261 N.W. 13th Street  
 Boca Raton, FL 33432  
 Attn: Nicole Stelzer, Finance Director

Dear Nicole,

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks for selecting Best Foot Forward Foundation, Inc. as a recipient of Community Support Funding in the amount of \$1,500.00. These funds allow us to provide educational support services for youth in foster care.

Your donation will assist us in achieving our goal of educating children in foster care by providing opportunities...one step at a time! We are so appreciative of the involvement of the Junior League of Boca Raton in our community and are very grateful for your support.

Please use this document as a tax receipt for your donation and again, please accept our sincere thanks for your contribution to Best Foot Forward Foundation, Inc.

Sincerely,  
 Doreen Biese  
 Executive Director

Date of Donation: 01/09/2017

Best Foot Forward Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Federal Tax ID# 30-0599378. Your contribution is deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the law. For further information please contact your tax advisor.

*Thank you so much for your generous support. We are honored to partner with Junior League. Thanks for helping our kids in all you do in our community.*

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January 19, 2017

Mrs. Nicole Stelzer  
 Junior League of Boca Raton  
 261 NW 13th Street  
 Boca Raton, FL 33432

Dear Ms. Stelzer:

The Junior League of Boca Raton has helped rebuild the life of a victim of child abuse or domestic violence through its \$1,500 Community Support Fund grant which we received on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

The vast majority of the children and families we serve here at HomeSafe are fraught with pain and sadness. Your investment in HomeSafe means clients will be given the help they need to put the past behind them and to heal and grow to become productive members of our community.

Thanks to your support, we are able to continue transforming lives. HomeSafe has already put your contribution to work to honor our commitment to our mission of creating safer, more productive lives for infants, children and families.

We thank the Junior League from the bottom of our hearts for this support. We could not do what we do without YOUR help...and without YOU believing in our mission.

With deepest thanks,  
 Matthew Ladika  
 Chief Executive Officer

No goods or services were received in exchange for this contribution. Contributions benefit HomeSafe (CHRS3378), a not-for-profit tax-exempt organization. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE OR AT WWW.FRESHSTARTFLORIDA.COM/DIVISIONS-OFFICES/CONSUMER-SERVICES. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

*Thank you so much!*  
 Matt

January 21, 2017

Nicole Stelzer  
 Finance Director  
 Junior League of Boca Raton  
 261 NW 13th Street  
 Boca Raton, FL 33432

Dear Nicole,

Thank you for checking Special Spaces as a recipient of the Junior League of Boca Raton Community Support Fund grant. Your generous donation of \$100 will go towards creating a playroom for boys and girls with special needs.

Igor was born with a rare heart condition known as Transposition, which is associated with a syndrome known as CHARGE. In his short life, he has undergone 20 operations and procedures, including three open-heart surgeries before he was 21 months old. His parents were told he might not live to see his first birthday. Igor, celebrated his 5th birthday on January 20th although he is now verbal and is developing well at his school. He is a very happy boy who enjoys his big sister and being part of family activities.

Special Spaces was founded on the belief that children leading the challenging lives they lead need special places where they can feel, learn and play in a place to escape from the realities and the extreme problems that present their lives. As a nonprofit, we depend solely on corporate and individual donations. Both the generous support of wonderful organizations such as JLRB, and our ability to continue creating these one-of-a-kind bedrooms for these beautiful children.

Thank you! You have made a difference. Thanks to JLRB, Igor will receive the very "Special Space" where he can spend his days and sleep in a bedroom fit for a prince and spend quality time with his family in a room full of love, hope and inspiration.

We look forward to sharing the program's success with you. If you would like to learn more about fundraising and seeing firsthand the difference your gift is making, please contact me at 305-408-8960. Our sincerest thanks for your support.

Sincerely,  
 Peggy Peterson  
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January 13, 2017

Ms. Nicole Stelzer  
 Finance Director  
 261 NW 13th Street  
 Boca Raton, FL 33432

Dear Nicole,

On behalf of the children and families we serve, I would like to express our gratitude for your generous \$1,000.00 grant to the children of Florence Fuller Child Development Centers (FFCDC).

Florence Fuller Child Development Centers (FFCDC) knows that it takes a village to raise a child and strengthen a family and our goal is to remain a premier provider of child and family education and support services for low-to-moderate-income families living in southern Palm Beach County.

Per our agreement FFCDC will:

- Provide an impact statement on how the project has benefited the community
- Complete a Grant Library Training Session within 1 Year of receiving our award.
- And will submit photographs, with parental consent of children participating in the program.

With your generous support, we are able to prepare children for a lifetime commitment to learning and social achievement, while empowering their families to build a brighter future. Again thank you for your magnanimous donation.

With sincere gratitude,  
 Elyn Okrent  
 Chief Executive Officer

April 21, 2017

Christina Sherry, Chair, Feeding Our Community  
 Junior League of Boca Raton  
 261 NW 13th Street  
 Boca Raton, FL 33432

Dear Sherry,

You, and your Committee, created quite an excitement at Pines North and Pines South with the Spring boxes and hams. At 4:30 half the residents at Pines North were lined up at the "Little School House" to receive their gifts. As soon as the residents heard the food had arrived at Pines South, the traffic gathered outside.

We all thank you so much!

I spoke to some of the children on Monday at Pines North and they said they ate almost EVERYTHING on Easter. They loved the food-beans and corn are their favorites!

I appreciate the thoughtfulness of your committee including our families in the distribution. For many it was truly a blessing for a celebration to receive the ham.

Sincerely,  
 Digna Marie Goray  
 Founder/Volunteer Treasurer

Junior League of Boca Raton,

My son attends the Palm Beach School for Autism. He received a toy (lego set) from the Holiday Gift Drive Spirit of Giving. I wanted to send a note saying Thank You for the thoughtful gift. My son, Andrew, loves the Legos. The day he brought them home he played with them for two solid hours building and using his imagination. Thank you for thinking of him and all of the children at his school. Such a little thing makes such a big difference. Thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,  
 The Darnell Family  
 Mike, Emily and Andrew

Dear Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Broward County Friends,

As we prepare for Thanksgiving and the holidays that follow, we at Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies reflect on the many blessings given to our clients and our agency. On behalf of our HMHB Executive Team and Staff, we would like to thank you for your kindness, support and generosity. Each of you truly makes a difference by Saving Lives, Guiding Futures, Inspiring Hope.

You've Made A Difference

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, Our blessings we recall, We recollect them all. We are really special, In all you say and do, You've made a difference in our lives, We're thankful now for you

Thank you again for all your support during the year. We wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.  
 Gratefully,  
 Michelle Reese  
 Executive Director  
 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies  
 Coalition of Broward County, Inc.

*We are grateful for your support for HMHB. Thank you!*

Ms. Traci Wilson  
 Junior League of Boca Raton  
 261 NW 13th Street  
 Boca Raton, FL 33432

Dear Traci,

February is here and we have so much to be thankful for. Alex celebrated his first birthday the end of the year and has gone from crawling to now walking and in the next few weeks we will be welcoming another baby into our Home. Our expansion is moving along and we will be celebrating all that God has blessed us with on April 8th with a tent event on the grounds of Hannah's Home. So, save the date, tell your friends, and for additional information in a few weeks.

We are so very thankful for all of your support as you invest into the lives of mothers and their baby's. You are a much needed commodity in our community. Congratulations to the Junior League of Boca Raton for receiving monies from The Great Charity Challenge.

Alex

*Thank you for your support as you invest into the lives of mothers and their baby's. You are a much needed commodity in our community. Congratulations to the Junior League of Boca Raton for receiving monies from The Great Charity Challenge.*



# PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Advocating on behalf of those without a voice in our great state



*Our 2016-2017 State Public Affairs committee focused on health and hunger, including "at-risk" youth and education.*



*For close to fifty years, Junior Leagues across Florida, of which there are currently twenty-five, have collectively worked hand and hand with state representatives, state senators and congressmen to advocate on behalf of constituents without a voice. We have weighed in on such issues as human trafficking, cyber bullying, hunger, sexual predators targeting children online, and booster seat legislation.*



## *Legislative Breakfast*

The Public Affairs committee hosted a Legislative Breakfast in partnership with the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce which was attended by local elected officials and community partners.



*Public Affairs is one of the most rewarding and sought after placements in our league.*



*We spend time in our state capitol, Tallahassee, as well as Washington D.C. working on not only relationships but proposed legislation to further our projects.*







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# 29th Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon & Fashion Show

Susan Whelchel and Rosemary Krieger were named 2016 winners at the Junior League of Boca Raton's 29th Annual Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon & Fashion Show.

The Junior League of Boca Raton held its 29th Annual Woman Volunteer of the Year (WVOY) luncheon on Friday, November 18th at the Boca Raton Resort and Club. The Junior League of Boca Raton was honored to have The Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation together with the Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute as its Presenting Awards Sponsor and Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton as its exclusive Presenting Fashion Sponsor. Saks produced a full high-energy runway show featuring current trends that was headlined by Ramy Sharp of Ramy Brook, a contemporary women's wear designer.

"The 29th annual Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon and Fashion Show was a record breaking

event with 40 nominees and 1,000 attendees. As an organization dedicated to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving our community through the effective action of trained volunteers, it is fitting that the Junior League of Boca Raton hosts this fabulous celebration. "Every year we are inspired by the nominees' amazing spirit of voluntarism," said Kirsten Stanley, former president of the Junior League of Boca Raton.

Susan Whelchel, nominated by the Junior League of Boca Raton, was named the 2016 Woman Volunteer of the Year. Rosemary Krieger, who has been a driving force behind Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA), was honored as the Lifetime Achievement Award winner. The event was chaired by Sarah Doyle. Kathy Adkins served as the Honorary Chair. The event's Emcee was CBS12 News Anchor Suzanne Boyd.







The Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon recognized 40 nominees from nonprofit organizations throughout Palm Beach County for their dedication and expertise as volunteers. This year's nominees were: *Robin Rubin* (Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center); *Rosemary Krieger* (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc.); *Pamela Polani, Esq.* (Alzheimer's Association); *Lauraleigh Gould* (American Association of Caregiving Youth); *Maureen Mann* (American Cancer Society); *Laura McCutcheon* (Best Foot Forward); *Joan Englert* (BiG Children's Foundation); *Susan Fedele* (Boca Ballet Theatre); *Rosie Martin* (Boca Chamber of Commerce); *Tandy Robinson* (Boca Helping Hands); *Arlene Herson* (Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum); *Julie Clairmont Shide* (Boca Raton Museum of Art); *Charlotte Robinson* (Boca Raton Woman's Club); *Susan Mullin* (Boys & Girls Club - Palm Beach County); *Dr. Marion Webster* (Caridad); *Robin Siegal* (Congregation B'nai Israel); *Bonnie Scharf* (Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America); *Robynne Ryals* (CROS Ministries); *Eileen Carlin* (Debbie-Rand Me-

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Beach County).  
 The Junior League of Boca Raton was proud to have the following presenting sponsors for this year's event: The Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation together with the Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute (Presenting Award Sponsor), Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton (Presenting Fashion Sponsor), and Boca Magazine (Media Sponsor), in addition to: Kathy and Paul Adkins, Amy and Mike Kazma, Rendon Center Dermatology and Aesthetic Medicine, Cendyn Spaces, Publix Super Markets Charities, Alpine Jaguar,

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\$15,000 IS AWARDED ANNUALLY IN THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND MAY. WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR A OCTOBER 15, 2017 DEADLINE, WHICH WILL RESULT IN REWARDED FUNDS OF \$6,000 BY DECEMBER OF 2017.



### WE BASE THESE GRANT REQUESTS ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA...

- Funds must be used within the geographic service area of the Junior League of Boca Raton, defined as North Broward County and South Palm Beach County.
- Applicants must have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, be in the process of obtaining this status or be under the umbrella of an agency with 501(c)(3) status.
- Requests will NOT be considered for fund raising events or expenses, political expenses, travel, sectarian religious projects promoting religion, or to individuals.
- A grant application must be completed and returned with all of the requested supportive materials.
- Applicants may only receive funding every other year.
- Agencies currently having a project under consideration as a Junior League community project or a current Junior League community project are ineligible.
- Applicants must provide a written progress report on the use of granted monies upon request by JLBR.

#### AWARDED IN DECEMBER OF 2016:

- \$1500 - BEST FOOD FORWARD (empowering foster care youth to maximize their potential)
- \$1500 - BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY (inspiring and assisting all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential)
- \$1500 - HOMESAFE (protecting victims of child abuse and domestic violence and creating safer, more productive lives for infants, children, and families focusing on prevention)
- \$1500 - KIDSAFE (preventing child abuse, bullying and on-line exploitation through education)
- \$500 - SPECIAL SPACES (creating dream bedroom makeovers for children battling life threatening illnesses)
- \$1500 - VOLEN CENTER (enhancing the well being of seniors, family caregivers, the disabled, and their families)
- \$1000 - FLORENCE FULLER (early literacy serving 500 children)

#### AWARDED IN MAY OF 2017

- \$575 - CROS MINISTRIES (serving the hungry in Palm Beach and Martin Counties)
- \$1000 - SPIRIT OF GIVING NETWORK (creating alliances with nonprofit organizations by sharing resources and providing education and programs to strengthen our communities)
- \$500 - SWEET DREAM MAKERS (helping kids get a good night's sleep in new beds of their own)
- \$500 - BOYNTON SCHOOLHOUSE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
- \$500 - AUTISM AFTER 21 (life skills for independent living)
- \$800 - BOCA RATON ELEMENTARY SAFETY PATROL
- \$625 - GOLD COAST DOWN SYNDROME
- \$1000 - EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPIES (providing therapeutic riding and equine-activities to children and adults with special needs so that they may improve physically, mentally and emotionally)
- \$500 - SPANISH RIVER PTSA PROJECT GRADUATION (program offered by many high schools in the United States, in which organized, adult-supervised and alcohol-free activities are offered as part of a post-graduation party, as an alternative to student-run events involving alcoholic beverages or drugs)



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# SUPERSTARS

*Taking what we have learned  
and changing the world...*

## KATHARINE DICKENSON

An avid Boca Raton community volunteer since 1973, Katharine's love of the arts and strong leadership background in the Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) has propelled her to the forefront of historic preservation and the arts in the state of Florida.

She has served on and chaired such boards as the BOCA RATON HISTORICAL SOCIETY and the PALM BEACH COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD, going on to chair the FLORIDA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION and FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ON ARTS AND CULTURE, making her the only Floridian to chair both.

On a national level, Katharine has served on the NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION board, as well as numerous out of state preservation organizations.

Katharine's early experiences with the JLBR as well as serving as President of the BOCA RATON HISTORICAL SOCIETY (73-76) and President of JLBR (79-80) taught her the intricacies of leadership and gave her a good foundation in Parliamentary Procedure. Running efficient and time sensitive meetings, organizational skills and the value of volunteering were benefits of League membership as well. Part of her career includes reading hundreds of grants and assigning priorities

for funding; the JLBR taught her good business practices to complete this work.

Currently serving on the STRATEGIC PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS and the LYNN UNIVERSITY CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC'S FRIENDS OF THE CONSERVATORY, her many awards include the Carl Weinhardt Award from the Florida Trust for long term state wide leadership in Historic Preservation, Who's Who in America, Palm Beach County's Judge Knott Award, and Florida Trust Award for Distinguished Service. One of her greatest honors was spending five years on the ST AUGUSTINE FEDERAL COMMISSION, appointed by the Department of the Interior and blessed by the president's office.



## KARI OELTJEN



Whether she is building homes in impoverished neighborhoods in Nicaragua, or founding new ways to fundraise for her community, Kari has taken her leadership training with the League and made an enormous contribution to her community. Recently appointed Chief Development Officer for HABITAT FOR HUMANITY of South Palm Beach County, she steps away from her role with the State Board of Directors, FLORIDA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ALLIANCE but still continues serving on such boards as the ROTARY CLUB, the YMCA, and GEORGE SNOW'S Scholarship Fund. She still serves the League in advocacy efforts as part of their Public Affairs Committee.

She is a ROTARY CLUB of Downtown Boca Raton Volunteer of the Year, a JLBR Woman Volunteer of the Year honoree, and a graduate of LEADERSHIP BOCA.

## MICHELLE RUBIN

"When I joined the Junior League of Boca Raton in 1989 I had no idea the path this would take me on. Not only has my membership in the JLBR given me friends, support, and a wonderful community to live in, it trained me and developed my leadership skills in many ways. You see, in 1989 I had no idea just a few years later I would have my first child diagnosed with autism.

"Over 20 years later with the confidence and network provided to me by the JLBR I formed a non profit, AUTISM AFTER 21. We are now in our sixth year of serving young adults on the autism spectrum. Our premier program is SOAR, Summer Opportunity for Adult Readiness. This residential program on the FAU campus in Boca Raton is changing lives.

"The leadership skills I learned during my active time and as President of the JLBR gave me the skills, provided support and the confidence to



go out in the community and meet needs that families were asking for. AUTISM AFTER 21 works in collaboration with FAU, Florida Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and other nonprofits to provide transition programming for our most special citizens."



# Flavors Raises \$29,600

TO BENEFIT THE MISSION OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE AND THEIR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS IT SERVES

The Junior League of Boca Raton held their annual culinary event, Flavors, on February 2nd, 2017. Located at The Addison, a spectacular venue in downtown Boca Raton, the evening included a delicious array of wines, spirits, an open bar, and savory samplings from local restaurants.



Emily Ghijselinck, Chef Patrick Duffy and Meg Fielder.

Chaired by Meg Fielder and Emily Ghijselinck, Flavors raised \$29,600, and had a sold out crowd of 600 people. Funds raised through Flavors directly support the Junior League of Boca Raton's mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community. The dedication of the Flavors committee as well as the many Junior League of Boca Raton volunteers made this event a huge success.



Patrick Duffy, of The Addison, was the Executive Chef of the evening. The Junior League of Boca Raton was proud to have the following restaurants participate this year: The Addison, Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza, Allstar Gourmet Cupcakes, Atlantic Avenue Beverage, Bacon Box, Barrel of Monks Brewery, Buddha Sky Bar, Bolay, Café Med, Chops Boca, Corner Bakery, GourmetPhile Specialty Market, Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar, Islamorada Beer Co., Jardin, JOYA Sangria, Kapow!, M.E.A.T, MIA Beer Company, Rebel House, Roots Italian Kitchen, Shake Shack, Tucker Dukes, and Vic & Angelo's.



"On behalf of Meg and myself, I would like to thank everyone who helped make this the greatest Flavors event to date! That's our sponsors who helped underwrite the event as well as all the fabulous Chefs and vendors whose participation made it



an unforgettable evening! And of course, everyone in between, we couldn't have done this without all your help, support and encouragement," said Emily Ghijselinck, co-chair of Flavors.

The Junior League of Boca Raton would like to thank the media sponsors supporting Flavors 2017: Boca Raton Magazine, Alpha Media, and Munoz Photography. Additionally, we would like to thank our Flavors event Gift from the Heart sponsors, Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith and Rosemary Krieger. Lastly, our annual mission and event successes would not

be possible without our Community Partners who include Kathy & Paul Adkins; Amy & Mike Kazma; Dr. Marta Rendon and the Rendon Center; Cendyn Spaces; Schmidt Family Foundation; E.M. Lynn Foundation; Publix Super Markets Charities; The Daphne Seybolt Culpeper Memorial Foundation; Toshiba Business Solutions; Alpine Jaguar; ESPN/Boca Bowl; GL Homes; Whole Foods; Whelchel Partners; Economos Properties; Alli & Steven Chanin; Carrie Rubin, Jamie Snyder, and Bay Branch Foundation.





# MOMS WITH Lord & Taylor

Lord and Taylor hosted our Mother's Day fashion show 'Celebrating Moms!' The event featured our members and their children on the runway along with makeovers and prize drawings. This event was organized by the JLBR Small Fundraisers Committee.



# LOUIE BOSSI'S Grand Opening



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Afterwards, jingle all the way and indulge in prix-fixe menus from our participating restaurants with a portion of proceeds benefiting the Junior League of Boca Raton.

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# SUMMARY IMPACT

BY KIRSTEN STANLEY

## ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016-2017

In order to respond to the evolving needs of its members and the community, the Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) undertook a significant evaluation of its operational structure and as a result underwent a significant change to its staffing model.

These efforts allow the JLBR to continue our mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community as follows:

### Promoting Voluntarism

The 29th Annual Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon was held at the Boca Raton Resort and Club on November 18, 2016. Saks Fifth Avenue was

the fashion sponsor and featured a best of Saks runway show highlighting designer Ramy Brook. Once again, Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation was the Award Sponsor and Boca Magazine was the Media Sponsor. Kathy Adkins served as Honorary Chair. There were 1,004 attendees at this mission based event which honored 40 women from area nonprofits. Susan Whelchel of the JLBR was named the 2016 Woman Volunteer of the Year and Rosemary Kreiger of Aid to Victims of Domestic Assault (AVDA) was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Flavors of Boca was held at The Addison on February 2, 2017 and was sold out with over 600 attendees. This annual food and wine event had over 24 participating restaurants and beverage providers.

Small Fundraisers held various events including: Sip & Sniff Speed Oiling; Shop and Share at Lilly Pulitzer; Louie Bossi's Grand Opening; Celebrating Moms: A Fashion Event at Lord & Taylor; and the Boca West Foundation events including Walk in the Woods, Golf Tournament, Raffle and Concert for the Children featuring Jennifer Hudson. In addition, Small Fundraisers expanded the JLBR Boutique to include newly designed JLBR t-shirts and tank tops as well as car magnets.

JLBR received grants including: Boca West Foundation - \$15,000 for the Diaper Bank, the City of Boca Raton - \$13,500 for the Grant Library, Florida Blue - \$5,000 for the Community Garden, The Great Charity Challenge - \$23,500 for the Community Garden.

Our Community Partner program was re-invented and re-branded and included several supporters. Community Partners were Kathy and Paul Adkins, Amy and Mike Kazma, the Schmidt Family Foundation, E.M. Lynn Foundation, Cendyn Spaces, Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation, Bay Branch Foundation, Toshiba Business Solutions, GL Homes, Rendon Center, Alpine Jaguar, Whelchel Partners, Publix Supermarkets Charities, Whole Foods, Boca Raton Bowl, Economos Properties, Alli and Steven Chanin, Carrie Rubin, and Munoz Photography.

We also expanded the 1971 Society to 50 donors at \$500 in celebration of our 45th year in support of Woman Volunteer of the Year.

The JLBR Facebook page had 2,667 followers; Instagram had 2,000 followers, with over 47 posts having 500+ likes/impressions; and 3,665 Twitter followers.

JLBR had feature articles in The Coastal Star, the Sun Sentinel and Boca Forum.

trainings attended by 291 members. Topics included: Speaking and Presenting for Results, Using Project Management Strategies, No Fuss Meals, Wine and Cheese Pairings, Eating Disorders, Strengthfinders, Cure the Imposter Syndrome, Paper Organizing, Yoga, Soul-Guided Communication, Time Management & Productivity, Aromatherapy, MS Office - Word & Excel, Parenting with Results, and Managing Your Money.

Six women attended various learning tracks at 3 Organizational Development Institutes (ODIs) hosted by the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI).

The Membership Engagement committee hosted various events including a Mommy and Me playdate, a yoga class and an evening at Pinot's Painting.

Nominating hosted the 2nd Annual League Leaders event and Placement facilitated an innovative Around the League Placement Fair in April 2017.

General Membership and Cottage Meetings were well attended. September - April meeting totals: Actives 761; Sustainers 54; Provisional 302.

The Transfer Committee held various events including a New Transfer Welcome Dinner, Pajama Party, Holiday Cookie Exchange, Cooking Class, Happy Hour Poker Night and a year-end Celebratory Brunch.

The Sustainers had a very active schedule with a Fall Fling, Holiday Luncheon & Ornament Exchange, Savor the Moment Dinner Party, a Community Service Day, Valentine's Day Luncheon, a Wynwood Food & Art Tour, a Spring Fling, Kentucky Derby Party, Summer Send Off Catamaran Sail and monthly soirées.

Final membership numbers include 259 Actives, 401 Sustainers and 106 Provisionals for a total of 766 members.

# \$663,998

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### Developing the Potential of Women

Recruiting designed and printed new recruiting brochures. They held two open houses and four social gatherings resulting in Membership Development graduating 58 provisional members in the Fall and 53 in the Spring.

The Membership Training committee held 15

# 252

self esteem  
HOURS OF  
TRAINING





# 2,596

 **DONE IN  
A DAY shifts**

## Improving the Community

The Nonprofit Training committee held 37 trainings with 653 participants. Topics included: Finding Grants, FLSA Regulations, Nonprofit Audits, Proposal Writing, Virtual Reality Storytelling, Capital Campaign Success, Trademarks, Finding Individual Donors, Government Grants, E-Newsletters, How to Break Up with Board Members, Corporate Giving, Bringing on New Board Members, Project Budgets, Writing the Grant, Navigating the School District, Facebook for Beginners, Foundation Maps and Mission Based Strategic Planning. Additionally, the grant library was open throughout the year for training and use by local nonprofits.

The Public Affairs committee hosted a Legislative Breakfast in February 2017 in partnership with the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce which was attended by local elected officials and community partners (90 attendees in total). In addition, 8 women attended the SPAC Summer Conference in West Palm Beach; 2 women attended the SPAC Fall Conference in Tampa, where they presented on issues important to the JLBR like the Diaper Bank and Feeding Our Community/Community Garden efforts; and 4 women attended the SPAC Summer Conference in Tallahassee where, among other things, they scheduled meetings with 8 of our local legislators and advocated for priority issues identified by SPAC.

Through the Community Support Fund, \$15,000 was distributed to 16 agencies: Best Foot Forward - \$1,500; Boys & Girls Club of Palm Beach County - \$1,500; HomeSafe - \$1,500; KidSafe Foundation - \$1,500; Special Spaces Boca Raton - \$500; The Volen Center - \$1,500; Florence Fuller Child Development Center - \$1,000; CROS Ministries - \$575; Spirit of Giving - \$1,000; Sweet Dream Makers - \$500; Schoolhouse

Children's Museum & Learning Center - \$500; Autism After 21 - \$500; Boca Raton Elementary School - \$800; Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization - \$625; Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida - \$1,000 and Spanish River PTSA - \$500.

Members completed 4,160 Done-In-A-Day (DIAD) hours of volunteer service through over 425 different DIAD shifts. Nonprofits supported include: Place of Hope, Boca Helping Hands, Wayside House, Spirit of Giving, Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation, the Milagro Center, In the Pines, Twin Palms Center for the Disabled, J.C. Mitchell Elementary School, PROPEL, Love Boca Outreach Ministries, the Boys and Girls Club of Delray Beach, American Association of Caregiving Youth, Best Foot Forward, Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization, George Snow Scholarship Fund, Boca Raton Children's Museum, Daggerwing Nature Center, Gumbo Limbo Beach Clean Up, the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, Junior Achievement and the YMCA of Boca Raton. Five new nonprofits partnered with the JLBR. The 3rd Annual Day of Impact was held on March 14, 2017 and 170 members volunteered through 32 DIAD shifts with 13 different nonprofits and completed 423 DIAD hours.

# 10,811

**POUNDS OF FOOD  
collected**



## Feeding Our Community

Overall 7,950 pounds of food were collected and 3,597 meals were donated last year. The JLBR collected 2,370 pounds of non-perishable food items at the 4th Annual Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat food drive held in the Boca Raton Community Garden benefiting both Boca Helping Hands and Feeding South Florida. Members collected 401 pounds of canned goods at the October cottage meetings and donated to Boca Helping



# 12,188

**POUNDS OF FOOD donated**

Hands. Collected 2,809 pounds of non-perishable items from the White Party held at Sklar Furnishings. The JLBR offered Nutrition Education classes and Cooking classes at Place of Hope and J.C. Mitchell Elementary School. Members provided 1,000 pounds of beans and rice for the 3rd Annual Day of Impact. Delivered 264 Thanksgiving in a Box meals to CROS Ministries; delivered 160 Thanksgiving in a Box meals to St Joan of Arc food pantry; and delivered 390 meals through the Spring Holiday Food Box program to the residents of In the Pines. 1,960 units of formula were purchased through the National Diaper Bank Network and distributed to current diaper bank partners.

## Boca Raton Community Garden

93 plots are leased and paid for. 4 plots are gratis to the Roots and Shoots Program. 4 Bricks were sold. Hired a Garden Coordinator. 373 pounds of fresh produce were donated to Boca Helping Hands. Hosted the 4th Annual Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat food drive on Saturday, October 22, 2017. Hosted the 5th Annual Dr. Seuss Birthday party benefitting the JLBR Diaper Bank on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Held the 3rd Annual Earth Day with Sole collecting new & gently used shoes benefitting In Jacob's Shoes and newly and gently used books benefitting the Spirit of Giving on Saturday, April 22, 2017. The Garden was awarded a \$23,500 grant from The Great Charity Challenge with \$6,000 to go to the Wildflower Walk expansion and signage, \$5,000 for permaculture and \$12,500 for hydroponics. Awarded a \$5,000 grant from Florida Blue to be used towards solar power for the hydroponics. Replaced wood and repaired several plots in need. Partnered with Boca Raton Regional Hospital to build out two 4x12 plots and one 4x4 plot that they will maintain. 100% of the produce will be given back to the community. The project is now on

hold awaiting irrigation work that must be done first. Continue to host events including Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat, Dr. Seuss Birthday Party, Earth Day, Yoga classes, Gardening classes, composting classes, and pot luck dinners.

# 645,481

**DIAPERS DISTRIBUTED**

## Diaper Bank

Received 299,918 diapers on June 21, 2016 through our partnership with the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN). Distributed 645,481 diapers Year to Date. Distributed 2,389,920 since opening the Diaper Bank in 2011. Benefitted from 16 diaper drives. Over 74,000 diapers were donated. Major Diaper drives included: Art of Dance - 1,982; Barrel of Monks - 2,797; Boca West Foundation - 17,775; Day of Impact - 7,852; Dr. Seuss Birthday Party - 17,978; Fresh Kitchen - 7,230; Spanish River Christian School - 3,342. Served 22 local non-profits on a regular monthly basis. Received \$15,000 grant from Boca West Foundation. Held 5th Annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Party in the Community Garden. Partnered with Huggies through the NDBN to buy diapers at discounted prices. Also have continued support from Diaper Bank Sponsors: HCI Books, Rosemurgy Properties and the Boca West Foundation.

Self Esteem: Five part iShine program partnered with In the Pines this year. Topics included were: Etiquette - October 1, 2016; Let's Get Physical - November 5, 2016; Nutrition - December 10, 2016; Vision Board - January 7, 2017; Hygiene - March 11, 2017. On Saturday April 29, 2017, the Self Esteem Committee held a rodeo day at In the Pines focusing on health, fitness, music and community spirits. Activities included arts and crafts, yoga, dance, photo booth a teen DJ and a sing along.



## 2016 – 2017 Board of Directors

President – Kirsten Stanley, President Elect – Renata Sans de Negri, Secretary – Jamie Sauer, Director of Finance – Nikki Stelzer, Director of Nominating – Pattie Goldenberg, Managing Director – Linda Gunn Paton, Board Members at Large – Meghan Shea and Cristy Stewart-Harfmann, Sustainer Board Member at Large – Mary Beth Tate, Presidential Administrator – Kristen Coleman.



### Year End Awards

Year End Awards went to: Alex Bimonte (Starbust), Ashley Cole (Torch), Laurie Daniel (Founders), Kathy Adkins (Outstanding Service), Kimberley Trombly-Burmeister and Laurie Applewhite (Sustainers of the Year) and Kimberly Jurich (You Rock). Jackie Reeves was selected as the 2017 JLBR WVOY nominee.

### Years of Service

5 years of service: Alli Chanin, Melody Cobbe, Ashley Cole, Laurie Daniel, Aja De Los Santos, Tiffany Dudley, Stephanie Economos, Francesca Elmore, Gretchen Finkernagel, Chim Francisco, Kim Hermanowski, Lauren Hierung, Coleen Jackson-Hooke, Johanna Levy, Tiffany McDonnell, Alexis Nasti, Lauren Cepeda Puleo, Kim Sapashe and Sara Toth.

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25 years of service: Laura Cohen-Bull, Cheryl Cleary, Linda Eckelson, Renee Feder, Mary Ellen Hogan, Renee Holmes, Susan Hutchens, Susan “Soozie” Kelly, Teri Kennedy, Janie Keyser, Beth King, Bette Miller, Janet Nodine, Linda Rosson and Margaret Ruzika.

### Community Awards

The JLBR nominated Sustainer Elizabeth Kelley Grace for the Soroptimist International Women of Distinction Award.



STATISTICS FROM ANNUAL PRESIDENT’S REPORT AND RANGE FROM SUMMER, 2016 - SPRING 2017

# Welcome New Provisionals



## JOINING THE Junior League of Boca Raton

Now is an excellent time to become a member. We have a new provisional program to introduce you to League involvement. We are welcoming members for a Spring 2018 Provisional Class which will run January 6th – April 17th.

We have recently welcomed 53 new members in our Fall Provisional Class. Both classes are condensed to maximize fun, learning, and involvement options.

#### WHAT IS A PROVISIONAL CLASS?

Members complete a comprehensive training series that allows them to learn our League structure and programs, as well as experience our community programs first-hand. The Provisional series includes advisor small group meetings, educational courses, a bus tour of community partners, first hand volunteer projects, and attendance at League functions such as general membership meetings.

#### LEAGUE MEMBER REQUIREMENTS:

- + Application fee (1 time) of \$50
- + Annual Dues of \$167

*who we are*



# Diaper Bank

Junior League of Boca Raton Diaper Bank is the only diaper bank in Palm Beach and Broward Counties. We currently distribute approximately 140,000 diapers every other month to local nonprofit agencies. We help diaper well over 800 babies per month. The JLBR Diaper Bank depends on members of our community to host diaper drives and/or be a drop off location.

The JLBR Diaper Bank created a Diaper Distribution Network in Palm Beach and Broward Counties. We serve organizations who then serve our local community. We do not distribute diapers to individuals. If you are in need of diapers, please contact our partner agencies directly.

Come Support the Junior League of Boca Raton Diaper Bank celebrate Diaper Awareness Week! We will be holding diaper drives on Thursday, September 28 at 123 Datura Bar & Kitchen and on Saturday, September 30 at We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym.

To find out more about hosting a diaper drive or becoming a drop-off partner, please contact us by email at [diaperbank@jlbr.org](mailto:diaperbank@jlbr.org).



## Did you know...

...low-income parents cannot take advantage of free or subsidized childcare if they cannot afford to leave disposable diapers at childcare centers.

...1 out of 3 families struggle to buy diapers.

...in low-income families, a baby can spend a day or longer in one diaper, leading to potential health and abuse risks.

...an adequate supply of diapers can cost over \$100 per month.

...infants require up to 12 diapers per day, toddlers require about 8.

...without transportation, lower income families tend to buy diapers at convenience stores rather than a large retailer which can double or triple the monthly cost for diapers.

...diapers cannot be obtained with food stamps, and are classified with cigarettes, alcohol and pet food as disallowed purchases.



Thank you again to the Boca West Foundation for their support of the Junior League of Boca Raton and our Diaper Bank! Renata Sans de Negri and Lisa Ring Warren attended the awards reception hosted by the Boca West Foundation in celebration of the grant awards issued to the many charities it supports. The JLBR is incredibly grateful for their support and partnership!



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# Endowment

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The Junior League of Boca Raton's endowment fund is invested through Merrill Lynch, and is monitored closely by the endowment committee. The committee hosts fundraisers throughout the year to replenish the funds, of which \$35,000 is gifted to the League annually to pay for such expenses as utilities, maintaining landscaping, and any other needed services. This year four A/C units required replacement, a few years ago flooding occurred in the VCRC requiring carpet replacement. Currently a new roof is needed, at the cost of \$40,000, and work is needed on the mailbox, wood fence, and upcoming tree trimming.

We have a number of loyal donors to our endowment, for which we are very grateful. If you would like to support our endowment fund, there are many ways.

- Notecards are available for purchase from the League office for \$25
- Fundraisers are offered throughout the year
- Donations can be made to the Endowment fund on JLBR.org
- Plan for us in your will



*The Endowment board raised \$25,000 at the Battle of the Bartenders, a bartending fundraiser held at Rocco's Tacos.*



## "SPA DAY" FOR THE VEGSO COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Junior League of Boca Raton Endowment Board truly stimulated all your senses at the "Spa Day" for the Vegso Community Resource Center. A sweet rose aroma filled the air as you entered the doors and soft tranquil music played as you entered the community room that had tall tables covered with white tablecloths topped with fresh white flowers and black hot rocks. A wide variety of delicious light appetizers and fruit flavored beverages from *Gourmet Adventures Catering* were there to satisfy your taste buds. Thank you so much to *Seven Elements Spa* for offering reflexology foot massages to relax away your worries.

The Endowment Board has estimated that between board/committee meetings, Grant Library users, and trainings, over 200 people use the Vegso Community Resource Center each month. So many outstanding leaders and trained volunteers go out into the community each month armed with the knowledge they gained from either being a Junior League member or from being trained by one to better the lives of so many men, women and children in our community. This building has become a landmark in our community and a pillar in providing community service.



*Lisa Bariso, Endowment Chair with her family.*



# SUSTAINERS:

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## League Retirement at its Finest

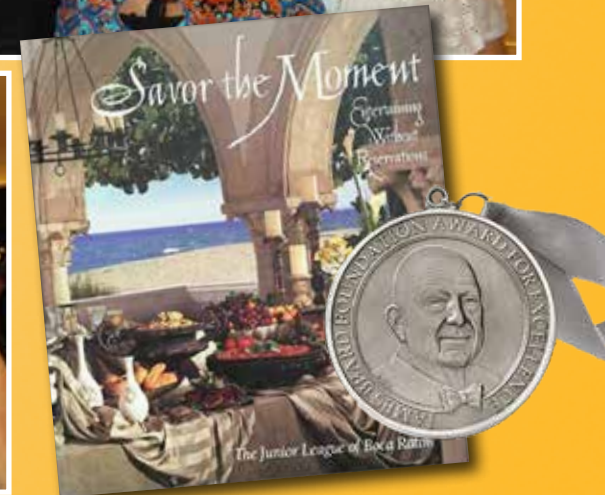
Remember all those fun and delicious tasting dinners we had while trying to select which recipes would be included in our *Savor the Moment* cookbook? It was a true labor of love and now fast forward sixteen years and we have an amazing, award winning cookbook. There is nothing more fun than gathering a great group of friends, enjoying wonderful food and celebrating the Junior League of Boca Raton!

### Cookbook Party

On January 12th, Kathy Adkins hosted a *Savor the Moment* Dinner Party for sustainers to honor the cookbook. Members were asked to bring their favorite dish from the book. With 50 ladies attending, there was a huge selection of appetizers, salads, side dishes, entrees, desserts, and specialty drinks! It was a wonderful opportunity to try a new dish and learn what others enjoy serving from the book. Cindy Krebsbach brought photos and a slide show that captured the history of writing and publishing *Savor the Moment*. It was a tremendous success and we hope to add it to the Sustainer calendar as an annual event!



The JLBR's James L Beard Award winning cookbook, *Savor the Moment*, celebrates its 17th year with over 50,000 copies in circulation. With stunning, four-color photography throughout, *Savor the Moment* highlights over 300 quick-and-easy selections, as well as gourmet creations.







## Spring Fling



## Habitat for Humanity

Sustainers and active members joined together in January for a Team Build with Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County. Our volunteers had the opportunity to assist with construction of a new home being built in Boynton Beach. Part of the team were the highly excited and proud future homeowners, who made the event even more rewarding! It was a fun

filled Saturday exhibiting how strong our membership is, both physically and as an organization. As the JLBR team, our ladies truly exemplified leadership, teamwork, and a sense of community. We were on the rooftop with hammers, breaking down and moving iron scaffolding, transporting sheets of plywood, and showing the community what we were made of!



## Running for the Roses - Kentucky Derby





# Past Presidents' LUNCHEON

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# girl power

**SELF ESTEEM: A NEWER JLBR INITIATIVE**

This newly formed League venture partnered in 2016-2017 with *In the Pines* and focused on young women and nutrition, fitness, and etiquette.

*“We sponsored an exercise and wellness day, as well as a nutrition day – where the girls made their own healthy snacks. In March, the League organized a hygiene and spa day, where the girls made their own bath salt scrubs and built their own skin care kits. We also focused on their inner beauty, as opposed to just their outer beauty,”* informed Jennifer Eising and Shawn Sherlock, co-chairs for the project.

The target audience was the daughters of migrant workers at *In the Pines*, a long time League project. The idea was to establish relationships with the girls, and meet with them once a month.

In April, the League held a rodeo themed event at *In the Pines*, complete with line dancing, a photo booth, a DJ, bounce houses, costumes, and even an appearance by Miss Teen Boca to discuss yoga. League volunteers even brought their own children to participate.

*“Our goal was to work with the girls and build their self esteem, and we did that by focusing on healthy eating, and feeling good and accepting about ourselves. We also added fitness classes, and had a licensed nutritionist come in to teach the benefits of healthy after school snacks, and the evils of sugar, and the benefits of smoothies and veggies.”*

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