



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
BOCA RATON**

*Women building better communities*

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**THE JLBR CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF GIVING AND GETS AN EARLY  
START ON THE HOLIDAYS**

**Boca Raton, FL-** On August 17, members of The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) assembled 3,000 ornaments that will be used as part of the annual Spirit of Giving program to provide holiday gifts for children who would not otherwise receive them. The Spirit of Giving program is directed by Kids in New Directions in conjunction with the Schmidt Family Foundation.

“The JLBR is proud to be an active participant in The Spirit of Giving program. Giving back to children is at the heart of our organization’s mission,” said JLBR President Kathy Adkins.

The ornaments created by the JLBR volunteers will be available at various locations around Boca Raton including the Town Center at Boca Raton, Boca Raton Community Hospital, and the Junior League office in the Vegso Community Resource Center throughout the holiday season. Each ornament contains a needy child’s holiday wish list including toys and clothes (with sizes noted). Donors select a child or children for whom to purchase holiday gifts. The unwrapped gifts will then be collected and delivered to each agency in time to provide a special and memorable holiday for these children in need.

Susan Davis, Chair of the JLBR Done in a Day Committee stated “The JLBR volunteers get so much satisfaction from helping children not just at holiday time but year round.” Davis made the ornament-making activity a family affair since her four-year-old son, Finch, also helped out.

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The Spirit of Giving began five years ago when local philanthropist Barbara Schmidt brought together a group of non-profit organizations in a collaborative effort to better serve children in the greater Boca Raton area and prevent duplication of services. It has since evolved into a unique network of people sharing the common goal of making a difference in the lives of local children.

Serving more than 1,500 children, The Spirit of Giving includes the following non-profits: The Junior League of Boca Raton, Boca Raton Housing Authority CATS Program, Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton, Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, In The Pines, Kids @ Home, Kids In Distress, Kids in New Directions, Police Athletic League, PROPEL, The Haven, YMCA of Boca Raton, and Youth Activities Center. Additional support is provided by other local non-profits including Boca Ballet Theatre Company, Boca Helping Hands, Boca Raton Community Hospital, Boca Raton Educational Television (BRET), Boca Raton Historical Society, Boca Respite Volunteers, Children's Museum of Boca Raton, FAU Volunteer Center, FAU Department of Art and Graphic Design, George Snow Scholarship Fund, Non-Profit Resource Institute, and Schmidt Family Foundation.

For more information about The JLBR or to become a member, call 561-620-2553 or visit [www.JLBR.org](http://www.JLBR.org). If you would like to sponsor a child for the holidays contact Natalie Cwick, executive director of Kids in New Directions, at [natalie@kindprogram.org](mailto:natalie@kindprogram.org) or (561) 385-0144.

*The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Since 1971, the JLBR has been an integral part of our community. The Junior League of Boca Raton is part of the Association of Junior Leagues International, which is comprised of 293 Junior Leagues across the United States and in four countries.                   # # #*