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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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# FROM THE EDITOR

My brother phoned me the other day. Always a good conversationalist, he reliably wandered into philosophical territory just to make me think. The topic du jour was the importance of being able to serve. *To serve*. Success in life, he opined, directly corresponds to how well one can serve. Take a job, for instance. How well one serves others – be them customers, coworkers, people above and below you, is directly related to how well one’s performance is judged. Now make that person president of the entire entity. Instead of having to serve fewer, now he serves many, many more! The higher up the totem pole one goes, the more people to be served. And how successful they are is based on how well they serve these people.

The success of a marriage correlates to how well the husband and wife can serve each other. Ditto with other family members. The depth of friendship relates to how far each friend would stretch for the other.

Relationships are all about serving others. To learn to serve – is a lesson critical to the well being and success of our next generation also. *“We put so much emphasis on grades and schools and sports and activities with our children, but we neglect to teach them the one skill they need to be successful,”* he went on. *“I can look at all of my friends’ kids and determine who is going to be most successful based solely on how well they innately understand this concept.”*

Mulling this over, I thought back to some of the most exceptional League leaders that I have worked with over the years. And sure enough, the one trait that I unknowingly held in highest esteem – without even understanding it – was the humbleness and service they unselfishly offered others. Deflecting attention away from themselves and onto others without even



being conscious of it, quietly assisting those that may never even know they were being helped – these are qualities of a great leader.

The Junior League’s best contribution to our lovely community is our ability to offer so many opportunities to grow leaders. And when we excel and produce our best leaders, they are in all likelihood going to be the most humble, and the most willing to serve. *To serve others.*

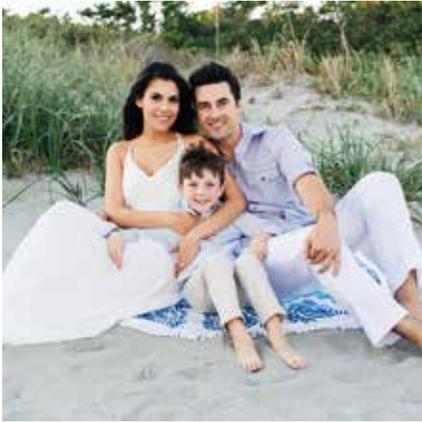
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# DIAPER BANK



Diapers from the JLBR Diaper Bank are packed onto a Puerto Rico Relief Flight plane bound for the island

*“Nationally, 1 out of 3 families struggles to afford diapers. This problem has been exacerbated locally by Hurricane Irma, which displaced residents in the Keys and forced many low income families to purchase hurricane supplies and replace food with money they had previously allocated for diapers.”*

*-Palm Beach Post*

## PROVIDING AID TO HURRICANE VICTIMS IN PUERTO RICO

On November 27th of 2017 in conjunction with the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, JLBR filled a third airplane with donated diapers and food bound for Puerto Rico.

*“Partnering with Puerto Rico Relief Flight, a grass-roots organization based in West Palm Beach, JLBR was able to send 3,720 diapers, 2,006 baby wipes, 105 cans of sunscreen and 582 pounds of food to the island to benefit victims of Hurricane Maria.”*

*- Boca Newspaper*

This recent donation was in addition to the approximately 3,000 adult diapers, 172,800 baby wipes, and 32,000 baby diapers JLBR sent previously on a private plane coordinated with assistance from the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, and a Goodwill cargo plane arranged by The United Way.

The League also received a large diaper donation from Good+ Foundation, who donated 11 pallets of diapers that were then shipped to Hurricane victims.

*“This was a tremendous opportunity for our Diaper Bank to assist those in dire need,”* said JLBR President Renata Sans de Negri.

## FLORIDA KEYS AND BELLE GLADES

*“When Hurricane Irma struck Florida, the Junior League of Boca Raton knew it would be needed more than ever.”*

*-Palm Beach Post*

The JLBR Diaper Bank shipped 2,000 diapers on September 20th to the Florida Keys and members delivered 1,000 diapers to Belle Glades in northern Palm Beach County. Families in both areas were hit particularly hard with hurricane expenses in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

*“Overall, the community response has been fantastic”,* said Diaper Bank Chair Laura Scala-Olympio.

*“Because the Junior League runs the only Diaper Bank in the South Florida area, this organization of more than 700 dedicated women knew that families with infants and young children would need the basics. Getting necessities such as food, water, and diapers into the hands of struggling families became it’s mission.”*

*-Palm Beach Post*

## HAITI

Three weeks after Hurricane Matthew made landfall along Haiti's peninsula, the aftermath of this devastating storm was taking a toll on some of its most vulnerable.

Two of *Food For The Poor's Angels Of Hope* homes, *Cassamajor Orphanage* in Les Cayes and *St. Francois de A'ssise Orphanage* in Paillant, had been significantly damaged or destroyed. More than 200 children, some of them infants, were in dire need of basic supplies.

*"Reports of cholera and dysentery are common when there's a lack of clean water and proper sanitation due to a natural disaster, but it's especially difficult when young children are involved,"* said Angel Aloma, Executive Director of Food For The Poor. *"Infants can require up to 12 diapers per day and toddlers about eight. The longer a child is left in a soiled diaper the greater the risk for illnesses. We are thankful that the Junior League of Boca Raton could help us to help provide these children with a very important and basic need."*

*"The Junior League of Boca Raton is here to make a difference in the lives of people in our community. The tragic events in Haiti reminded us that our community reaches beyond Palm Beach County. In addition to our commitment to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers, part of our vision is to partner with and support fellow nonprofits. We believe that by working with Food for the Poor we are able to quickly get essential supplies to those affected by Hurricane Matthew,"* said Kirsten Stanley, past president of JLBR.



**JLBR President Renata Sans de Negri at the JLBR Diaper Bank warehouse**

*"As a service based organization, we were able to coordinate our efforts and quickly help those who were devastated by the hurricane,"* said Laura Scala-Olympio. *"Getting involved was a simple choice. We were fortunate that our local community was spared from the worst of Hurricane Irma and we immediately began thinking of ways to help the families who lost everything."*

While the JLBR Diaper Bank operates primarily in southern Palm Beach and Broward Counties, members saw an opportunity to help those in desperate need outside these immediate areas. *"It was a great experience! The opportunity to explore other parts of our service area are trips well taken, and time well spent,"* said JLBR Managing Director Meghan Shea, who delivered diapers to Belle Glades.

*"...the Junior League of Boca Raton works with a wide network of community leaders and other non profit organizations,"* added Renata Sans de Negri.



**JLBR Diaper Bank volunteers preparing diapers to send to Puerto Rico**



**Florence Fuller Child Development Center uses a bus to pick up diapers from the JLBR Diaper Bank**

## ABOUT OUR DIAPER BANK

The JLBR Diaper Bank is the only diaper bank in Palm Beach and Broward Counties. The bank currently distributes approximately 140,000 diapers every other month to local nonprofit agencies, and diapers well over 800 babies per month. Year-round diaper drives, as well as generous private donors have enabled the JLBR Diaper Bank to act quickly in aiding victims of the recent devastating hurricanes.

Our Diaper Bank depends on members of our community to host diaper drives and/or be a drop off location. *“We encourage our community to take the initiative and host diaper drives of their own to support our cause.”* said Laura Scala-Olympio. To host a diaper drive, simply contact [DiaperBank@jlbr.org](mailto:DiaperBank@jlbr.org)

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.



**JLBR volunteers at the November diaper distribution**

## 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.
- 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.
- *“1 out of 3 families struggle to buy diapers.”*  
-Boca Raton Tribune
- 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.



## PARTNER AGENCIES

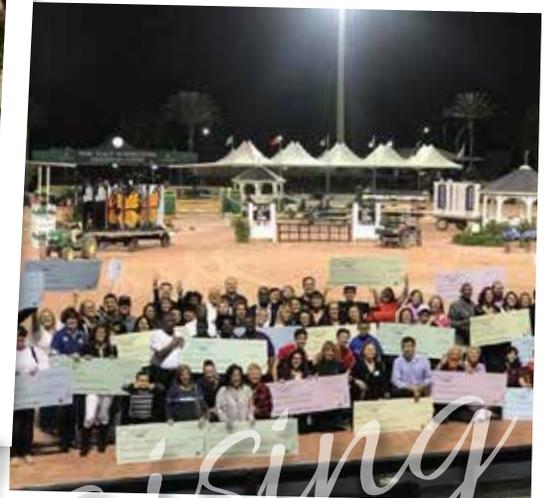
Caridad Center, Florence Fuller, St. Ann Place, Farmworker Coordinating Council, RCMA, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, Hannah’s Home of South Florida, Place of Hope, Gratitude House, The Guardian Ad Litem Program of Palm Beach County, Opportunity Early Childhood Education Center, Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County, The Open Door, Children’s First Academy, Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County

Throughout the year, JLBR members will contribute more than 35,000 volunteer hours and donate more than \$250,000 to support our mission of training volunteers, developing the potential of women and improving the South Florida community.



# GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE

Enthusiastically raising \$17,000 for our community projects, the Junior League of Boca Raton took part in the GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE sponsored by FIDELITY INVESTMENTS. Our 'MY LITTLE PONY' riding team was comprised of Emmy Tromp as TWILIGHT SPARKLE, Kat Full as PINKIE PIE & Tara Corr as RAINBOW DASH, who competed wonderfully. Our team sponsor was SWEDE VENTURES & our corporate sponsor was FAIR PLAY FARM. A great evening was had by all, and JLBR is honored and grateful for this wonderful opportunity.



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THE PURPOSE OF OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND IS TO IDENTIFY AND AID NON-PROFIT AGENCIES WHO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES IN THE SOUTHERN PALM BEACH AND NORTHERN BROWARD COUNTY AREAS. THE PROPOSED FUNDING WOULD GO TOWARDS ASSISTING THE COMMUNITY IN ONE OR MORE OF THREE AREAS: HUNGER, CHILD WELFARE, OR NON-PROFIT SUPPORT. COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED AND FUNDED DURING THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON'S ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR (SEPTEMBER-MAY). GRANTS ARE AWARDED IN DECEMBER AND MAY. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION BY MARCH 15 FOR THE MAY AWARD AND BY OCTOBER 15 FOR THE DECEMBER AWARD. FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL CSF@JLBR.ORG

# FUNDING OUR



# COMMUNITY

## 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 fundraising 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 supporting 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.

**ADOLPH & ROSE LEVIS JCC  
(SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATION  
PROGRAMS) \$1000**

Premier 8 week summer camp serving children and teens in grades Pre-K through 12th grade with special needs. Activities are designed to enhance social, motor, language and other vital life skills that promote greater independence. Emphasis is placed on helping campers make new friends while having fun in a safe, welcoming and nurturing environment.

**LITERACY COALITION OF PALM  
BEACH COUNTY (HEALTHY  
FAMILY HABITS PROGRAM) \$500**

Dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community by promoting and achieving literacy, ensuring that every child and every adult in Palm Beach County can read.

**SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE  
(COCONUT CREEK) \$1000**

Providing homes for up to 75 children. Many of them have been given the opportunity to be reunited with their siblings and are able to grow up together in the same family. It consists of twelve family houses, the director's house, a community centre, counseling center, an administration building and a playground.

**YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF PALM  
BEACH COUNTY (OUTREACH  
AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM  
IN BOCA TITLE 1 ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOLS) \$1000**

Providing young musicians with exceptional music education and performance

experiences while developing an appreciation of classical music within the community.

**BOCA BALLET THEATRE CO.  
(BBT4PD PROGRAM) \$1000**

Dance therapy for those living with Parkinson's disease. Each class flows with constant energy, led by Boca Ballet Theatre instructors. Classes are open to anyone with Parkinsons, no matter their age, ability, or the advancement of their condition and are free of charge. Students enjoy many forms of dance including ballet, tap, jazz, Broadway style, improv and more.

**SUNFLOWER CREATIVE ARTS  
(ROOTS & SHOOTS PROGRAM)  
\$750**

Offering programs to empower children of all ages and parents for hands-on learning experiences in play, nature and the arts. The pillars of Sunflower's educational philosophy are respect for the individual, learning through experience and learning within community.

**HEALTHY MOTHERS/BABIES  
(SMALL STEPS GREAT PARENTS  
CLASSES IN GREENACRES) \$500**

Seeking to improve birth outcomes and promote healthy families by providing access to care, education and support to those facing the physical, emotional, economic and social challenges of pregnancy and infant care. Its goal is for women to enter prenatal care in the first trimester of their pregnancy so that their babies are born healthy. HMHB

is considered *The Gateway* to accessing prenatal care in Palm Beach County and is the only prenatal focused agency that is part of the Healthy Beginnings system of Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County.

**CITYHOUSE DELRAY BEACH \$ 500**

Providing hope and renewal to homeless single mothers and their children in Palm Beach County. CityHouse allows the mother to experience real change through a long-term program that offers daily mentoring, accountability, educational opportunities, support and encouragement while giving their children a safe and secure environment to live and thrive in.

**BOCA RATON CHILDREN'S  
MUSEUM (ARTS EDUCATION  
PROGRAM) \$500**

Broadening children's awareness of the world around them and teaching them how to problem solve through creative and scientific exploration, and creating a community-learning environment that supports and nurtures the family.

**FISHING FOR FAMILIES IN NEED  
(BOCA RATON PROGRAM) \$1000**

Providing fishing clinics to socioeconomically disadvantaged children during the school year and summer as well as providing local soup kitchens with fresh fish from local fishing tournaments to provide a nutritious meal while hopefully reducing potential waste that can occur at these tournaments.



# 2018 Calendar of EVENTS

## January

JANUARY 9, 2018  
General Membership Meeting  
@ Boca Country Club

JANUARY 10, 2018  
Leadership Training @ VCRC

JANUARY 16, 2018  
Member Engagement:  
Book Club "Three Wishes"

JANUARY 27, 2018  
Spring Super Saturday

JANUARY 28, 2018  
Endowment Spa Day 2018

## February

FEBRUARY 1, 2018  
Flavors 2018 at the Addison

FEBRUARY 2, 2018  
Retreat: Presidents of Larger Leagues

FEBRUARY 5, 2018  
Boca West Foundation  
Walk in the Woods

FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
Sustainer Leaguers Valentine's Luncheon

FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
Member Training: Personal Branding

FEBRUARY 13, 2018  
Cottage Meetings

FEBRUARY 15, 2018  
Sustainer Leaguers at Wick Theatre

FEBRUARY 22, 2018  
Member Engagement Social:  
Love is in the Air Happy Hour



FEBRUARY 22, 2018  
Member Training: Knowledge is  
Power- Financial Planning

FEBRUARY 24, 2018  
Dr. Seuss Event  
@ Community Garden

FEBRUARY 27, 2018  
Boca West Foundation  
Diaper Drive

# March

MARCH 1, 2018  
Henri Bendel Shopping Event

MARCH 13, 2018  
Day of Impact

MARCH 13, 2018  
Sustainer Leaguers Little Havana Food  
and Cultural Walking Tour

MARCH 22, 2018  
Sip and Shop at C. Orrico in Delray

MARCH 25, 2018  
Member Engagement: Spring Fling  
Sunday Brunch @ Avant

MARCH 29, 2018  
Legislative Breakfast

# May

May 8, 2018  
May Dinner Meeting

MAY 6, 2018  
Fashion Show @ Fabletics

May 12, 2018  
Stamp Out Hunger

# April

APRIL 7, 2018  
Member Engagement: Family Fun Day

APRIL 7, 2018  
Fill the Bus Diaper Drive

APRIL 9, 2018  
Boca West Foundation Golf Challenge

APRIL 10, 2018  
General Membership Meeting  
with Placement Fair  
@ Boca Country Club

APRIL 10, 2018  
Boca West Foundation  
Concert for the Children

APRIL 17, 2018  
Provisional New Member: Graduation

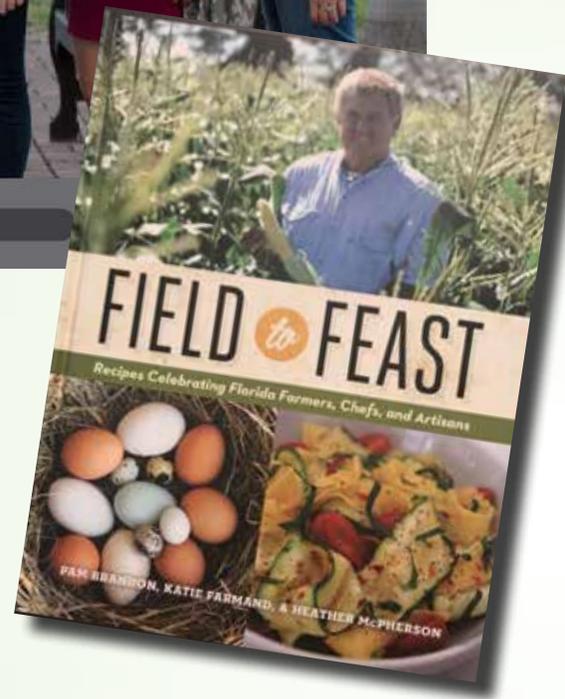
APRIL 19, 2018  
Prospective New Member  
Open House @ VCRC

APRIL 22, 2018  
Earth Day Celebration  
@ Community Garden

APRIL 26, 2018  
Raise the Bar  
Endowment Bartending  
Event @ Rocco's Tacos



# THE MAKING OF A *Community Garden* A True Grassroots Effort



Starting a community garden from scratch is no easy feat. Not only is this a heartwarming story that brought together many different parts of the community at a difficult time and successfully tackled a myriad of challenges, it is a story of growth both of volunteers and of our community, and the enjoyable completion of a goal that makes our community so much better in so many ways.

*“The year was 2008, we were in the throws of a recession, people were struggling and it became obvious to me that we needed to pull the community together. And,”* remembered Mayor Susan Whelchel (a Leaguer), *“we needed to*

*help people in need.”* Realizing that this was no easy task, Mayor Whelchel starting researching what other communities did to uplift their population, and saw a lot of community gardens springing up across the country, resulting in bringing their communities together for a common cause. Going to the city, Mayor Whelchel was able to generously obtain a land lease for an unused piece of property. The city also graciously agreed to furnish the very necessary water supply.

Next, Mayor Whelchel had to find just the right organization to take the reigns. She focused on the Junior League of Boca Raton. *“I didn’t know what the League would come up with, but*

*knew that if the project was in the League's hands, it would be done right !”* said Mayor Whelchel.

The idea was brought to the League's board of directors for a vote. The League accepted the challenge.

Schuyler Thompson had just chaired a particularly successful fundraiser for the League when she was asked, based on her prior accomplishment, to head up this new garden project. *“Usually these things take years, imagine my surprise when I was told I had less than a year !”* remembers Schuyler.

Schuyler was provided with a committee of ten. *“The team was lean but fierce,”* advisor and past League president Kristen Ross recalls. Schuyler and her committee visited every community garden they could find to help them develop a vision, and researched websites of gardens. The location the city generously provided was an old lumberyard that was not exactly the type of earth you can garden in – it was rocky and sandy and would require a lot of preparation. There were so many pieces to put together – location, logistics, and most importantly - money. There began endless meetings with the city and the mayor to iron out details, loads of red tape to sort through, and again – lots of money to raise.



First, Schuyler needed a landscape architect to educate her committee on how a garden would look. *“I looked on social media - ‘linked in’ – because I had no idea where else to start, and I found the perfect landscape architect – Wayne Tanning. I chose him because he had municipal experience, non-profit experience, and we had one mutual friend, Kristy Hartofilis, another League member,”* said Schuyler.

Tanning initially thought all that was needed was some advice, but he soon learned that the team didn't even know what they needed from him ! *“I finally said, ‘Let's go look at the land and start there,’* Tanning said. They went on together to build a vision of how the garden would look. *“The more I got involved in the project, the more excited I became. I decided to do the work pro-bono,”* Tanning remembered. There were many questions to answer. How many plots ? What to grow ? This was a public / private sector project, the city being public, the League being private. How would that work going forward ?

Tanning would prove to be one of the greatest assets to the committee, donating huge amounts of time and expertise to the garden's design. He came to every committee meeting and revealed his design at a League general membership meeting.



*Visionary Leaguer Schuyler Thompson*



*“There are so many components that went into the planning, everything was strategic from visual sight lines to safety. We incorporated a concept called CPTED – Crime Prevention through Environmental Design,”* said Tanning. *“We wanted people to feel comfortable, not vulnerable.”*

*“At the time, there were plans for our new library in land adjacent to what would become our garden. I worked with the city’s architect to arrange the layout of both the garden and the library to maximize the cohesiveness of space, changing the library to sit on a diagonal,”* said Tanning.

The committee strategized on fundraising, coming up with ideas such as naming rights on benches, bricks, and sponsors.

Tanning called his friend Doug Fash (his wife Binky is a Leaguer), owner of Sunflower Landscaping, to prepare the land. Sunflower was able to install trees, landscaping, and put in irrigation at a greatly reduced cost.

The city of Boca Raton leased the land to the garden, paid to install the irrigation, and paid for water and garbage pickup. It was decided that the League would carry the insurance, maintain the land, and handle all gardener leases - to essentially manage the entire process.

*“I don’t even garden !”* said Schuyler. No gardening experience was required. What was needed was organizational, marketing, research, networking, communication and business skills.

Elizabeth Murdoch Titcomb, a graphic designer and League member, donated her time to create a logo for the garden and helped develop the ‘personalized brick’ fundraising idea. *“We wanted the logo to be fun and simple,”* she remembers, *“and to reflect the start of something new, so we chose the seedling. Years later, I now bring my son to the library, and we love to walk over to the garden to run around,”* says Titcomb. The League donated a brick to Titcomb for her contribution. Schuyler and her team took that logo and a poster of how the garden would look and brought them everywhere. The city gave them a booth at Mizner Park to promote the garden, and they created a facebook page that acquired over 200 followers before the garden was even constructed ! Several YouTube videos were posted including messages from the mayor, a gardener, the committee, the JL Board, and Tanning. *“We started promoting a garden that didn’t even exist !”* laughs Schuyler. They created a gardener’s handbook and lease agreements. They continued to meet with the Mayor.

*“The biggest challenge was construction. This was expensive, we were in uncharted waters. This involved bulldozers, irrigation installation, spigots for hoses, and permits from the city”* said Schuyler.

The committee contacted another League for advice that had also done a garden. There were big



dreams associated with this project, but in the end those dreams needed to be scaled back to fit the small budget. The League was supportive but cautious.

Whole Foods Market contacted the League about partnering. *“They were totally into this garden and wanted to be involved,”* said Schuyler. *“They donated \$30,000 and built a pergola in front. They went on to use the garden for educational purposes, hosting classes there, and worked with the library to make this happen,”* said Schuyler. *“One such class was a cooking demonstration featuring the cookbook, ‘Field to Feast’ that was very well attended on a Saturday morning under the pergola. Whole Foods also leased plots to grow pizza toppings – tomatoes, basil, mushrooms and peppers. The food was then brought into their in-store classroom to teach the real meaning of ‘farm to table.’ Whole Foods representative Kristin Bagonis Kastelic and Abigail Nagorski even attended committee meetings. They helped to raise money by having a percentage of sales on one day a year donated to garden efforts.”*

The garden concept was quickly becoming well received by the community and city. *“The best part was how excited everyone was: Boca Helping Hands (our local food bank), the League, gardeners, the city,”* said Schuyler. *“We had everyone in town drinking the garden kool-aid!”* Local schools stepped in to help construct planting boxes. Even the Boy Scouts were involved. Currently, the Key Club at Boca Raton Community High School meets the last Saturday of every month to maintain a plot, with all proceeds going to Boca Helping Hands.

Betsy Pickup, a retired teacher and League member had earned the designation of *Master Gardener* after leaving the educational field. She was asked to come on board the committee to help organize the garden. *“I took a Master Gardener course at Mounts Botanical Garden, a part of the University of Florida extension for Agriculture,”* she said.

The first year ending, chair elect Kate Weissing took the reigns to oversee completion of the original plans, including construction, plot building, leasing, and managing the garden and gardeners. The first 40 plots were built, leased, and planted by October 2011,



in time for the growing season, which runs from October through May. Part of a gardener’s lease agreement dictates that they donate 10% of their harvest to Boca Helping Hands, our local food bank.

After the first year, there was so much interest generated that there was a waiting list to lease a plot. Interest came from individuals, restaurants, and even schools. The garden became a community park where people had yoga classes and held special events. *“People started showing up that didn’t even have plots just to enjoy the area,”* said Tanning.

After that, the League realized the enormity of chairing this project, and the work was split between two chairs, one operational and one financial. The third year Megan Rask took over the operational aspect of the garden, while Pattie Goldenberg tackled the finances, successfully overcoming the expected debt that the garden had incurred in the initial phases. *“My role was primarily fundraising. There are significant costs associated with maintenance, replenishment, adding soil to plots, buying trees. The year I took over, we were understandably substantially underfunded, as expenses and funding continued to ebb and flow throughout the entire project. This is like any project requiring money, we had our challenges. I needed to*

*come up with money and find a way to make this sustainable. However, we had significant support from many areas and continued to move forward. I was also involved in publicizing the garden, renting plots, and expanding,”* said Pattie.



At the time, that particular area where the garden resided was previously considered a ‘food desert,’ a designation resulting from certain members of the population not having easy access to fresh fruits and vegetables. ‘Food Deserts’ are one of the Junior Leagues of Florida’s State Public Affairs Committee’s focuses under the area of Hunger, dovetailing nicely with our overall mission. *“I was able to get a \$5000 grant from one of the Agricultural Departments in Florida,”* said Pattie. They continued selling brick pavers, dedicating benches, hosting events for the public, including ‘Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat.’ *“We had hurdles to overcome and a few disappointments, such as a beautiful and expensive fountain that didn’t work out. Lumber is expensive, we were struggling for sponsors, there were permitting, labor and engineering costs we had not counted on,”* said Pattie. *“We had to make up the deficit and continue the ongoing costs, while at the same time planning for expansion.”* There were plans for butterfly and permaculture gardens to factor in. *“My work on the garden helped me to develop – I learned to write a grant, and I successfully wrote my first. I learned a lot about fundraising, and was able to substantially improve the financial situation of the garden,”* said Pattie. *“It was one of my years of greatest growth in terms of new skills and learning about the city of Boca. I had to wade through a lot of red tape and learned how the different branches of city government work together. I thoroughly enjoyed working with our city on this project.”*

Co-chair Megan Rask oversaw the operational aspect of the garden, and the garden was expanded significantly. The ladies and their team were also tasked with raising awareness of the garden and educating the gardeners. There was much to learn about our South Florida climate and fostering organic processes. Megan remembers, *“I had been on the committee since its inception, so it was logical that I handle the operational aspects. I understood the challenges and how big it had become.”* She knew the gardeners and tackled the challenges of landscaping, installing benches, a gazebo and a fountain, and expansion in general. The garden was starting to flourish. Her biggest challenge is familiar – *“chairing the garden was a full time job and then some for both Pattie and myself.”* There were some – in hindsight – funny stories she likes to tell. *“One night someone stole one of the benches. It wasn’t just any bench, it was the bench dedicated to the mayor and we had a big event the next day! The bench reappeared miraculously the next day underneath the gazebo. Turns out, a homeless person was using it to sleep on, under the cover and protection of the gazebo. We ended up having to nail the benches into the ground! We are happy that the homeless population can enjoy the garden as well, but this was pushing it. We put up signs saying the garden closed at sundown, and enlisted law enforcement to monitor the area. We also put in a bulletin board listing upcoming classes and events. There were two keys to this board, one of which disappeared one night. After that, all messages that were put in were turned upside down during the night and the message board relocated*



afterwards. Nothing was malicious, just someone trying to be funny. These were some of the challenges I dealt with during my year of chairing operations !”

During this time Betsy Pickup came every Saturday morning for several hours to instruct and help the gardeners. Also, an entrepreneurial farmer named Farmer Jay came to educate. Potluck dinners were organized, musicians played their instruments under the pergola, and everyone involved – mainly the gardeners but also the general public – really got to know each other.

During the building of the garden, Betsy was instrumental in guiding the group. “We broke ground on Earth Day,” Pickup smiled. “The committee recruited gardeners like they recruit League members,” said Schuyler. Leadership Boca High helped to build the boxes for the plots, and the Police Youth League participated also. Betsy Pickup provided gardening expertise, and organized getting composted soil. She continues to be very involved with the garden. Three years ago, she applied for a grant to put



in pollinating wildflowers for the vegetable garden, and was awarded \$500 for the garden’s wildflower walk. She is currently working on another grant to extend the food forest portion of the garden. She also instructs groups of kids in the art of gardening through a program called ‘Roots and Shoots’ after teaching gardening in the Pearl City neighborhood of Boca. ‘Roots and Shoots’ maintains two plots and meets the first Saturday of each month. The program was started by Jane Goodall and has branches all over the world, bringing kids in touch with nature.

Lynn Russell served as the first gardener, and is now the garden manager. She started the permaculture food forest, and just had 14 trees put in. She remains one of the garden’s most important resources.

The garden benefited in exposure from the beautiful new library. There continues to be no electricity, so any power needs to be solar. “We had to be creative,” said Tanning.

Later, a sensory component was added for autistic children, with feel/touch/smell components to engage. There are some plots that are wheelchair accessible – on stilts. The Florence Fuller Child Development Center has plots at the garden as well. There are also Alzheimers and Parkinson patients who enjoy the garden. The key was to be intergenerational, inclusive. There are many playfully strategic open areas.

Kristen Ross (and past League president) served as the advisor of the committee the first two years, as she was involved in the initial board decision to go ahead with the project and was a perfect liaison with Mayor Whelchel, as they hammered out each’s



(the city and the League) involvement in the project. *“One of the things I remember most is how Schuyler grew as a leader and how the committee members developed into really skilled and dynamic volunteers. The committee was made up of fairly new members and everyone stepped up to the plate. The garden was a tricky project with no League road map to follow or binder to be passed down. The committee really mobilized quickly and that’s how they got so far off the ground the first two years. We all grew together, and I really enjoyed advising these girls and experiencing first-hand part of the League’s mission in action - developing the potential of women.”* Kristen dedicated a bench to the founding committee, with the team members’ names etched on it.

Zimmerman tree service, of which Orli Zimmerman is a Leaguer, donated huge amounts of mulch and trimmed the trees, and Orli went on to chair the garden with Laura Zaki in it’s 4th year. *“Home Depot even came through for us by donating lumber and making some of the plots, and I got the Elks Club involved also”* said Orli. She encountered challenges in terms of maintenance and volunteer support, as well as funding but learned how to tackle these effectively and grow as a leader. *“If you ask your community to support you, you will be amazed at how*

*much they bring to the table,”* Orli said. *“You should see people’s faces when they harvest, and they realize that they’ve grown their own food !”* says Laura Zaki, *“What I loved most about the garden is the way it brought people together. From chili cookoffs to pot luck brunches and so many other activities, it truly continues to foster a sense of community. I learned so much. I thought I knew a lot about gardening going in but through attending classes at the garden and being in close touch with the master and lead gardeners, I really learned a lot, from composting to growing beautiful tomatoes in South Florida, to understanding how to grow a sustainable food forest. As for challenges - I would say getting the back area of the garden completed was quite a challenging project. We worked alongside the gardeners to develop a permaculture forest as well as a wildflower walk and a much needed garden shed. We also expanded the number of plots by building out the back section of the garden with much help from JLBR volunteers and gardeners. It was very satisfying to continue the work started by previous chairs and bring the vision of the garden full circle.”* Laura Zaki and Orli Zimmerman went on to organize a fundraiser at Kapow which raised over three thousand dollars. These funds were used to secure the purchase and delivery of the tool shed at the garden.





There was some uncertainty with the garden because the land-lease with the city was nearing its end. As this date neared, the League was careful to scale back resources into the project until the garden's immediate future was more clear. The city, graciously, did extend the agreement another several years, but the lease continues to be at its discretion. Like in any non-profit organization, change is a constant, but JLBR continues to be prepared and works hard to anticipate and plan for all scenarios. The garden received a drop off of tractor tires, which couldn't be used for the plots because they break down and are not organic. A gardener who was also an artist painted them and put them on display.

Five years into the garden Traci Wilson took the reigns. *"I wasn't a gardener,"* Traci said, *"but I ended up falling in love with the project because of the gardeners. They really loved the garden, and when I saw how much it meant to them, it made me want to do everything I could to continue to grow it. We had almost no budget, so I would show up and weed the plots myself during the non-growing months. When the gardeners saw me doing this, they jumped in and really put so much effort into helping with the weeding, I don't know what we would have done without their assistance. The experienced gardeners were so*

*generous with their time and knowledge when new gardeners joined, it was inspiring. That was the beauty of the garden. We started it but it became so much bigger than us."*

*"The Junior League can do anything because we're trained volunteers with a strong organizational structure, and we network with the right people,"* said Schuyler. *"It's hard to envision all the work that went into this if you weren't part of it from the beginning."*

*"I gave a tour of the garden this summer to the American Society of Landscape Architects, who was having their annual meeting at the Boca Resort. This is now the largest community garden in Florida in terms of acreage and plots,"* said Tanning. The garden continues to evolve. An orchard component will be added on the north end. The design leaves flexibility for change and expansion.

The successful completion of this project earned Schuyler the Torch Award for *"willingly forging into new territory"* from the Junior League of Boca Raton.

*"I'm so amazed that we did it!"* said Schuyler. *"I definitely put this on my resume."*

*"I'm so proud of this project every time I drive by the garden,"* said Tanning. *"It was a tough economic time and so many came together to donate services, products, and volunteer hours."*

The garden continues to grow and flourish every year, under the umbrella of our generous community, businesses, City - all managed by the League resulting in steep and enjoyable learning curves to our members. It remains one of our most sacred contributions to our community. The League remains especially grateful to the City of Boca Raton for their generous contribution.

Anyone interested in leasing a plot should check the website, JLBR.org for availability.

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# SPAC

## JUNIOR LEAGUES OF FLORIDA'S STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

THE JLBR PUBLIC AFFAIRS TEAM TRAVELED TO TALLAHASSEE IN JANUARY FOR THE JUNIOR LEAGUES OF FLORIDA'S STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (SPAC) WINTER CONFERENCE. THEY MET WITH OUR STATE LEGISLATORS TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY. SPAC UNITES 22 JUNIOR LEAGUES ACROSS FLORIDA AND REPRESENTS MORE THAN 11,000 WOMEN.

### *first day*

*8 am*  
BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION

*8:45 am*  
TRAVEL TO AND TOUR OF HOPE COMMUNITY, JL TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY PARTNER

*10 am*  
LEGISLATIVE TRAINING: AMBER SMITH, JL TAMPA

*11 am*  
MEDIA AND MESSAGING ON CHILD BRIDES LEGISLATION: RYAN WIGGINS, FULL CONTACT STRATEGIES

*12:15 pm*  
WORKING LUNCH- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: ERIN CHOY, 2016-2017 CHAIR, JLFL SPAC

*This legislative session we focused on the opioid epidemic, human trafficking and education*





*...with Senator Lori Perman*



*...with Representative Rick Roth*



*...with Senator Kevin J. Rader*

1 pm

UPDATE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING ISSUES FOR THE 2018 SESSION; ROBYN METCALF, OPEN DOORS STATEWIDE DIRECTOR

2 pm

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMISSION OVERVIEW: ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE SUZANNE VAN WYK AND ALEXIS LAMBERT, CRC STAFF

4 pm

SPAC BUSINESS: LEE LOWRY, 2017-2018 CHAIR, JLFL SPAC

5 pm

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION AT ANDREW'S



...with Legislative Affairs Director of Palm Beach County Rebecca De La Rosa and Senator Lori Berman



...with Representative David Silvers



## second day

9 am  
SENATOR NEGRON

12:15 pm  
SENATOR RADER

9:45 am  
REPRESENTATIVE ROTH

1:45 pm  
REPRESENTATIVE BERMAN

10:15 am  
REPRESENTATIVE HAGER

2 pm  
REPRESENTATIVE ABRUZZO

11 am  
REPRESENTATIVE SILVERS

# love letters to the league

Boca Raton Junior League  
we wanted to say Thank You!  
for the food + personal items. we  
very appreciate your help. it means  
alot.

Thanks!  
Maricela & Maria

Dear Junior League Ladies,  
Words can't express how  
much I appreciate the  
kind words during therapy!  
I'm getting better every  
day!

♥  
Lawn Shulock

Dear DLBR.

Thank you for the gift  
for my son. He loves water so  
the swimming diaper are perfect

Lisa



Thank you very much at this  
Thanks giving I have kids this  
help alot, and I am greatfull  
Thanks the holidays  
all ways had any help is  
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Junisha

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Junior League of Boca Raton  
 261 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Dear Junior League of Boca Raton:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the clients, volunteers and the staff at the Volen Center, I would like to extend our deep gratitude to you for the generous donation of \$1,500.00 to the Volen Center for the 2017 Bistro Program.

Your support as a donor of The Volen Center is greatly appreciated and makes it possible for The Center to provide necessary services that make a difference in lives of seniors throughout southern Palm Beach County. The Volen Center provides care for those with cognitive disorders in our Adult Day Care, daily socialization and programming for active seniors, nutrition services such as home delivered meals and hot meal Monday through Friday at meal sites, free or low cost transportation to doctor's appointments and grocery shopping, and in home services such as homemaking and personal care.

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Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Lugo*  
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Laura Scala-Olympio  
 Diaper Bank Chair  
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Dear Laura,

Thank you for your donation of 4,836 diapers to Hannah's Home which provides for our residents baby's diaper needs. This donation fills a need which then allows us to spend the money saved in other areas - curriculum for the residents, items that we will need for our day care center and our new dormitory which will provide housing for an additional four residents that will be opening in August/September 2017.

Sincerely,

*Beth Fike*  
 Beth Fike  
 Executive Director



Alexis (left) with her first driver's license and Nina (right) with her certificate for passing a section of the GED.

Dear Diaper Bank Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to be a member of the Boca Raton Diaper Bank. This opportunity to have diapers donated to The Open Door, will allow us to be able to supplement daycare for many more teen mothers who are in our program.

Blessings,  
 Jan Kramer  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to thank you for your donation of \$800.00 to the Safety Patrol at Boca Raton Elementary. The students and I certainly appreciate your kindness.

The students will benefit greatly from this generous donation. Your investment in our school helps inspire and encourage our students to have opportunities beyond the classroom.

On behalf of the entire Boca Raton Elementary family, I express my sincere gratitude for your commitment to education.

Sincerely,

*Juanita Tiona*  
 Ms. Juanita Tiona  
 Physical Education Instructor  
 Safety Patrol Fundraiser Sponsor



Dear Kristen and the JLBR,  
 Thank you for your support! We were thrilled to have members help make literacy kits for our families as part of their DADS shift.  
 Best regards, Kristin

Dear Junior League,  
 Thank you for the beautiful luncheon and wonderful honor. It is humbling to see the wonderful work that is done by other women in our community and I was proud to be along side of them.

Robin May



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ON SUPER SATURDAY, NEW MEMBERS COME TOGETHER TO VISIT PAST AND EXISTING COMMUNITY PROJECTS OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON.

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# 9th Annual

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# FLAVORS

The Junior League of Boca Raton was proud to host the 9th Annual “Flavors” event. Known locally as THE food and wine extravaganza, this year’s event included over 30 participating restaurants, dynamic live performances by Michael Israel as well as members of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio, and a fashion show from Saks Fifth Avenue that gave an insider’s look to their upcoming Spring 2018 fashion line. Round The Town was on hand to provide local Boca attendees with complimentary, and safe, event transportation. A live auction offered patrons a chance to bid on luxury items such as delicious dinners and wine tastings at acclaimed restaurants, as well as sports tickets, and high-end jewelry.

Thom and Joyce DeVita and Al and Joni Goldberg served as the event’s honorary chairs. Mrs. DeVita was the Junior League of Boca Raton’s 2017 “Woman Volunteer of the Year” winner, honored for her outstanding work with The Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum, while Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg are owners of Gourmet Adventures, a full service Catering Company, serving South Florida for

16 years. Karli Vazquez-Mendez, a member of the Junior League of Boca Raton since 2014, served as this year’s “Flavors” committee chair and brought a sophisticated sense of flair to the event. Each have a true passion for creating great food for any event and brought that passion to “Flavors.”

Hosted at the beautiful Addison venue in downtown Boca Raton, “Flavors” was attended by more than 740 patrons. The proceeds from the event will directly fund a number of Junior League community projects that benefit the immediate Boca Raton area including other non-profit support, promoting children’s welfare, eliminating hunger, and our community diaper bank.

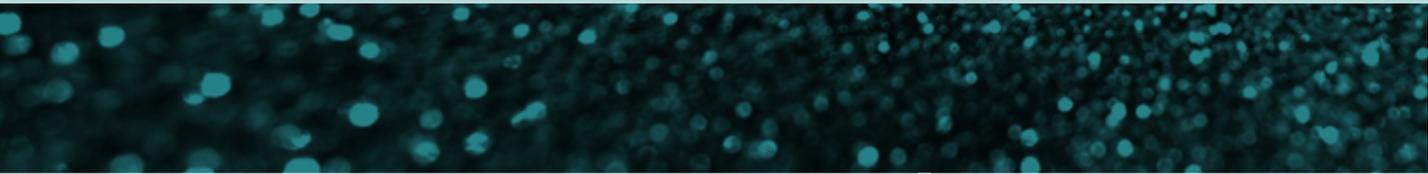
We would like to thank Rebecca Creek, Fine Texas Spirit Whiskey, the event’s 2018 liquor sponsor, for their generous support. Additionally, we would like to thank our presenting sponsor, Saks Fifth Avenue; our valet sponsor, Ultimate Staffing Services; our media sponsor, Boca Magazine, each participating “Flavors” restaurant, and Munoz Photography for their unwavering generosity.

*“The proceeds of the “Flavors” event will continue to fund our mission and our work within the issues of hunger, child welfare and nonprofit support.”*

*-Renata Sans de Negri, Junior League of Boca Raton President*



*“Flavors has absolutely become one of the most highly-anticipated foodie events in South Florida, and it gets better every year.”*  
 -Chef Patrick Duffy, Executive Chef at The Addison



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*THANKSGIVING IN A BOX* YIELDED 170 DONATED BOXES TO *CARING KITCHENS OF DELRAY/ CROS MINISTRIES*.

MONTHLY, 1300 LBS. OF BEANS & RICE ARE PICKED UP BY THE *FARMWORKERS COORDINATING COUNCIL*, THE EQUIVALENT OF 10,480 MEALS. 500 FAMILIES OF FOUR WILL RECEIVE 2 BAGS WITH ENOUGH FOOD FOR 4 MEALS.

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*DAY OF IMPACT* WAS TUESDAY, MARCH 13. WE PACKED 3900 POUNDS OF BEANS AND RICE AND MADE 1165 SANDWICHES. THE BEANS, RICE AND SANDWICHES WERE DONATED TO *FARMWORKERS COORDINATING COUNCIL, BOCA HELPING HANDS, YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER* AND OTHER NONPROFITS IN THE COMMUNITY.

175 CARE BAGS WERE CREATED FOR *STONEMAN DOUGLAS* TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF. THIS INCLUDED WATER, CHIPS, CANDIES, MINTS, GRANOLA BARS, AND HANDWRITTEN WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT BY OUR OWN LEAGUE MEMBERS.

MARCH 23 WE PARTNERED WITH *FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY* (FAU) IN A WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO PROVIDE STUDY SNACK BAGS INCLUDING BOTTLED WATER AND LIGHT FOOD TO ASSIST WITH EXAMS. THERE WAS AN INFORMATIONAL CARD PROMOTING THE FOOD PANTRY *BEYOND FOOD* AT FAU FOR STUDENTS THAT MAY BE SKIPPING MEALS DUE TO LACK OF MONEY FOR FOOD, AND ALSO INFORMATION ON JOINING THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON. THIS IS OUR FIRST FORAY INTO FAU, AND WE ARE LOOKING AT OTHER WAYS WE CAN PARTNER WITH THEM.

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**Our Boca League has established a group of ladies that started in other leagues and found their way here. That group met at the home of one of our members for a Holiday Cookie Exchange, one of their many social excursions.**

**While tasting cookies and sipping champagne and sangria, our ladies reminisced about prior leagues and different focuses, and how these other leagues individually improved their unique communities.**

## **MANHATTAN, NEW YORK** **SAMANTHA ECKHART**

While in the New York Junior League, in Manhattan, I worked on a committee called *Spotlight On Performance*. We worked in Harlem teaching visual and performing arts to elementary school kids. Many kids in the program had limited or no art programs in their schools. We focused on singing, dancing and acting, but also taught them how to make their own costumes and set design. One year, we had them create their own music video with actual cameras and a green screen. They were always so eager to learn! The kids even got a chance to perform at the YMCA Spring Gala and performed music from Broadway shows like *Matilda*, *The Wiz* and *Hairspray*. While in the NYJL, I also had the opportunity to meet so many fabulous women that not only became amazing friends, but also great mentors.



## LONDON, ENGLAND

### LINDSAY CONNOR

In the London, England League, one of my favorite projects was something called the *Little Black Dress* initiative to raise awareness for poverty and the difficulty in dressing professionally. This took place during London Fashion Week, and was profoundly successful. We each wore the same black dress to work for five days in a row to demonstrate both to our employers and ourselves the difficulties for poverty level women entering the workforce having to afford acceptable clothing. Community Service was a bit more of a challenge in England due to more stringent rules and a larger ex-pat community. Our League was very focused on Literacy, working with a project called *Imagination Library* which donated one book a month to children from birth until five years of age. Most of these children had parents that did not speak English and were economically disadvantaged. We also participated in a program that had us attempt to live on the equivalent daily allowance of food stamps. We did this with a partner, and this was particularly eye-opening.



## GALVESTON, TEXAS AND FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

### KIRSTEN STEPHENSON

The Galveston, Texas League – several decades ago – purchased a dilapidated building constructed by a renowned architect that was then located in the derelict part of town. The League meticulously renovated the building – right down to replica wallpaper and gorgeous oak law office furniture – while the members had to be escorted to the project due to how dangerous the neighborhood was. Following this renovation, other industries decided to invest in this area and a once blighted neighborhood slowly became the wildly popular arts district of Galveston – one where all the tourists frequent now. When I transferred into the Fort Lauderdale League, they immediately made me transfer chair, which was interesting because I didn't know anything about their League! I quickly had to learn, and went on to become their Community Affairs Chair. The FL League has started over thirty non-profits in their area (from scratch), and had the foresight to develop the boards of these non-profits to always include a Junior League member so that if the non-profit ran into hard times, the League would immediately be informed and could step in and assist. My job was to place and monitor these board members. This actually did happen while I was chairing this committee, and the League did an excellent job of stepping in and helping get the organization back on its feet. I also researched and wrote about one of their non-profits – the Children's Museum. This started when the ladies of the Fort Lauderdale League literally floated a building down the New River to get it most efficiently in the place where it needed to be – talk about thinking outside the box! This building became the Children's Museum, eventually replaced by a much larger building years later!





**HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**  
**CHRISTINE MILLS**

One of the most memorable moments was when I volunteered at a local battered women’s shelter. The women and their children were greeted with a breakfast on a cold Saturday morning. We also provided crayons and coloring books for the children. The staff’s dedication and love for these women, who sought a safe place, deeply moved me. I also enjoyed partnering with the local Junior Achievement chapter, where we helped high school girls make career connections. We had a panel of guests from various professions that spoke candidly about their career choices. I was encouraged to see the young girls’ genuine interest in the curriculum we provided.

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA**  
**CHERYL SOELL MUNOZ**

During my 6 month provisional year I worked on a great project called “Girls of Summer” where we held an event at the local library encouraging middle school aged girls to read during their summer break. We choose fun books for them to read (different from what they would have to read for school). We also had some of the authors show up and we had games to play based on the books. All and all it was a great event !



**CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**HALEY WINSTEAD**

We had a warehouse where gently used clothing, shoes and household goods were donated and stored, then sold at our ‘boutique.’ It was kind of like a Junior League *Goodwill* ! As a new member, we were required not only to donate, but to spend a lot of time there tagging items. This was a wonderful way to start friendships. We also had a *Mistletoe Market* every holiday season. I met my husband through volunteering with the Junior League – the greatest gift I could receive !



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**AKRON, OHIO**  
**EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**COBB - MARIETTA (ATLANTA) GEORGIA**  
**PATTIE GOLDENBERG**

I had just moved to Akron, Ohio and was hoping to meet like minded people and get involved in the community when I came across an ad in a local magazine about the Junior League. I had always wanted to be in the League, so I joined the new member class where we participated in a big dental health project, including hosting a dental health day at a local elementary school that brought in people from all over the area. My husband's job took us to El Paso, Texas where I was easily able to transition my membership into their league, which was quite large and had two membership meetings every month - one was a catered luncheon and one was a catered dinner. I worked on their holiday market for two years, before my husband's job brought us to Georgia, and I transferred my membership into the Cobb - Marietta league of the Atlanta area (there are three Leagues in Atlanta). We held our membership meetings in a large local church, in the social hall, where our membership required us to bring a meal (from our cookbook) for the potluck themed meetings. We had a huge holiday affair called *Mistletoe Market*, which I chaired one year. It was enormous, held in the civic center which was two stories, and included over 200 vendors from all over the country. Literacy was also a big initiative of this league, and we worked with the more socioeconomically challenged schools and the migrant workers. I am so grateful for the League and the ability to transfer membership because I would find each time an immediate community of like minded women ! Every league has its own personality and it was a pleasure getting to know the four leagues that became my family.

**MIAMI, FLORIDA**  
**CHRISTINA SHERRY**

JLM founded, ran and ultimately turned over to the county two shelters for victims of domestic violence in north and south Dade, *Inn Transition North* and years later *Inn Transition South*. The fact that JLM willingly stepped forward to try and address a very uncomfortable, messy, personal and often dangerous issue like domestic violence always struck me as both incredibly courageous and refreshingly shocking. Yet these brave, aware women identified a horrible community issue, rolled up their sleeves and asked, "How can we chip away at it, woman by woman, family by family? We don't care if it's an ugly issue. How can we make a difference?" In fact one of my placements was to support one of the residents. I helped her with life skills like balancing a bank account, helping stock her household with items so she could eventually move out and regain independence, and just be a friend. It was beyond humbling and quite scary, too. My first year as an active member, I served as an advisor to a group of new leaguers that selected a project to BUILD a children's library at the newly built *Inn Transition South*. Those women did an amazing job getting everything donated - carpentry, furnishings, books, interior work - in time for the grand opening. I have never been so impressed by a group of engaged, caring and invincible women.



# 2017

This year, 42 women from nonprofits around Palm Beach County were nominated for their dedication and expertise as volunteers. “Every year we are inspired by the accomplishments and commitment of the nominees. Joyce and her fellow nominees are once again outstanding examples of selflessness in our community” said Kirsten Stanley, 2017 Woman Volunteer of the Year Chair.

DeVita is a 31-year volunteer at the Boca Raton Historical Society and Museum (BRHS&M), has served on the Board of Trustees for 11 years and was President for an extended three-year term. During her tenure, she ensured the financial stability and growth of the BRHS&M. A force behind the Boca Bacchanal, she has chaired the event and Bacchanalia twice, and hosted Vintner Dinners for 10 years at her home. Her involvement includes numerous fund raising events and for four years she has chaired the Walk of Recognition.

An accomplished chef, DeVita always contributes to the Museum’s hospitality. She strives to empower the BRHS&M’s mission to preserve Boca Raton’s history, the Town Hall, artifacts and archives by promoting cultural awareness for the community with its museum and educational programs. Joyce is a lifelong volunteer. In her youth, she dedicated herself to many Boca Raton organizations. Joyce is happily married to Thomas DeVita and has a 22-year old son, Adam, attending Columbia University. Her family also takes care of her 91-year old father, who has lived with them for 17 years.

The JLBR’s luncheon once again featured Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton as the exclusive Fashion Sponsor. Saks presented a Fall Trends runway show headlined by a curated assortment of looks from the contemporary ready-to-wear line, Cinq à Sept, as well as a personal appearance from the brand’s Founder and CEO, Jane Siskin.

The 2017 Woman Volunteer of the Year Honorary Chair was Barbara Schmidt and sponsors included award sponsors, Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation and the Christine E. Lynn Women’s Health & Wellness Institute, fashion show sponsor, Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton, and media sponsor, Boca Magazine.

The Junior League of Boca Raton’s mission focuses on training volunteers, developing the potential of women and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Each of the Woman Volunteer of the Year nominees embodies the League’s mission as women building better communities.



Renata Sans de Negri and Joyce DeVita

Joyce DeVita was named the 2017 Woman Volunteer of the Year at the Junior League of Boca Raton’s (JLBR) 30th annual luncheon and fashion show on Thursday, October 5 at Boca Raton Resort & Club. DeVita was nominated by the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum. In 1995, she chaired the Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon and fashion show.

# Woman Volunteer of the Year





The 2017 nominees were: **Patricia Roseboom** (Alzheimer's Association), **Felette Branch** (American Cancer Society), **Lulis Camarena** (Best Foot Forward Foundation), **Roni Robert** (Boca Ballet Theatre), **Pat McCarthy** (Boca Helping Hands), **Mary Jo Visser** (Boca Raton Christian School), **Dianne Schellig** (Boca Women's Club), **Alex Kennedy** (Boca Raton Firefighter Benevolent), **Joyce DeVita** (Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum), **Robin May** (Boca Raton Museum of Art), **Dr. Evelyn Bohm** (Brain Matters Research), **Dr. Lisa Martinez** (Caridad Center), **Morgan Green** (Caring Hearts Auxiliary), **Mary Kaub** (Crockett Foundation), **Patti Alexander** (CROS Ministries), **Debra Tendrich** (Eat Better Live Better), **Daniela Gordon** (Experience Camps), **Simone Spiegel** (Florence Fuller Child Development Centers), **Christine Brownstein** (For The Children, Inc.), **Stacey Packer** (George Snow Scholarship Fund), **Marilyn Blanco-Corey** (Golden Bell Education Foundation and The Inner Circle Executive Club), **Maria Herrera** (Guardian ad Litem Program Palm Beach County), **Helen Bass** (Habitat South Palm Beach), **Marla Jaffe** (Hopping 4 a Cure for Multiple Sclerosis), **Susan Brockway** (Impact 100 Palm Beach County), **Jackie Reeves** (Junior League of Boca Raton), **Nicole Roman** (KidSafe Foundation), **Dr. Judith Garcia** (National Society of Arts & Letters East Coast), **Anne Dufour Zuckerman** (Office Depot Foundation), **Andrea Reid** (Place of Hope at the Leighan and David Rinker Campus), **Claudia Vidal Fehribach** (Rotary Club Boca Raton West), **Dr. Heidi Schaeffer** (Soroptimist International), **Corinne Rea** (Spirit of Giving Network), **Dionne Boldin** (Student ACES), **Mary Sol Gonzalez** (The Children's Museum, Inc.), **Colleen Schuhmann** (The Delray Beach Public Library), **Julia Kadel** (The Miracle League of Palm Beach County), **Nancy Harvey** (The Open Door Mentoring For Teen Mothers), **Danielle Rosse** (The Women's Executive Club of South Palm Beach), **Melissa Burkhardt** (Unicorn Children's Foundation), **Pamela Polani** (Women for Excellence), **Beth Johnston** (YMCA of South Palm Beach County).

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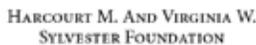
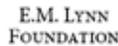
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# GRANTS: WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

*By Florence Kizza*

When you have a mission that is as big as promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community, you get by with a little help from your friends. In the case of the Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR), some of this help comes from receiving grant money.

*“We apply for grants at the strategic direction of the Board of Directors,”* explains Michelle Adams, chair of the Junior League of Boca Raton’s Grant Committee for the 2017-2018 year. The committee consists of Michelle and three other committee members who apply for and maintain grants received by the JLBR.

The Board of Directors asks committees within the JLBR what their needs are, and, if they had the funds, how exactly they would use the money to meet these needs. From there, opportunities are searched out and seized. *“We have to match the grants up to the opportunities,”* Michelle explains. Opportunities are found by searching in our Grant Library, which is located at the Junior League office, or through Grant Station, an online database that we have access to through our inclusion in the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI).

The Grant Committee will spend the League year maintaining the grants we currently have by compiling and sharing *Fund Use Reports*. When the time comes, they will re-apply for all the current opportunities, which are yearly grants.

*“It’s a great feeling when we’re able to win grant money and put it to use,”* Michelle says. *“We are enabling our people to help the community.”*

## *How We Use Grant Money*

**Nonprofit support:** The Nonprofit Support committee received grant money from the City of Boca Raton. With it, they are able to coordinate, facilitate, and execute trainings and workshops for the community. Topics include: fiscal management, business modeling, fundraising, social entrepreneurship, volunteer training, grant writing, sustainability, evaluation and strategic development.

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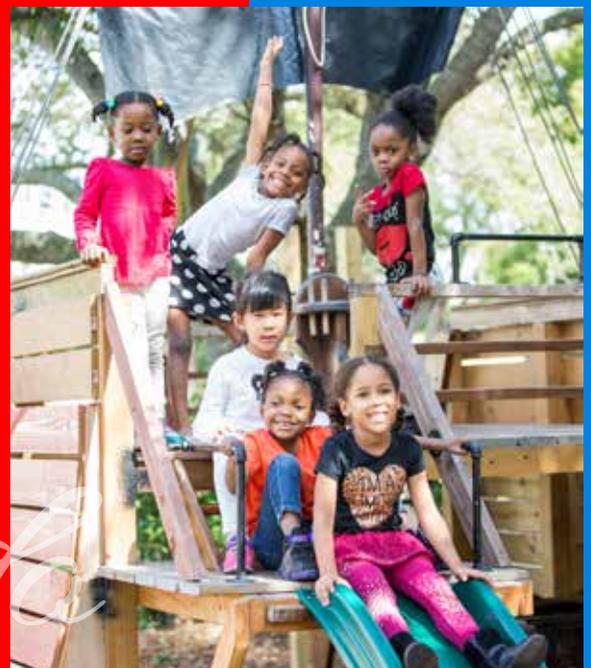
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Strolling back through the years when Boca was a younger, quieter town, there lived a charming cottage near present day Boca Elementary School that found itself no longer needed on the soon to be developed land. The time was 1976 and the house had to be moved quickly or the developer would demolish it. *The Historical Society* started working on moving the house and obtaining a site for it. After many meetings and presentations, the City agreed to help fund the move and to donate the present-day lot at Crawford Blvd and NW 4th Diagonal, sleepy property surrounded by beautiful overhanging trees. In 1977, the *Junior Service League* (later to become the Junior League of Boca Raton) voted to join the project. While the *Historical Society* focused on restoring the home, the League worked to establish the first children's museum in the state of Florida, and named it *Singing Pines*. Once the cottage was ready, the League began a program of rotating exhibits. All the young families in Boca would converge on Sundays to socialize and peruse the delightful exhibits that changed every few months.





Over the years, another building – *The Cottage* - was added and used for office space. Different exhibits made way for a more permanent set of educational tools and displays which were generously sponsored by businesses throughout our community, and the museum loyally lent itself to Boca's children, and was a staple of birthday parties and play dates targeting children from ages one to six.

*Florence Fuller Child Development Center (FFCD)*, of which several of its board members are Junior Leaguers, recently was asked by the City of Boca Raton to help preserve opportunities for young children in our community, and took on the museum as an affiliate. The mission continued to broaden children's awareness of the world around them and teach them how to problem solve through creative and scientific exploration, much like the Children's Museum started and continued through the years. Capturing the chance to complement the mission of the League and *Florence Fuller*, and to make a positive difference through education for economically challenged children and families to build a positive future in our community, the museum is offering new opportunities for brain development. The museum emphasizes creativity, imagination, and the *power of play* for all children.



The museum continues to provide daily storytelling, art classes, the growing of plants and vegetables, *mommy and me* classes, and a soccer program for very young children. There are also holiday parties and an *Earth Day* celebration. One new and innovative, timely addition is the dedication of Wednesday afternoons and Sundays for special needs children searching for a more sensitive experience, giving them the chance to engage in quality time with their families and friends.



The Children's Museum, in conjunction with many of our friends in Boca Raton, is one of many wonderful contributions that the Junior League has made to our community's families, and preserves a precious piece of the past for our children and enrichment opportunities for everyone.



# JLBR Headquarters Endowment FUND

The Junior League of Boca Raton Endowment Committee is thrilled to announce the fabulous changes which have transpired at the VEGSO COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER (VCRC), as well as upcoming plans. She truly will be undergoing a *MAKE-OVER!* All these improvements have been made possible through your generous donations to our *SPA DAY* for the VCRC. This building is our home, as well as our face in and a valuable resource for our community, and we must always keep her looking her best! There are many ways to support us, simply contact [JLBR.org](http://JLBR.org) for more information.

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**JUST A FEW OF THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE...**

*... added wireless antennas throughout the building*

*... new digital phone system*

*... added / upgraded high speed wiring throughout the building*

*... updated the computers throughout the building with antivirus software*

*... improved lighting in the parking lot*

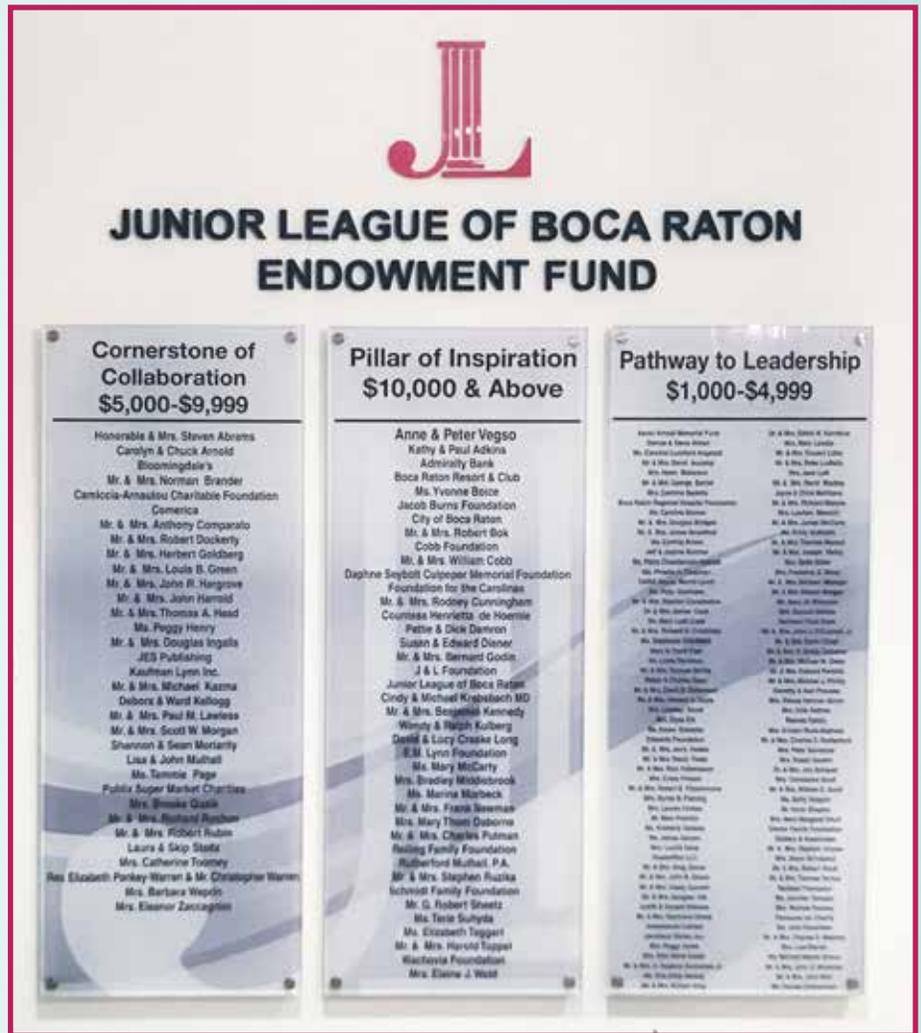
**UP-COMING IMPROVEMENTS SUBJECT TO FUNDING...**

*... painting the exterior of the building*

*... new landscaping*

*... new lobby decor*

*... new dumpster doors*



From left to right: Denise Alman, Cindy Krebsbach, Sue Diener, Lisa Bariso, Renata Sans De Negri, Laura Stoltz, Shannon Moriarity, Mary Beth Tate, Lynn Lawless, Barbara Hill.



# Our Sustaining MEMBERS



**SUSTAINER FALL FLING**  
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**Tuesday, September 26 from 6 - 8 p.m.**  
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 at [www.jlbr.org](http://www.jlbr.org) (MEMBER SECTION)  
 For information call 561-213-5450  
 OR EMAIL [mrubin816@yahoo.com](mailto:mrubin816@yahoo.com)

Carpooling is suggested as parking is limited.





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RSVP BY NOVEMBER 28TH  
[www.jl.org](http://www.jl.org) (Event) or 561-690-2533

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*who we are*

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Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County (HFHSPBC) celebrates the power of over 100 empowered women leaders who joined together to raise funds and actually build safe, decent and affordable homes for two hard-working, low income families in our own backyard. Collectively creating the “Houses that Women Built” in South Palm Beach County – for its **2017 Annual “Women Can Do It” Women Build** fundraising event - both harnessed and celebrated the unstoppable power of mission-driven women to come together to help transform their community with an inspiring “hand up, not a hand out”.

“This was a wonderful opportunity for women to take action and help build, fundraise and advocate for good, affordable housing for everyone. Women Builders donned pink hard hats and learned how to wield a buzz saw or hammer like a pro, meeting other fantastic women who want to make a difference in their community and, most importantly, helping two families realize their dreams of not just *building* a house, but *creating* a home and changing their lives forever.”

**Women Build 2017 Honorary Chairwoman**  
 Mayor Susan Haynie, City of Boca Raton and President, Florida League of Cities



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[www.habitatsouthpalmbeach.org](http://www.habitatsouthpalmbeach.org)  
 181 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Delray Beach, FL 33483

Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County Chief Development Officer Kari Oeltjen: “This program has been purposely timed for the days leading up to Mother’s Day because Habitat for Humanity recognizes that women are uniquely positioned to nurture families and build communities. As impassioned women-empowerment drivers, the local and national Women Builders deliver significant impact that enriches lives and communities, one home at a time.”

**Make your plans for Women Build 2018**  
**May 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

For more information, please contact **Kari Oeltjen**, Chief Development Officer of Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County, at **561-819-6070** or [koeltjen@fhfboca.org](mailto:koeltjen@fhfboca.org)

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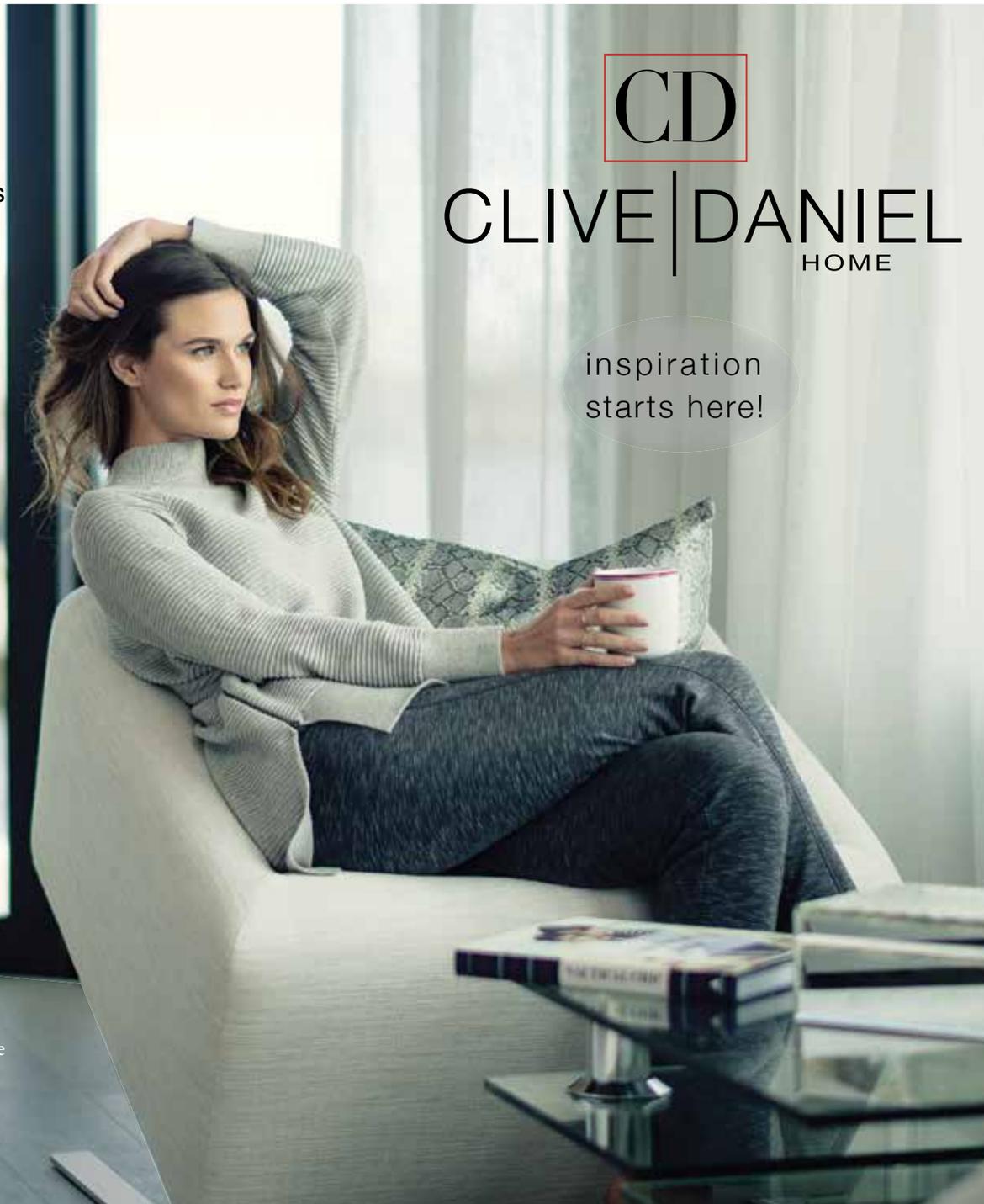


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