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ST. PETERSBURG

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MISSION

The Junior League of St. Petersburg 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.

VISION

Training women to transform our community.

IMPACT

The Junior League of St. Petersburg, Inc. has been a driving force in St. Petersburg since 1931. Our community focus area is School Success and Health, which includes healthcare, nutrition, and literacy. We impact these areas through our community projects, financial support, and hundreds of volunteer hours, in an effort to fulfill our mission of improving the community through effective action and leadership.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.

VALUES

- Volunteer: The vehicle in which we train and transform our members
- Empower: Training our members to be leaders
- Educate: Promoting our mission through community and league involvement
- Advocate: Together with our partners, support and promote those in need
- Serve: Build better communities

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

I cannot believe we are already halfway through the League year! It has been a busy six months for the Junior League of St. Petersburg, and we are so excited to share all the updates and news with you! When I reflect on all that we have accomplished as a League since May, two prevailing emotions arise: Gratitude and Pride.

Happy
FALL
y'all!

November is often considered the season to "give thanks", so gratitude is not an uncommon feeling for this time of year. However, I can say there has not been a single day since the start of this League year when I have not been amazed by and grateful for at least one of our League members and their commitment, their poise, their leadership and their grace. I am so honored to represent a League made up of so many dynamic women!

I still consider myself a relative "newbie" to St. Petersburg, after living here for 10 years. But even in this time, I have seen that our community and our membership is changing. It is never easy to navigate through a period of change...how do we ensure we are evolving as a League that creates a sense of belonging and inclusivity, stay current with the needs of our members and our community, but still honor our League's rich history and traditions? It is absolutely the truest of sayings that "many hands make for light work", and it is the cumulative effort of our Board of Directors, our Management Team, our Committee Chairs and all of our members that are making this impact and ensuring we continue to thrive as an organization. I am so grateful to all of you, who you are, what you do, and the unique perspective that only YOU can bring to our League. Embracing our different experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives continues to strengthen our League and create a greater and wider community impact.

I have immense pride in our League and how we come together to support our members, community and neighbors, especially in times of need. We held our 26th Annual Back-to-School Care Fair in July and provided the children of our community a fun, engaging and convenient way to help set them up for success this school year with our community partners by providing services for their whole health, including physical, financial and mental. We hosted a supply drive for Hurricane Ian relief, partnering with our neighboring Clearwater / Dunedin and Ft. Myers Leagues to provide real help for those that had major devastation and disruption in their life.

It is so rewarding to see your efforts be acknowledged by the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce as a finalist in the Community Conscious: Grassroots category at the 10th Annual Good 'Burger Awards. We recognize there is always more work to do and that "real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time" (the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg). So, I hope you will join me in this feeling of gratitude and pride, while acknowledging there is still more to do.

Erin Hawkins Gladysz

Erin Gladysz, President, 2022 - 2023



Member Interest Groups

Have you tried one of our Member Interest Groups?
Pop in and see what all the fuss is about!

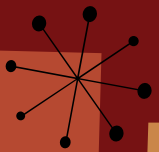
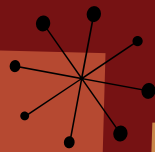
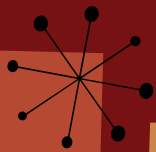


BOOK CLUB

In Five Years | April 2022

BRUNCH CLUB

LALA St. Pete | July 2022



Join our Member Interest Facebook Groups to stay up-to-date on upcoming events and locations | Sign-up to attend events via the Member Portal



EVP Report

BIANNUAL REFLECTIONS

Fellow Members,

It's hard to believe we are halfway through this league year! We have so much to be proud of as women of the Junior League of St. Petersburg. Our Management Team has worked dutifully to create an Annual Plan that focuses on giving back to our community through volunteer engagements, enhancing the member experience through social events and Development efforts that will create financial stability for many years to come.

Our year kicked off with our annual back-to-school Care Fair, which was able to distribute 1,100 backpacks, administer 158 medical exams and 86 dental exams. Our Kids Create Committee created 600 crafts with children throughout the day, and our Literacy Committee gave out 850 books to kids of all ages.

Our Community Council has worked hard to fill our league calendar with many volunteer shifts to support our St. Pete community (over 30 so far this year!) We have partnered with organizations like Clothes to Kids, Girls on the Run, Ronald McDonald House, Feeding Tampa Bay and more! I encourage you to browse the shifts through our member portal or convenient phone app and sign-up for a time that works for you. If you have questions about a specific shift, please reach out to Community Outreach at communityoutreach@jlstpete.org. Our volunteer opportunities are part of what makes me so proud to be part of this organization. Right after Hurricane Ian hit, our members sprang into action to support the Junior League of Ft. Myers after the devastation the storm caused. It warmed my heart to see the love and care we extended to our neighboring communities.

Our members have been engaged in so many ways in a short six months. From our clusters in August, that included fun events like spinning at Rush Cycle, to wine tasting at Lolitas, to jam-packed GMM's with presentations from Evara Health and League of Women's Voters. I enjoy seeing each of you attend these events and LOVE getting to know you! We welcomed an incredible new Provisional class in May and continue to offer member interest groups to highlight different avenues to connect with fellow league members.

The Development Council created spooky-themed ways to raise funds for the league in the month of October. We held our first ever dog costume contest, Hocus Pocus movie night at Green Bench Brewing and a new favorite ghost tour. These effective and fun fundraisers were the perfect way to enjoy fall while bringing critical dollars into the league to support our programs.

As I reflect on what has been accomplished, and look to the next six months, I am so grateful for each of you and the commitment you have to the Junior League of St. Petersburg. Expect the rest of the year to be filled with FUN ways to support our St. Petersburg community. Thank you for serving the Junior League of St. Pete alongside me!

Yours in Service,

Amanda Griffin

Amanda Griffin, Executive Vice President 2022 - 2023





President Elect

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

By Lesa Shouse, President Elect 2022 - 2023

Governing Documents Committee

The Governing Documents Committee is responsible for reviewing the League's governing documents, such as the Bylaws and Policies of the Junior League of St. Petersburg. The Committee has met several times and discussed potential changes which were created as motions and, if passed by both Board of Directors and Management Team, will go to the full membership for review and vote.

Any member can participate in the Governing Docs Committee! It is a great way to learn about the foundational documents of the league for any future leader. If any member has a suggestion to modify or amend our governing documents, they do not have to be on the Committee, they can submit the suggestion for review by the Committee. To join or submit a suggestion send to the President Elect, Lesa Shouse at presidentelect@jlstpete.org.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee

The Junior League of St. Petersburg is dedicated to the development and promotion of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) throughout our League's activities. The DEIB Ad Hoc Committee serves as a resource for all members (Provisional, Active and Sustaining) to engage with one another and collaborate on strategies to address, incorporate, and lead DEIB efforts. The Committee considers ways to advance definitive, measurable policies and practices to promote belonging and inclusivity in our community and our League. When we do this, we unlock tremendous power for our community and realize our vision of women around the world as catalysts for lasting change. To join or learn more email diversity@jlstpete.org.

General Membership Meeting Ad Hoc Committee

The General Membership Meeting Ad Hoc Committee started meeting this summer to review and create optimal member experiences at the monthly meetings. After the September meeting the Committee established a charge of "developing an intentional member experience that creates a sense of belonging in support of member growth and development."

This charge was created as active missional statement after reviewing qualitative data from the Committee's first meeting where they gathered information on the following questions: What is one thing you liked or didn't like about this month's GMM or GMMs in general? What is one thing you want to see at GMMs? What are we missing? What is a question you have about GMMs? If we had a magic wand, what would the best GMM be?

After reviewing and creating themes from this information the Committee decided that there would be three focus areas: 1) Location 2) Member Experience and 3) Member Growth and Development. The Committee will continue to meet to build out these areas and provide recommendations to the Management Team and Board of Directors. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact our Executive Vice President Elect, Kelsey Nolan at evpe@jlstpete.org



Programming

The Programming Committee kicked off the 2022 – 2023 league year by planning the highly attended August clusters. From karaoke night at LALA St. Pete, a wine and cheese tasting at Lolita's Wine Market, and a DIY class at AR Workshop, this year's clusters aimed to offer something for everyone. Rush Cycle even graciously hosted a private spin class with a 100% giveback to the League, with some members enjoying an informal brunch at Datz after the ride.

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, the picnic at Maximo Park was cancelled. However, the Programming Committee is excited to host Friendsgiving at the park on Saturday, November 12. Members will be asked to bring their favorite dish, blanket or chair, and be prepared to enjoy an early holiday meal with friends.

By Ashley White, 2022 – 2023 Programming Chair

AUGUST CLUSTERS



LOLITA'S WINE MARKET



LALA ST. PETE



RUSH CYCLE

friendsgiving

[friends + (thanks)giving]

saturday november 12

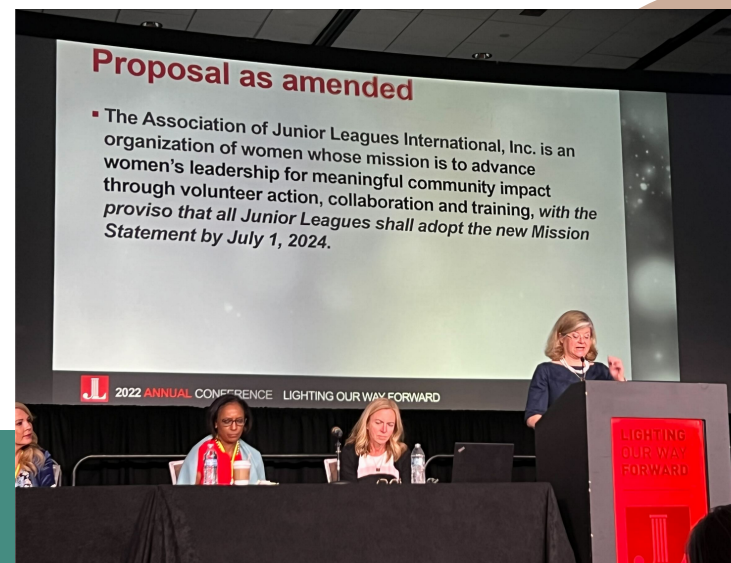
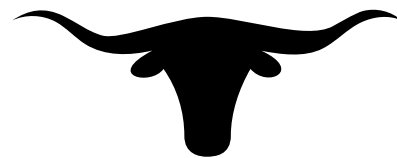


JLSP ATTENDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DALLAS, TEXAS

In May, the 2021 - 2023 Executive Teams traveled to Dallas, TX for the Association of Junior Leagues International Annual Conference. Lauren Feaster, Erin Gladysz, Amanda Griffin, Alicia McShea, Kelsey Nolan, and Lesa Shouse were in attendance for the first AJLI in-person conference in over 2 years.

They attended breakout sessions, leadership training, and the legislative sessions for all leagues. The biggest vote was on the updating of the mission statement language to be more modern and active. The new AJLI mission statement is: The Association of Junior Leagues International is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.



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"My time in Dallas was just what I needed to get closer to the Executive Team and other League women throughout the country. It was such an amazing opportunity!" - Amanda Griffin



"While attending different sessions, I had the realization that we are actually in a really great place with managing our split Board and Management team governance. This structure was shared years ago by AJLI to help with resizing the efforts of all leagues. Junior League St. Petersburg is doing such a great job with this operating structure and reaping the rewards!" - Kelsey Nolan



"This was a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow leaguers and leaders from all over the country. Two memorable moments for me included the SPAC break-out session where we learned various venues to make real and impactful change in our community through championing legislative changes and advocating for funding for our area. Also, during the Business Meeting on Saturday - being able to be the representative of the Junior League of St. Petersburg and voting on AJLI motions with 189 other women was very moving!" - Erin Gladysz



Sustainers

By Christine Gould, 2022 - 2023 Sustainer Director

The Sustainers have been working hard to create meaningful experiences for our members, ranging from social gatherings, to planning activities and creating memories. We started our League year with a planning meeting over dinner and brainstormed ideas for events and projects.

On October 29 we had our first service event and served dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). Over a dozen members participated in either cooking and serving dinner or donating supplies. A big thank you to the Kids Create Committee for supplying a craft and to Lisa Johni and Catherine McGarry for organizing! The families served enjoyed the soup, chili, salads, fruit and desserts we cooked.

Our next event will be our fall food drive on Saturday, November 12 at the League Headquarters parking lot, from 10 AM to 1 PM. We would love to surpass last year's collection of 900 pounds of food. We will be collecting non-perishable food, to be donated to Reach St. Pete. Anyone who wants to join in on lunch after the collection is welcome.



Sustainers Volunteering at RMHC

On Thursday, December 8 we will be hosting our annual Sustainer Holiday brunch, "Silver and Gold, New Friends and Old" at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. We will once again be collecting infant and toddler books for the "Wonderland" family shopping event at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital. Local singers Linda Hines Holloway and Chris Holloway will perform a Holiday program.

We are currently planning events into the new year, including a docent-led museum tour, a creative activity (thoughts welcome on this!) and a Sustainer / Provisional event. More details to come on these fun events!

Most importantly, we would love any Sustainer to join our group of planners the 3rd Wednesday of the month - no required meetings, just come when you can. Contact sustainerdirector@jlstpete.org with any questions!





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November 29 is Giving Tuesday!

Please consider making a donation towards the
JLSP Annual Giving Campaign.

Our goal is 100% participation...no amount is too small!

<https://GiveJLSP.givesmart.com>

*Tis the
Season*

Holiday Card Giveback with Minted

Use the discount code: **FUNDRAISEJLSTP** when ordering
from www.minted.com for 20% off fine arts prints.

15% of net sales will be donated back to JLSP at the end
of the year!



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
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BACK TO SCHOOL
CARE FAIR



By Cassie Hice, Care Fair Chair

The Junior League of St. Petersburg's 26th (holy cannoli!) Annual Back to School Care Fair was an absolute blast and honor to plan and produce. In a world still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, we were so thrilled to continue offering an event like this for our community.

Patrons were welcomed to the Care Fair with pizzazz by Library Puppets and Kids Create where they were invited to decorate schoolbox lanyards, hula hoop, make massive bubbles, and decorate the sidewalk with chalk art. This year the event supplied 158 school physicals and 86 dental exams, provided by Evara Health (formerly Community Health Centers of Pinellas) in their beautifully renovated, state-of-the-art medical and dental exam rooms.

Our Street Fair included oodles of entertainment for kids and guardians alike! We proudly welcomed DJ Nick Potts and the Police Athletic League Drumline who kept guests moving and grooving in the summer heat. This year, we were also immensely grateful to bring back the safety section of the fair after a two-year absence. The Safe Kids team from Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital properly fitted kids with free bike helmets and discussed proper car seat installation with guardians while the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation team shared water safety tips. As Kids in the Kitchen and Kona Ice passed out delicious snacks, the coolest cat around made an appearance. Thanks to the Tampa Bay Rays, kids and adults alike got a chance to have their picture taken with the one and only DJ Kitty. Our pals at the St. Petersburg Fire and Police Departments were also there to give K-9 demonstrations, hand out honorary badges, and let kids climb onto and experience a real-life firetruck! Rounding out the experience and putting an emphasis on healthy, active living were Fit4AllKids, Girls on the Run Tampa Bay, and the St. Pete Run Fest, while Great Explorations challenged kids to exercise their noggins.



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CARE FAIR



Linda Berset, Sustaining Member



Mayor Ken Welch, Members of the CAC and JLSP Volunteers

Inside the Douglas L. Jamerson, Jr. Midtown Center our Agency Fair was equally hopping. The Care Fair Committee worked hard this year to integrate new partners into the fair experience and nowhere was this more reflective than in this space. Guests were welcomed into the Agency Fair by the Literacy Committee, who distributed over 850 new books that day. Many established agencies returned this year, including the R'Club, League of Women Voters, Children's Home Network, Operation PAR, and many more. Participating for the first time ever, we were pleased to welcome the Arts Conservatory for Teens, Family Resources Inc., Your Kid's Urgent Care, Pace Center for Girls, SailFuture Academy, and Children's Orthopedic and Scoliosis Surgery Associates. It was a truly well-rounded and highly informative group, and we were immensely thankful for their enthusiastic participation.

It wouldn't be a Care Fair without backpacks! This year, we were honored to present the newly designated Linda Berset Family Backpack Room. Junior League Past President and Sustaining Member, Linda Berset, and her family generously donated to the Care Fair event to fund the backpacks and supplies. We are so thankful to them for their giving spirits! This year we distributed 1,100 backpacks at the fair alone, stuffing backpacks for three age groups and prioritizing items from area teacher lists. In addition to items included in previous fairs, we added zippered pencil bags, water bottles, dry erase markers, fidget toys, index cards, protractors, colored pencils, construction paper, washable markers, and rulers. We were so excited to send kids back to school even more prepared than ever before!

Whether you participated by donating supplies or giving your time, we hope this year's Care Fair touched your heart in some way. Words cannot express how absolutely filled to the brim with pride I am of the service the women of this league have demonstrated.

Mother Theresa once said, "The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action." Thank you sincerely for loving this community so deeply. You are all compassion in action.



**THANK YOU to all of
our AMAZING 2022
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The Berset Family

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YOU'RE A STAR!

**THANK YOU TO OUR MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS
FOR MAKING CARE FAIR A SUCCESS...**

Central Station Barbershop

DJ Nick Potts

Drumline PAL

Fit4AllKids

Girls on the Run Tampa Bay

Great Explorations

JLSP Kids Create Committe

JLSP Kids in the Kitchen Committee

JLSP Library Puppets Committee

JLSP Literacy Committee

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital -

Community Health and Wellness

Kona Ice

Recreation Supervisor - St. Pete Parks and

Recreation

Rough Riders

Safe Kids - Government and Community Affairs

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital

St. Pete Run Fest

St. Petersburg Fire Department / Touch-A-

Truck

St. Petersburg Police Department K-9

Tampa Bay Rays

Tampa Bay Rowdies

Adoption Related Services of Pinellas - Family

Enrichment

Bay Area Legal Services

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Suncoast

SailFuture Academy

Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas

Faith Community Nursing, St. Anthony's Hospital

- BayCare

Family Resources Inc.

Florida Dept. of Transportation, Tampa Bay Next

Program

Frameworks of Tampa Bay

Gulf Coast Legal Services

League of Women Voters, St Petersburg Area

Operation PAR, Inc

Pinellas Support Team

Pinellas County Affordable Care Act Support

R'Club / Pinellas County HIPPIY Program

St. Petersburg College

Suncoast Center, Inc.

Thaise Educational and Exposure Tours

Vein Institute of Pinellas

Your Kid's Urgent Care

Arts Conservatory for Teens

Children's Orthopedic & Scoliosis Surgery

Associates, LLP

Kinship Children's Home Network



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ERIN GLADYSZ PRESIDENT



Erin Hawkins Gladysz was born and raised in Connecticut, graduating from the University of Connecticut with her Bachelor of Science in Accounting. She started her voyage “South” by moving to New York City for two years, and then spent eight years in Washington, DC. Erin now calls St. Petersburg home and has lived here since 2012.

As a proud member of the Junior League of St. Petersburg since 2013, this is Erin's fifth year of serving on the JLSP Board of Directors - as the Assistant Treasurer for one year, Treasurer for two years, and most recently, as the President Elect. In addition, Erin has served on the Nominating Committee, the Social Enrichment Committee, and the Kickball Tournament Committee. This year, Erin is honored to serve as President of the JLSP and continue the League's vision, since 1931 of training women to transform our community. Her previous volunteering includes serving as a Docent at the Smithsonian Institute, Board Member of the Alpha House of Pinellas County, and as a big sister with Big Brother Big Sisters of Tampa Bay.

Erin is a Managing Director and the Tampa Market Lead with Protiviti, a global risk consulting firm, where she advises companies on risk, compliance, internal audit, and finance. At Protiviti, she serves as the Tampa office's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion lead. Erin loves to spend time with her family and friends, and you will often find her at the playground and splash park at the Pier, soccer practice, or out on the boat with her husband, Brian, and their son, Will.

LESA J. SHOUSE PRESIDENT ELECT

Lesa J. Shouse is a Florida transplant, moving to St. Petersburg in 2013 from northwest Ohio. She grew up in a rural area outside of Findlay, Ohio. Mrs. Shouse is the Director of Career Services at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus. She holds a Master of Arts degree in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications with Emphasis in Public Relations from Defiance College both in Ohio.

She joined the Junior League in 2014 after meeting a group of JLSP women volunteering on MLK Service Day at a local elementary school's food garden. Lesa has been active in several leadership roles including Communications Vice President and Executive Vice President. Lesa also serves as a Girl Scout Leader for Daisies and Brownies, and loves serving in several church committees at Riviera United Methodist Church. She also serves on the board of the Florida Association of Colleges and Employers.

Lesa is a proud cancer survivor beating ovarian cancer in 2018! Her favorite hobbies include listening to music, swimming, family dance parties, trips to Disney, playing with the family dog Bella and snuggles with her cat Percy. Most importantly, she is grateful for her loving and supportive husband, Reggie and their inspiring daughter, Elizabeth!



HAVILAND KEBLER NOMINATING DIRECTOR



Haviland Kebler serves as the 2022 - 2023 Nominating Director. As a member of the Junior League of St. Petersburg since 2014, she has served on the Nominating Committee for a number of years, previously serving as Director in 2020 - 2021. She has also served on both the Development and Membership Councils, as well as a number of Ad Hoc Committees, including Anniversary Committees, IBCI, and Governing Documents.

A fourth-generation St. Petersburg native, Haviland graduated from Eckerd College, with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and minors in Spanish and Psychology. Haviland attended Stetson University College of Law, graduating cum laude in May 2019. She served as a member of the Executive Committee for Student Leadership Development, Deputy Chief Ambassador, earned her certificate in Leadership Development, and became the 2018 National Champion Mediator. She is a member of the National Order of Barristers and a licensed attorney in Florida and North Carolina. Haviland now works as an Intellectual Property Attorney at Maxey-Fisher, PLLC, where she assists clients with Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights.

Haviland is also a member of the Board for Great Explorations Children's Museum, and the St. Petersburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, where she has served as a chapter officer and is actively involved in other nonprofits, including the National Park Service and Camp Boggy Creek. On the weekends, Haviland spends her time with family, golfing, and hanging out in downtown St. Petersburg with her Standard poodle, Apollo.

CHRISTINE GOULD SUSTAINER DIRECTOR

Christine Gould is a new member of the St. Petersburg community. Born and raised in Akron, Ohio, she attended Trinity College and the University of Hartford, where she received a B.S. in Economics and a M.S. in Professional Accounting, respectively. After working for KPMG in Hartford for a few years, she joined SS&C Technologies, her current employer, where she is an Account Manager in Insurance.

Christine is a long-time Junior League member. She originally joined the Junior League of Greater Hartford, where she was an active board member, then transferred to the Junior League of New York City, and most recently the Junior League of Greater Princeton. In Princeton, she held numerous board positions, including two terms as President. Besides serving on the JLGP Board, one of her highlights was serving on the JLGP One Hundredth Anniversary Grant Committee. While in Skillman, NJ, she was a volunteer at her children's schools and with their sports teams.

Christine is loving living in St. Petersburg. When not at work, she plays pickle-ball, runs, walks, bikes and spends time with her husband, Jeff. She enjoys participating in all aspects of the arts. She has two sons, Harry, in New York City and Graeme, in New Orleans. She is happy to continue serving the Junior League of St. Petersburg as Sustainer Director.



ARIA GARLING **AT-LARGE DIRECTOR**



Aria Garling grew up as a “military brat” traveling Europe and the US before making St. Petersburg her home in 2001. While attending St. Petersburg College and the University of South Florida, she was involved in hospitality management, yoga and fitness, retail, and pharmaceutical marketing and sales. She currently works at the non-profit, Seniors in Service, as a program coordinator keeping Seniors active and engaged in the community.

She is happily married to Joel T. Garling, and she is the proud mother to Kai (16), Gianna (6), Gavin (3), and bonus daughter Haylee (22).

In 2017, Aria was searching for ways to give back to the community; that was when she found the Junior League of St. Petersburg. She was the Chair of her provisional class project which involved the fundraising and installation of an educational garden at North Shore Elementary. She was then chosen as Care Fair Co-Chair Elect for the 2018 - 2019 League Year, and served as Care Fair Co-Chair during the 2019 - 2020 League Year (with a newborn!). She served as At-Large Director in 2020 - 2021, leading the 90th Anniversary community project. 2021 - 2022, she was a provisional advisor, and now returns as an At-Large role on the Board.

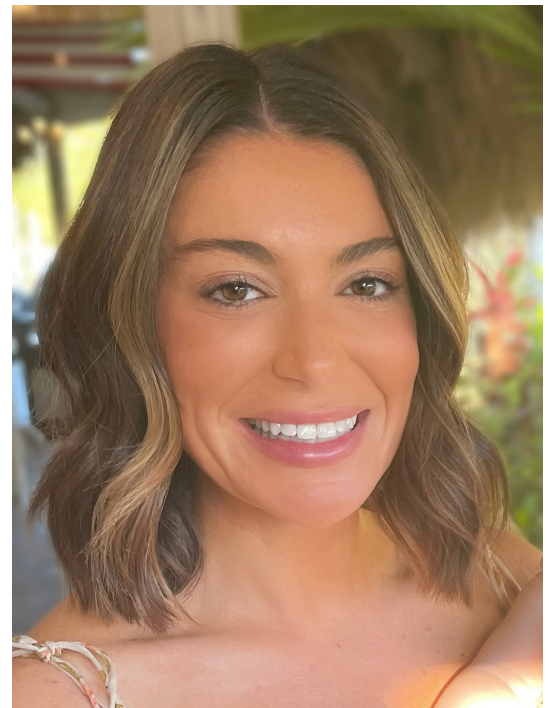
For the 2022 - 2023 year, Aria is looking forward to continuing to learn and grow as a leader while exploring innovative ways for the JLSP to continue to be a pillar in the community.

BRIT JOHNSON **AT-LARGE DIRECTOR**

Brit was born and raised in a small town in Indiana. After graduating from Indiana University, she began her career in fashion merchandising and marketing in Columbus, Ohio. Four years later, she moved to Dallas, Texas for five years. In 2019, she joined the Junior League of Dallas where she served in community placement roles at Children’s Health Hospital and St. Philip’s School & Community Center.

At the beginning of 2021, Brit moved to St. Petersburg and feels so lucky to call this place home! Since transferring her League membership, she has enjoyed all of the opportunities to get involved with the St. Pete community and to make incredible friendships along the way. During her first year in JLSP, Brit served as Provisional Development Co-Chair and started the JLSP Book Club.

Professionally, Brit is a founder and co-owner of BBA Consulting, a marketing agency that advises beauty, fashion and health food brands on brand and digital strategy. In her downtime, she loves traveling, reading romance novels, snuggling with her two dogs and going to the beach with friends.



STEPHANIE GUCKENBERGER TREASURER



Stephanie graduated from Virginia Tech where she received her Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing Management. After graduation, Stephanie moved to Roanoke, VA and took a job with WDBJ7, the local CBS affiliate as an Advertising Account Executive. Stephanie moved to St. Petersburg in August 2015 and accepted a position with WFTS – ABC Action News as an Account Executive where she continues to work there today.

Stephanie met her husband, Mark while working together at ABC Action News. They got married in 2018 and their first child Will was born in late 2020. They are expecting their 2nd child, a baby girl in early October 2022. Stephanie loves to spend time with her family in Florida, but also enjoys traveling back home to Virginia and spending the summer weekends at Smith Mountain Lake. Stephanie is an avid sports fan, but especially loves the Virginia Tech Hokies and cheers for her husband's beloved Gators too!

Stephanie transferred to the Junior League of St. Petersburg in 2015 and spent several years on the Care Fair Committee and ultimately chaired the event in 2018. Care Fair will always hold a special place in Stephanie's heart. She is currently the Treasurer of the League and although she does not have a financial background, she is thoroughly enjoying learning about the numbers side of our league.

AMANDA GRIFFIN EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Amanda Griffin was born and raised in sunny St. Petersburg. Amanda is from a loud tight-knit family that includes three inseparable sisters. Amanda graduated from The Florida State University (go Noles!) where she received her Bachelor's of Science in Family and Child Sciences. After college, she moved back to St. Petersburg and began working at the Children's Dream Fund. Starting from an Administrative Assistant position and working her way into the Executive Director role in May of 2021. Working for the Dream Fund has enriched Amanda's life and she feels fortunate to be able to create joyful moments for children battling serious illnesses.

Amanda has been a member of the Junior League of St. Petersburg since 2013. She joined the league to help make a difference in St. Petersburg and meet likeminded women. While serving on the Membership Council she fell in love with the leagues mission, specifically developing the potential of women.

In Amanda's free time you can find her working out, bopping around Downtown St. Pete with her boyfriend Josh, spending time with her family, drinking wine with friends, and traveling.

Amanda is SO EXCITED to be serving as the Executive Vice President and can't wait to see the amazing work we accomplish in St. Petersburg together.



SUMMER JENSON COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL DIRECTOR



Summer grew up in Clearwater and is a St. Petersburg High IB graduate. She earned a Masters in Health Sciences in Occupational Therapy from the University of Florida in 2002. In 2003, she married fellow Gator Alumni and architect, Jason Jensen, and moved home to St. Petersburg. They just celebrated 18 years of marriage and have three beautiful, energetic children (ages 15, 11, 6) who keep them laughing and passionate about making this community the best it can be for future generations. Looking for an opportunity for service and friendship, Summer joined the JLSP in 2009. Over the past 12 years with JLSP she has gained many wonderful friendships, experiences, memories, and learning opportunities. Summer has served in numerous roles within the League including Library puppets, Recording Secretary, New Member Class Advisor, Nominating, and President. She is very excited to rejoin the Board and serve with this group of dynamic and dedicated leaders.

LATRENA GAMBELL-HARRELL DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING DIRECTOR

Latrena is a native of St. Petersburg and a proud alumnus of St. Petersburg College, with a BSN in Nursing. She is also an alumnus of South University with an MSN in Nursing and a certified Family Nurse Practitioner. Latrena currently works as a Professor of Nursing at SPC and also has worked as a Family Nurse Practitioner for the past five years in different settings from primary care, urgent care, and occupational settings. She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Latrena is an active member of the Junior League where she has built positive new relationships and wants to further her passion to help the community. Latrena has been a member of the Junior League of St. Petersburg since 2021. She loves the community committees and she currently serves on the Board as the Director of Diversity & Inclusion. If she is not participating in JLSP events, you will find her spending time with her wonderful husband LaJuan and sweet daughter Mckenzie.



AJA HALL RECORDING SECRETARY

Aja Hall is a native of St. Petersburg and a graduate of the University of South Florida with a bachelor's degree in Marketing. After graduation, she began her career in the insurance industry, leading her to her doing what most Floridians would never do, moving to Ohio. After living in Columbus, Ohio, Aja moved to Austin, Texas, and eventually found her way back home to St. Pete.



Aja is the VP of Operations with EG of Florida Insurance and Risk Management. She spends her days partnering with clients and advising them on the unique risks they face within Community Associations. She is a dynamic leader with more than 15 years in the insurance industry. She has earned her Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) designation and is well versed in both personal and commercial insurance.

Aja joined the Junior League in 2009 and in addition to various committee placements, has held numerous Chair positions. Her most recent placements include Production Chair and Provisional Development Co-Chair. She loves all that the League has to offer and has a passion for membership and growth within the League. Aja spends her free time with her super cute fiance, John, and dog, Lina. She also loves spending time with her family, any activity involving the water, watching documentaries, and exploring all the new places St. Pete has to offer.

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MANAGEMENT TEAM



Kelsey Nolan **Executive Vice President Elect**

Kelsey Nolan will serve as Executive Vice President Elect this League Year. Kelsey is a HR Specialist at Baker McKenzie in Tampa, FL. In 2013, she moved from New England to go to the University of Tampa. After graduating with her bachelors in Business Management, she relocated to St. Pete. She enjoys checking out local breweries, frequenting Noble Crust, spending time at our beaches and traveling. Kelsey is passionate about serving her community.

In addition to her role in Junior League, she is also involved with CASA, the Boys and Girls club of Suncoast, her company's Tampa Engage network and the Chamber's St. Pete Young Professionals. She looks forward to the opportunity to advance the League's efforts in the areas of member engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.

Gauri Sunkersett is new to St. Petersburg, but is no stranger to Florida having grown up in Miami and received her Bachelors of Science at the University of Florida. She completed her Medical School and Pediatric Residency training at Miami Children's Hospital and then moved to Dallas, TX for 3 years to complete a Pediatric Hematology-Oncology fellowship. It was there that she met her husband (the first person she met in Dallas!). She then spent an amazing year in San Francisco pursuing subspecialized training in Pediatric Oncology at UCSF. It was her closeness to her family that brought her back to Florida. She currently works for AbbVie in Clinical Development for their Pediatric Oncology pipeline.

Gauri loves to travel, cook, and do yoga. It is hard for her to choose her favorite trip but her top three are (1) hiking Patagonia, (2) visiting the pyramids in Egypt (a bucket-list trip for her mom), or (3) glacier trekking in Iceland. Her weekends are often spent exploring this fun and beautiful city with her husband and 2 sweet boys. Gauri has been a member of the Junior League of St. Petersburg since 2018 and has loved the opportunity to serve the community and meet so many great friends in the process. Some of her favorite events are Care Fair, Clothes 2 Kids, and the Book Club. Gauri is grateful to serve a second term as the Corresponding Secretary and is excited to continue to help the League thrive and grow.



Gauri Sunkersett **Corresponding Secretary**

Marie Hartney is native to St. Petersburg. Marie has been a member of the Junior League of St. Petersburg since 2014. During her time in the League she has served as Whale of a Sale Logistics Chair, Follies Co-Chair on the 85th Anniversary Ad Hoc, Special Events Co-Chair, Development VP, Executive Vice President Elect, 2019 - 2020 Executive Vice President, Communications VP, and on the Nominating Committee.

Professionally, Marie is a middle school teacher at LCC Day School in St. Petersburg. She has been teaching for 20 years. In addition to being a classroom teacher, she is a reading specialist. Her true loves of reading, teaching, and learning have only been enhanced by her League work. She has also helped with her school's Dance Marathon, where kids "dance for those who can't" to raise money for Children's Miracle Network and Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital. She currently serves on the Parent and Family Advisory Council at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital. Last year, she was selected as a Princess to the Queen's Court. Marie is also a provisional member of the Stuart Society.

Marie has been married to her college sweetheart for 18 years, Nik Hartney, also a St. Petersburg native, who she didn't meet until college at Florida State University. Together they have four children: Catherine (15), John (13), Elizabeth (10), and Madelyn (6). The family enjoys sailing, boating, gymnastics, and cooking.



Marie Hartney
Nominating VP



Nikki Trojanowski
Finance VP

Nikki Trojanowski has been a resident of St. Petersburg since 2008. Before moving to Florida, Nikki lived in San Antonio, TX where she attended Trinity University and received a Bachelors in Business Administration and a Masters in Accounting.

Nikki started her career in public accounting with KPMG followed by several years at BayCare Health System. She currently works at Humana as a Clinical Business Lead developing strategy for serving the country's most vulnerable senior population.

Past volunteer experiences include serving as the Co-Chair for the St. Petersburg Woman's Club-Evening program, Board Member of the foster organization A Door of Hope, Treasurer of her Neighborhood Association and volunteer with several church ministries.

Nikki resides in Northeast St. Pete with her 2 sons Gavin (10) and Gunner (8) and is excited to serve the league this year as Finance VP.

Amanda Griffin
Executive Vice President

Serves on both the Board of Directors and the Management Team.

Sarah Morrow has been a resident of St. Petersburg since 2010 and an Active member of the Junior League of St. Petersburg since 2013. Before moving to Florida, Sarah lived in her hometown of Indianapolis. A few years after moving to St. Petersburg, Sarah joined the League to become more involved in the local community and get to know like-minded women.

Since joining the League, Sarah has served as a Fashion Show Chair and committee member, provisional advisor, recording secretary for the BOD, and is currently serving her second year as Membership VP. This year, she hopes to improve member engagement through trainings focused on fulfilling the mission of our League to better serve the community, cross membership events to enrich relationships among Provisionals, Actives, and Sustainers, and continue to improve GMM experiences.

Sarah's professional experience includes working as an elementary teacher for schools in Indianapolis and in Pinellas and Hillsborough County. She is now a Broker Associate and has been with Keller Williams since 2013 and enjoys bringing home ownership and property management to residents of the Tampa Bay area. Her experience in education has helped her develop a passion for educating others on the process of buying and selling a home. She also enjoys giving back to her community by partnering with other businesses to facilitate community events to improve her neighborhood.

Sarah resides on Coquina Key with her husband Matt, almost three year old son Britton and one year old daughter, Bexley. Together, they enjoy boating, running, cooking, and family outings.



Sarah Morrow
Membership VP



Alyse Griffin
Community VP

Alyse Griffin is a native of St. Petersburg. Graduating from Florida Gulf Coast University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education, she has spent the last 7 years teaching first graders with Pinellas County Schools. Recently, Alyse received her certificate to instruct students using the Reading Recovery methods.

In her spare time, Alyse enjoys spending time with her two sisters and members of her family. She especially loves babysitting her 10 month old niece, June. Hobbies include reading, going to the beach, sweating on her Peloton and being out and about discovering local St. Petersburg spots.

Alyse joined the Junior League of St. Petersburg in 2017 and is grateful to be the Community VP. She uses her time and talents to promote the Junior League's impact and mission within our community.

Sarah Terry is a Florida Transplant, and 2nd generation Junior League member. Sarah's mom has been a member and now sustainer of the Junior League of Denver since the 1980s. Sarah was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. Sarah attended University of Michigan where she received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science with a specialization in Urban Planning and a minor in Earth Sciences. Sarah was fortunate to be able to study abroad two times. After traveling the world, she decided she wanted to travel and learn more around the 50 states. Sarah has lived in 7 states in the continental US in the past 15 years. Sarah spent years working at an engineering consulting firm and then for the industrial railroad before joining Amazon in 2017. Sarah has worked up and down the supply chain as a support group function focusing on regulatory compliance and injury prevention. A few states and promotions later, Sarah is currently a Regional WHS Manager for Amazon Last Mile Logistics in Florida and Southern Georgia.

You will often find Sarah is traveling to see her family, especially her newborn nephew in Denver. You can also find Sarah doing tasks around her home as a first-time homeowner, hitting the gym, exploring new restaurants, and walking her B.F.F. Bo who she rescued as a senior dog from the local SPCA. Sarah credits the JLSP for helping her find friends that felt like family in 2020 when she arrived for a new job in the middle of the pandemic. Sarah was honored when she was asked by Nominating to consider the Development VP role. She is eager to see how the women of JLSP reinvent and raise the bar on JLSP Development within the community in a post-pandemic world. The JLSP vision to 'train women to transform our community' is one of Sarah's favorite words to live by.



Sarah Terry
Development VP



Lane Feaster
Communications VP

Lane Feaster is a 4th generation St. Petersburg and is proud to be born and raised in this great city. She attended the University of Florida where she received her Bachelors of Science in Advertising, Masters in Management and Masters of Business Administration. After graduation, Lane was hired into AT&T's Leadership Development Program and has been with the company for 12 years living in Atlanta, New York City, Dallas and now back in St. Petersburg. She leads a Global Team supporting AT&T Business and Sports & Entertainment customers.

Lane is an adventure seeker and avid traveler, striving to hike the highest peak in each state, recently checking number 31 off the list. Lane has been a member of the Junior League of St. Petersburg since 2019 and is grateful for the friendships she has made and the opportunity to grow, learn, empower women and serve our community. In her free time, you can find her at Church, the gym, cheering on the Rays / Gators, on a bike ride, reading, wandering around with her puppy or hanging with her sweet family.

Lane is grateful to be serving as the Communications VP and is excited to see how we continue to grow, transform and serve the Community that we all love so dearly.

EXTRA! EXTRA!



Chloe Firebaugh, Sustaining Member

Chloe Firebaugh

Chloe Firebaugh, of St. Petersburg, is the Senior Director of Land Acquisition for M/I Homes of Tampa, LLC. She serves as a Supervisor with the Hillsborough County Community Development District and is a board member of the Urban Land Institute. Firebaugh earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Florida and a bachelor's degree in finance and economics from the University of South Florida.

Veronica Hickey

Veronica Hickey, of St. Petersburg, is an Attorney with Englander Fisher LLP. She is the Public Affairs Chair for the Junior League of St. Petersburg, a member of the Federalist Society Tampa Bay Chapter, and a member of the St. Petersburg Bar Association. Hickey earned her bachelor's degree in economics from West Chester University and her juris doctor from Stetson University.

TWO JLSP MEMBERS APPOINTED TO PINELLAS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

TALLAHASSEE, Florida — August 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointment of Chloe Firebaugh, Veronica Hickey, Wayne Mineo, and Alen Tomczak to the Pinellas County Housing Authority.

Formed in 1965, the Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) is an independent agency, operating under the authority of Florida Statute FS421. As the largest housing authority in Pinellas County, they currently provide housing and rental assistance to approximately 8,500 individuals through agency-owned affordable housing, public housing, assisted living and the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher program.



Veronica Hickey, Active Member

Anne Anderson Scholarship

By Marie Hartney, 2022 - 2023 Nominating Vice President

In May, the Junior League of St. Petersburg awarded the Anne Anderson scholarship to Daeveon Davis. This scholarship is in memory of Anne Register Anderson, a former member of our League taken too soon. The scholarship financially assists a senior attending a south county high school in obtaining a post-secondary education. Additionally, the student must have been or is presently in the foster care system and be a resident of St. Petersburg. Students must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA to be eligible for the scholarship. Daeveon has a wonderful resume, and he hopes to become an English teacher after graduation. We wish him all the best!

Dear Junior League of St. Petersburg,

My name is Daeveon and I would like to thank you for your generous donation to help me with my college journey. My goal is to become an English teacher because I love literature and enjoy teaching others about it. Surprisingly enough my favorite subject is science, but I love literature more. I play a lot of sports and I am very active outside. I really love music and singing. I am really looking forward to college and reinventing myself and to see my personal growth. Now my goal is in sight thanks to your generous donation. Thank you again for all the love and support for my college journey. Looking forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,

Daeveon Davis

Daeveon Davis



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**By Sara Powell &
Rosemary Shanahan,
Provisional Development Co-Chairs**

We are excited to welcome 43 talented, ambitious, magnanimous ladies to the Junior League of St. Petersburg! So far this year, in addition to Provisional and General meetings, the ladies have already participated in the annual Bus Tour and Care Fair and have kicked off their Group Project.

The Bus Tour is one of the signature Provisional events that helps introduce the new members to the League and the community organizations that we support. It was a great success this June, kicking off with a breakfast with Leadership at HQ. We then visited Kind Mouse, Clothes to Kids, Boys & Girls Club at Royal Theater, and Johnnie Ruth Clark, ahead of Care Fair. We received wonderful feedback from the class members on how vast the League's reach is and how inspiring our community partners are!

Each year, the Provisional Class works together in groups on a project as a way to learn about the League and our community partners in a hands-on format. For this year's project, members are competing with their advisor groups for points through a variety of activities, such as picking up extra volunteer shifts, attending an Ad Hoc Committee meeting, getting together with a member outside of League activities, sharing photos and posts about JLSP to social media, etc.

This new format was a big hit last year! The contest encourages Provisional Members to participate in a variety of activities that develop skills such as leadership, teamwork, collaboration, and volunteerism, get more involved in JLSP, and share the mission of the League with their network.

The Provisional Development Leadership Team is already so impressed with the involvement and dedication of this year's Provisional Members! Several have perfect attendance to all Provisional and General meetings or have dived headfirst into the Brunch and Book Club. They have provided a ton of donations of school supplies for Care Fair and undergarments for Clothes to Kids. They were also excited to jump right in to participating in Care Fair, some taking double and triple shifts! We are looking forward to all that they will contribute to our League in the years to come.




Meet our 2022 - 2023 PROVISIONALS!

Jennifer Anderson
Karina Bakalyar
Jennifer Baylor
Andrea Blount
Alexis Bravo
Emily Breazeale
Erica Butts
Caitlyn Cerny
Alanna Cochrane
Devin Cochrane
Karrie Day
Seijah Drake
Bianca Graham
Julia Harrell
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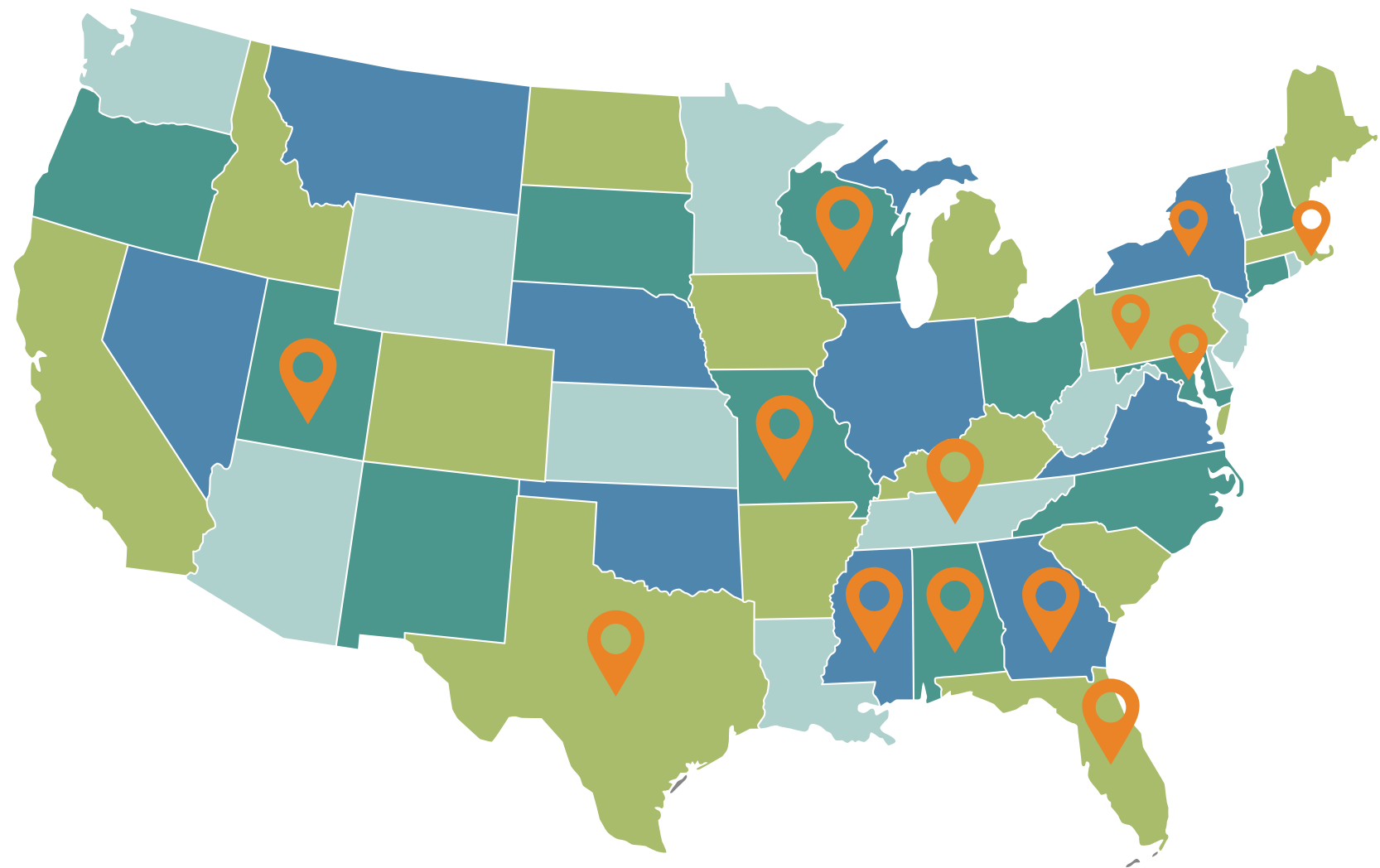
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Sara Kaminski
Kelsey Krebs
Vonet Lassiter
Rachael Lurker
Kaitlyn McMahon
Monica McWilliams
Kirsten Meadows
Elizabeth Noble
Virginia Parish
Carley Parkison
Crislyn Petzoldt
Adele Putorti

Kelsey Riordan
Katherine Ruetz
Michelle Scott
Elizabeth Shuman
Nikki Shumann
Caroline Skidmore
Kristin Skubic
Tristen Sussman
Crystal Teed
Arielle Toker
Samantha Wapner
Shayna Webb
Hannah Workman
Sabrina Zanicchi



Provisional Representation

This Provisional Class comes from all over the United States! Here's a snapshot of the home states of this wonderful group of ladies.



Hurricane Ian Relief

On Wednesday September 28th, Hurricane Ian made landfall in Southwest Florida as a category 4 Hurricane. Many of us in St. Petersburg evacuated or boarded up our homes to safely hunker down, expecting the storm to cause severe impact to us as it was tracked to hit the local area. Somehow, we were spared and able to return home safely and without major damage but with heavy hearts for our neighbors in Southwest Florida. On Thursday September 29th, we watched the news, showing the destruction and wanted to help but didn't know how. That is when the Executive Team decided to leverage our Junior League network and reach out to the Junior League of Ft. Myers to understand how we could support them and their community.

Within 7 days we quickly assembled a collection drive, leaning on community partners like St. Anthony's Hospital of BayCare Medical Group, Expert Messenger, Amazon and Aussie Grill, the Junior League of Ft. Myers, and the Junior League of Clearwater / Dunedin. We hosted a collection drive on October 8th from 9 AM -12 PM in our headquarters' parking lot. From connecting with Junior League Ft. Myers, we understood the needs of the community and communicated a list of most needed items for the drive through social media. We invited our members to attend and welcomed people from the community, including members of our Community Advisory Council. 28 volunteers quickly jumped in to support this effort, including 4 members from the Junior League of Clearwater / Dunedin. Together we experienced the power of our collective membership and community partners working together to provide support to our neighbors. Because of this combined work we were able to;

- collect and distribute over 120 cases of water,
- receive over \$3,000 in gift cards and financial donations to provide directly to the Ft. Myers community,
- provide cleaning supplies, food supplies, toiletries, tarps, blankets, towels, baby items, and clothes to the Ft. Myers' community, and
- collect so many donations we had to coordinate a second shipment!



After the collection drive, a handful of League Members drove down to Ft. Myers to unload the truck and distribute items at a local Aussie Grill while many others worked to collect and deliver the extra supplies to store at Expert Messenger until we were able to drive them down in the second round of distribution. The support of our community, our volunteers, and our League made a huge impact so I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

On a very personal note October 8th was such an amazing day. I felt that I witnessed a power of love that I've never seen before. I want to share four stories from distributing items in Ft. Myers with you that I thought would make the collection drive feel even more impactful:

1. When distributing the items later in the day in Ft. Myers, there were many community members that asked specifically for cleaning supplies, bleach, or Clorox wipes. They shared with us how their homes smelled or how much mold they already had because of the water. One of our volunteers was helping a neighbor load their car when she noticed an odor from the car and immediately realized this vehicle had been submerged in water. The cleaning supplies donated were a huge need for the health and safety of our Ft. Myers neighbors.

2. Prior to the truck arriving, some community neighbors were already there, shopping for the items that some volunteers were able to bring via their personal cars. When the Amazon truck arrived, the volunteers we had jumped into place to help unload items. A couple of the community neighbors that were shopping also jumped into action and immediately started helping us to unload the truck. This stuck out to me as an amazing example of how we are all in this together and even in such trying times, people can take what they need while giving what they can.

3. There were many community neighbors who shopped for items and we encouraged them to take more. Multiple times they shared with us that they had enough and they wanted to leave items so that others in need had something.

4. Lastly, a member we worked very close with in Ft. Myers lost her home and her job in the storm. Despite working to secure housing for herself, she jumped in to lead and volunteer to help us and her League serve the community. I'm amazed by her and she makes me so proud to be part of the Junior League network.

This excerpt shall serve as a thank you to our whole Junior League community and family. I also want to share a token of true appreciation and gratitude for our human community. There are truly kind and giving people in the world. I will continue to hold space in my heart for Ft. Myers and the broader surrounding areas that were impacted by hurricane Ian. We will continue to maintain this newer and close relationship with Junior League Ft. Myers. There is a long road to recovery ahead but they are strong and they are so loved, especially by our St. Pete Community.

Thank you so much to everyone that contributed!

See more of the story via ABC Action News Tampa Bay: <https://bit.ly/3MwcOLk>

By Kelsey Nolan, 2022 - 2023 Executive Vice President Elect



Community Advisory Council

By Summer Jensen, 2022 - 2023 Community Advisory Council Director

The JLSP Community Advisory Council (CAC), comprised of top community leaders, moves into its second year since its re-imagining of strategic advice and guidance to the JLSP Board of Directors under the leadership of our Community Advisory Council Director, Summer Jensen.

The official purposes of the CAC are as follows:

1. Help communicate the League Mission and programs to the community as an ambassador.
2. Assist in evaluating the effectiveness of existing programs and projects.
3. Serve as a sounding board for community opinion and provide expert advice to the League with specific problems or concerns.
4. Strengthen the League's public relations within the community.
5. Develop a network of potential contributors of expertise, service, funding, and membership recruitment.
6. Engage and communicate or provide written feedback in response to proposed topics.
7. Participate in community events, fundraisers and other special events as able.
8. Provide strategic feedback on planning for the future.

We have been fortunate to retain a large majority of last years' members, and added 2 new members, Jason Jensen, and Laura Zuppo. Our Council roster of 22 people represents a broad cross-section from which to receive advice and guidance. In addition, JLSP Board members are invited to attend these meetings to directly hear from and participate in interacting with our advisors. The information is also presented and discussed at Board meetings to assist with implementation. Experts in finance, marketing, city leadership, business, law enforcement, journalism, law, health, non-profit leadership, and education provide diverse viewpoints and feedback for how we can operate more effectively as a League.

The CAC has already conducted our first Mixer and Meeting on August 18th at the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay Headquarters. Special thanks to our endowment liaison, Denyve Boyle, who helped secure the beautiful space. Our discussion centered around our accomplishments of last year, our current annual plan, as well as partnership and expansion opportunities / challenges. Great discussions ensued and thought-provoking feedback was provided on this topic. Our next meeting will be in November and focus on our Strategic Plan.

The individuals listed on the following page are members of the 2022 Community Advisory Council. Please look for more details about this dynamic and inspiring group in upcoming editions of the Causeway.

2022 - 2023 CAC MEMBERS

Brian Auld

Tampa Bay Rays, President

Stacey Baier

Pinellas Education Foundation, CEO

The Honorable Rick Baker

Former Mayor of St. Petersburg

Terry Brett

Brett Funeral Homes, Owner

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