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A LETTER FROM OUR *President*



Huntsville Junior Service League has been busy this fall in service to others! Over 1100 hours have been spent spreading a positive INFLUENCE throughout our community!

We have been hard at work combatting poverty through two

mobile food truck deliveries, the weekly back pack project, feed-a-family food drive benefitting Head Start and the newly added weekly Meals on Wheels route. As a league, we are also making our presence felt at community events such as Fair on the Square, Family Night at Head Start, Scare on the Square, and local fundraisers.

Thanks to your support, we have had two very successful fundraisers this year allowing us to make an \$8,000 donation to our endowed scholarship! What a great step towards the ultimate goal of \$50,000 set forth many years ago!

Planning has just begun for our 2nd Annual Mother of Pearl Brunch. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 25. We look forward to seeing you there as the event promises to be a fun-filled morning.

As always, we appreciate your continued support!

-Laura Dougherty

“What we do only has value if we give it away.”---Anonymous

Stay in-the-know!

It's easy to stay informed about Huntsville JSL news and events. Just follow us at our blog and like us on Facebook...

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HuntsvilleJSL.com

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Fair on the Square



Thanks to all those who stopped by the JSL booth to send sweet messages to our troops. [Read More...](#)

Scare on the Square



When downtown was invaded by goblins, ghosts, and princesses, the ladies of the Huntsville JSL were there to hand out a special treat - toothbrushes! [Read more...](#)

Meals on Wheels



Huntsville JSL is excited to be partnering with the Senior Center of Walker County to deliver food to seniors through the Meals on Wheels program. [Read more...](#)

Senior Center Bingo



We've brought back one of the favorite service project - BINGO! [Read More...](#)

Mobile Food Truck

The mobile food truck from the Houston Food Bank visited Huntsville in October and December. Between the two events, more than six hundred families attended, and took home boxes and bags full of fresh produce. It was an honor to for JSL to plan such an important community outreach program! We are thankful to all that volunteer alongside us to make a huge impact on the families in attendance!



For October's full story and more pictures, [click here.](#)



For December's full story and more pictures, [click here.](#)



A truck is scheduled for February 7, so mark your calendars now to be a part of something big for our community!!

Save the Dates!

Mobile Food Truck

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
9:00 AM - NOON
HUNTSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mother of Pearl Brunch

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH
10:00 AM
WALKER COUNTY EDUCATION
CENTER

Spring Banquet

MONDAY, MAY 11TH
6:00 PM
WALKER COUNTY EDUCATION CENTER
FOR TICKETS, CONTACT
[JSL.HUNTSVILLE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:jsl.huntsville@gmail.com)

Attn: Sustainer Contact Information Needed!

Please update your contact information at your earliest convenience by sending your email address, phone number & mailing address to jsl.huntsville@gmail.com. We want to increase our communication efforts and need our records updated.

Endowed Scholarship

We are excited to announce that we are contributing \$8,000 to our endowed scholarship! Our goal is to contribute \$5,000 each year until we reach the ultimate goal of \$50,000 that was set many years ago. Because of the success of the Mother of Pearl Banquet and Pie in the Sky fundraiser, we are able to make a larger contribution than planned.

Last year we reached the \$25,000 mark on our endowed scholarship which allowed for the scholarship to pay every other year. Once we reach a total contribution of \$50,000, the scholarship will pay annually. This contribution will get us closer to being able to award our scholarship annually without making a payment every other year.

If you work for SHSU consider contributing your annual fund pledge directly to the endowment thru payroll deduction. Even if you do not work for SHSU, you can still contribute through employment matching.

By supporting these annual fundraisers, you are helping us to get closer to the making our dream a reality! Thank you so much for your continual support!!

Upcoming Service Project

Sip-n-See Baby Shower - February 21st

Celebrating new babies of some of the Pregnancy Care Center

We will be showering these precious babies and their mothers and with gifts, fun, and a lot of love! Each baby will receive a book of nursery rhymes and a onesie decorated by their mother at the shower. There will also be some "dream gifts" given to drawing winners in a free raffle.

Those interested in assisting with the event could help by providing dream items such as a stroller, breast pump, pack and play, diaper genie and more. Some of these items could be gently used. Another way to help would be to purchase a book which costs only \$12.50. Because each of our guests needs to receive identical gifts, there is a specific book chosen. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Paige Loft or email us at jsl.huntsville@gmail.com.

2014 PROVISIONAL CLASS PROJECT

Cancer Care Bags

The Huntsville JSL Provisional Class of 22 outstanding ladies was tasked with creating and executing a service project to do together as a team. They had many great ideas, but ultimately decided upon making Cancer Care Bags to donate to a local cancer treatment center. After some research, they made a list of items that would bring comfort and a little joy to those who are currently undergoing treatment to battle cancer. Some of items included in the care bags were blankets, fuzzy socks, lotion, word puzzles, notepads, lip moisturizers, anti-nausea “queasy drops”, and more. For a personal touch, each bag included a hand-written note of encouragement.

We are so proud of the thoughtfulness and care put into this special project. The patients will be moved and encouraged by the gifts! Great job ladies!!

[For full story and more pictures, click here.](#)



ACTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

Morgan Newman

Morgan was invited by Paula Rex in 2007. After taking a break to get married and remodel a home, she rejoined in the Fall of 2009. Morgan has served on the By-Laws Committee, chaired Scare on the Square, led as the Hospitality Committee Chair, and served as Vice-President. Morgan has been married for almost 6 years to Josh Newman, has one daughter, Leighton.

What was your favorite activity in Junior Service League?

My favorite project would have to be the Mobile Food Truck. I have been fortunate enough to have been able to give time at four mobile food truck drives. It's incredibly rewarding and humbling to give back to those in need. In October, the college kids who served alongside us got involved with the youth that were at the drive waiting on their parents. It was nice to see the kids getting to have a good time, while waiting to receive food. This project is special to me for this reason... 'tis always the season to GIVE! I would like to personally thank Sarah Bass for her hard work and passion for the Mobile Food Truck project!

What would you like to see the League accomplish?

I personally feel like the active members are doing and giving so much right now that we are at the best place we have been in years, and I am so proud! I would really like to see projects where our Sustainers can get involved again. It's nice to have their wisdom and advice, (Hint, I will be one soon) and I desire to stay connected with my JSL family.

