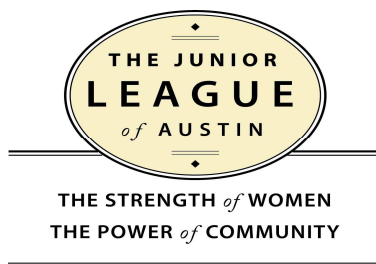


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**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF AUSTIN'S
ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

*Honoring Volunteers, Recognition of Major Contributors, and
Announcement of 2008-09 Community Projects*

Austin, Texas, May 12, 2008 – The Junior League of Austin celebrated a successful 2007-08 year with its annual community celebration at The Austin Woman's Club. Highlights of the evening included honoring Community Service and Volunteer Extraordinaire awardees, recognizing major contributors, and announcing 2008-09 community projects. President KaLyn Laney said, "The Junior League is proud to partner with Central Texas agencies and provide them with trained volunteers and funds. We appreciate our major contributors investment our organization and we look forward to a successful 2008-09."

Jennifer Piskun Johnson is the recipient of the Community Service Award. This award is for an Active member who, in addition to her League volunteer commitments, has been actively involved in other volunteer endeavors in the community. Jennifer has served The League as the Coats for Kids Chair, Bylaws Chair, Recording Secretary and as the League's representative to Leadership Austin. Her community involvement includes the City of Austin Ethics Review Commission and serving on the boards of People United for Planned Parenthood, Austin State School, Austin American Diabetes Association, and Texas School for the Deaf Foundation. Honors include the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, Sciences and Humanities.

Patsy Woods Martin is the recipient of the Volunteer Extraordinaire Award. This award is for a Sustaining member who, during her years as both an Active and Sustaining Junior League member, has gone above and beyond the call of duty in her volunteer activities in the community. Patsy served The League as Cookbook Chair, Placement Chair, A Christmas Affair Merchant Chair, Provisional Chair, and Membership Vice President. Her community involvement includes the Texas Tech Board of Regents, Gala Co-Chair of Helping Hand Home for Children, Gala Co-Chair of Hospice Austin and serving on the boards of Planet Cancer and The Long Center. Honors include Ballet Austin's Women on Their Toes recipient. Patsy is the creator of the Central Texas "I Live Here, I Give Here" \$1 million campaign.

The Junior League recognized and thanked its major contributors for the 2007-08 year - Austin American-Statesman, CitiFinancial Auto, Clear Channel Radio (102.3 The River and KASE 101), Dell Foundation, Fox 7 News, Henna Chevrolet, L.P., Randalls Food Markets, Sterling Affair Judges' Hill Catering, Texas Monthly, and Wells Fargo Bank.

The evening concluded with the announcement of the 2008-09 community projects and 75th anniversary gift. The League is partnering with 24 agencies, providing a total of 360 trained volunteers and funds for necessary Central Texas projects. New community projects for 2008-09

include the Austin Area Garden Council, Austin Habitat for Humanity, Family Connections, and the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The League is pleased to continue its Aid for Better Classrooms, Coats for Kids, Community Assistance Fund, Con Mi MADRE (*formerly The Junior League of Austin's Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program*), Done-in-a-Day, Playhouse Singers, Sponsorship Fund, and UT String Project programs. In addition, The League will gift \$158,447 in honor of its 75th anniversary. The total community volunteers and contributions for 2008-09 are 493 and \$1,184,164.80, respectively.

Annual Community Project Partnerships: Each year the Junior League of Austin gives on average over \$1 million dollars of direct financial support and over 100,000 Junior League volunteer hours to support over 25 local non-profit agencies. It is through the combined efforts and generous support of our volunteers, partner agencies, and donors that we are able to strengthen the Austin Community.

Founded in 1934, The Junior League of Austin is an organization of over 2,000 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. On an annual basis, The Junior League of Austin contributes over one million dollars to the Austin community and its members volunteer approximately 100,000 hours. For more information about The Junior League of Austin, call 512-467-8982, ext. 248 or visit www.jlaustin.org.

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