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The Junior League of Austin Celebrates Major Milestone in Construction of its New Home

Community Impact Center will bring together the next generation of community leaders.

AUSTIN, Texas — The Junior League of Austin has celebrated a major milestone in the construction of its new 48,000 sq. ft. Community Impact Center, which will serve as a new home for the JLA when completed. This week, construction manager The Beck Group held a ceremony to celebrate the construction team placing the last structural beam, known as a “topping out.”

“As Austin’s population has grown over the last three decades, so have the needs of the community,” said Amy Hurt, 2018-2019 president of The Junior League of Austin. “The Community Impact Center will allow the JLA and its community partners to continue strengthening Greater Austin for generations to come by providing a welcoming space to convene and inspire community leaders.”

The Community Impact Center is designed to serve as an unofficial “think tank” to bring Austin thought leaders together to deliver programs that enrich the community, continuing a pioneering tradition and building upon a legacy of community service for the JLA, which has been serving Austin since 1934.

“By expanding opportunities for people to come together to learn and share ideas, we can find creative solutions to the biggest challenges facing our community,” Hurt said.

In addition to housing JLA offices for general operation, it will offer expanded spaces for events and nonprofit community partners, including seating capacity for 450 people, breakout rooms, and flexible workspaces. Additional space will accommodate the League’s signature programs such as FIT - Food in Tummies, A Christmas Affair and Coats for Kids. The new venue will embrace the existing landscape of the Hill Country with a ¼ mile walking trail, a pollinator garden, and outdoor veranda.

“I’m extremely proud of the entire team working on the new Community Impact Center as we work to preserve the natural landscape around the footprint of the new building,” said Matt

Pickens, Operations Manager for The Beck Group. “We’re excited to be on track to finish construction and move the League into their new home next summer.”

The JLA began its search for a new headquarters seven years ago by acquiring the last buildable tract of land on Loop 360 at 5330 Bluffstone Drive. It will replace the current JLA headquarters at The Square on Parkcrest Shopping Center at 5416 Parkcrest Drive, where the JLA was pioneering as the first and only League in the U.S. to own and manage a commercial shopping center. The property was purchased in 1983, when league membership consisted of 975 members. Today, the JLA has grown to be the fifth largest league in the country, with over 2,500 active members.

The League raised funds through gifts and pledges to a capital campaign to help fund the building’s construction. The new facility comprises three stories and a four-story parking garage. It was designed by STG Design. The Beck Group is the construction manager for the project. Construction began in January 2018 and is currently on track for completion in late Summer 2019.

For more information, visit: <https://www.jlaustin.org/capital-campaign/>.

About The Junior League of Austin: The Junior League of Austin is an organization of more than 2,500 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 hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Austin community and its members volunteer approximately 160,000 hours with local non-profits and through its signature programs. For more information about The Junior League of Austin, call 512-467-8982 or visit www.jlaustin.org.

About The Beck Group: Founded in 1912, The Beck Group is a collaborative team of designers, builders and technology experts, offering planning, architecture, interior design, construction, sustainability and technology consulting services. By integrating architecture and construction, Beck provides a unique approach to projects that transforms the way organizations design and build. With 900+ employees in Atlanta, Austin, Dallas, Denver, Fort Worth, Mexico City and Tampa, Beck’s pioneering use of mainstream and emerging technologies provides clients with solutions at every stage of their projects. For more information, visit beckgroup.com.

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