



The Bridge

Grants Awarded to Local Non-Profits

The women of the Junior League of Waco are pleased to announce that 12 local non-profit organizations were chosen to receive grant funds totaling \$40,000. Grants were awarded at the general membership meeting on April 10, 2017 to the following organizations:

- Compassion Ministries Hope House**- \$6,000
- Family Abuse Center HOPES Program** - \$2,000
- Lake Shore Baptist Church Children's Center** - \$3,999
- McLennan County Centering Pregnancy Program** - \$2,000
- Meals on Wheels** - \$5,000
- Methodist Children's Home** - \$5,000
- Providence Hospice Children's Grief Care** - \$3,000
- Waco Cultural Arts Fest** - \$1,500
- Waco Habitat for Humanity** - \$5,000
- Waco Housing Authority KidzJam** - \$2,500
- Waco YoungLives/Young Life** - \$4,000

For more information on JLW grants, visit jlwaco.org.



JLW President Beth Armstrong and Research and Development Vice-Chair Haley Griffis present a check to representatives from the Waco YoungLives program. Waco YoungLives was one of twelve 2017 JLW grant recipients.

2016-2017 Provisional Project



Members of the Provisional Class at the dedication of the playground they built at CareNet on March 18, 2017.

The 2016-17 Provisional Class partnered with CareNet Waco for their class project. This year's class built a playground and outdoor area for the residents and visitors at CareNet. This included a play scape, walking trail, flower beds, benches and rocking chairs. The class also provided educational and sensory items for the classrooms and nursery at CareNet.

Also as part of the project, the Provisionals worked to provide a four-week class program for the women who live at the CareNet Center. These classes provided participants with information on topics like mom/baby nutrition, meal planning and cooking, first aide, and baby safety.

After spending countless hours on their class project and completing a number of other requirements, these hardworking women were welcomed into Active membership at the April general membership meeting. Congratulations!

Letter from the President

Nolan Bushnell, the creator of the Atari video game system, once said, "Everyone who's ever taken a shower has had an idea. It's the person who gets out of the shower, dries off, and does something about it who makes a difference."

As we approach the end of the 2016-2017 League year, I am proud to say that the women of the Junior League of Waco are true difference makers. Whether it is through directly touching the lives of more than 1,000 children this past year; the inspirational training and development they provided to over 100 early childhood professionals; or the hundreds of women we've trained within our organization to be leaders in their own community, the Junior League of Waco is not an organization of just women with ideas, but women who act and "Make A Difference."

I'm humbled to have served as President this past League year and have been a part of helping the League continue an 80 year history of giving back to the community and to help other organizations become difference makers too. We've given over \$162,000 to the community through our 80th Anniversary gift to fund Reach Out & Read, our Community Emergency & Reactive Grants, and through our community projects.

While our theme throughout this year has been "Bloom & Grow", I'm pleased to say that our members did exactly that. They have stretched & grown as they tackled new opportunities and projects and bloomed into inspirational leaders. It has truly been a gift to serve as the President this year, and I look forward to seeing the continued success as the League starts to "CONNECT" under the leadership of our incoming President, Lanissa Willis.



- Beth
Beth Armstrong
President 2015-2016

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The Mission of the JLW

The Junior League of Waco is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving our community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.