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Junior League of The Woodlands presented Home Place of Texas a donation of \$30,000 at the JLTW May Annual Dinner at The Woodlands Country Club Palmer Course. Pictured from left are Alison Judge of JLTW, June Jones and Kim Degnan of Home Place of Texas and Julie Sanchez, Ashley Boudreaux and Bobbi Jo Miller of JLTW.



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Junior League of The Woodlands, Inc. hosted its May Annual Dinner at The Woodlands Country Club Palmer Course to recap the 2015-2016 League year, recognize members for their contributions and present selected community partners with donations through Community Assistance Funds, Emergency Relief Funds and the annual Community Gift.

Nearly \$80,000 in donations was distributed to nonprofit and other community organizations, including All Ears Listening and Language, Bridging For Tomorrow, Buckner Aldine Family Hope, Home Place of Texas, JoyRide Center, Montgomery County Food Bank, National Assistance League, Northwest Assistance Ministries and the Interfaith Community Clinic.

JLTW expressed thanks for its many supporters and the relationships forged with community partners, without which JLTW would not be able to fulfill its mission. Equally important to fulfilling the mission are the more than 500 League members who volunteer their time and skills, where more than 3,000 volunteer hours this year were served through JLTW community programs alone. Additional highlights for the year included: \$221,400 donated back to the community; 4,736 backpacks with 9,000 snacks delivered to schools through the H.A.P.P.Y. program; 1,315 educators attended IMPACT; more than 400 books donated through Literacy Carnivals; and nearly 400 children learned healthy eating habits from Kids in the Kitchen

The League also welcomed 72 provisionals as newly active members after successful completion of their first year. The Provisional Class Project, in conjunction with The Giving Gown Foundation, was the most successful joint event the groups have seen yet. Provisionals collected more than 26,000 items, which made 1,500 swag bags, more than 1,100 dresses and 1,900 accessories and shoes. In three days they volunteered almost 900 hours and served as fairy godmothers to more than 1,100 teenage girls.

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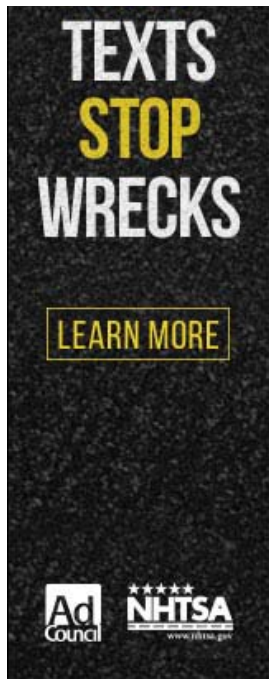
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In addition to acknowledging the league's contributions for the year, three members were recognized for their positive attitudes, energy, and giving spirit as well as their individual contributions, as they went above and beyond to serve throughout the year. Those members are: Julie Sanchez – Active of the Year; Audra Hoegemeyer – Sustainer of the Year; and Megan Hershfeld – Inaugural Provisional of the Year.

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"This year's theme 'Give Freely and Follow the Journey,' based on the Ancient Egyptians' belief that a pure heart weighed as light as a feather, is exemplified by the purely giving hearts of our League members," said Ashley Boudreaux, 2015-2016 president of JLTW. "With a pure heart, it is evident that our members and our league can achieve anything, become anything, overcome anything and inspire everything."

"I am truly inspired and honored to have served this year as president and become a part of the great legacy our league has established over the past 25 years."

JLTW recognized and thanked the following outgoing Board of Directors for their time and efforts during the 2015-2016 league year: Ashley Boudreaux, president; Bobbi Jo Miller, president-elect; Audra Hoegemeyer, sustaining advisor to the board; Sarah Paul, communications vice president; Mallory Yartym, community vice president; Christin Allphin, finance vice president; Ashley Bowersock, membership vice

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president; Laura Bomer, administrative secretary and training chair; Angela Strong, treasurer and finance chair; Corey Spencer, membership council assistant; Julie Sanchez, community committee chair; Dina Hafley, placement chair; Kelly Reed-Hirsch, nominating chair; Alison Judge, community gift and CR/PD co-chair; Jennifer Colerick, strategic planning chair; Kimberly Willing, CR/PD co-chair; and Carolyn Price, advisory planning and bylaws chair.

Junior League of The Woodlands, Inc., is a non-profit 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. The JLTW 2015-2016 Year in Review video is available at youtu.be/_XDG1RVDMF0.

For more information about JLTW, call 281-376-5754 or visit www.jltw.org.

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