

JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF HATTIESBURG



"CARE TODAY -
CHARACTER TOMORROW"



JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF HATTIESBURG IS A COMMITTED GROUP OF LOCAL VOLUNTEERS WHO UNITE FOR A COMMON GOAL: TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY WITH CARE AND PURPOSE; TO UPLIFT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THROUGH THEIR CORE MISSION OF CARING TODAY TO BUILD CHARACTER TOMORROW.

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service

ABOUT US

Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg, Inc. was built on the foundation of improving the community, especially where children are concerned. In 1941, the Auxiliary of Hattiesburg was born with 23 ladies ready to volunteer their time for the betterment of the community and its children.

In 1943, the Hattiesburg chapter of 37 members was granted a charter by the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, the twelfth volunteer group to be given such a charter in the nation.

As we enter the new century, the Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg continues the tradition of volunteer community service in meeting the needs of the underprivileged. The faces of the many thousands of individuals whose lives are touched by the efforts of nearly a hundred women of the Junior Auxiliary inspire us to fulfill our mission of dedicated service to others.

1 JA MEMBERS SPEND TIME EACH SUMMER WITH CAMPERS AT CIVITAN CAMP CARNIVAL 2 OUR CHAPTER HONORS A LOCAL HUMANITARIAN ANNUALLY FOR HIS/HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO HATTIESBURG, AWARDING A SCHOLARSHIP TO A CHARITY & STUDENT 3 OVER 19,000 FEMININE PRODUCTS COLLECTED DURING STUFF-THE-BUS. ALL OF IT WAS DONATED TO LOCAL SCHOOLS THROUGH OUR PROJECT, GIRLSONLY



SCHOLARSHIPS & TEEN OUTREACH



JA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO AREA STUDENTS, SUPPORTS LEADERSHIP

Believing that education is a key to fulfilling The Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg's mission of "care today - character tomorrow", Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg regularly awards scholarships to students from Forrest and Lamar county area schools. These scholarships are given directly to the student's school of choice in order to assist with the cost of higher education.

Scholarships are awarded based on the applicant's qualifications, and each scholarship recipient receives \$1,000. Junior Auxiliary emphasizes youth community service efforts in its award criteria. Students who demonstrate active involvement in community service efforts through school, church, and other service-oriented groups are ideal applicants. In addition to service efforts, applications are chosen by a committee based on academic achievement with sensitivity to need.



EACH YEAR, JA IS EXTREMELY EXCITED TO RECEIVE OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FROM BOTH YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE PINE BELT AREA. THE CHAPTER IS HONORED TO HAVE A SMALL ROLE IN SUPPORTING AREA SENIORS AS THEY FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION BY RECOGNIZING THEM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY.

CROWN CLUB

From August to April each school year, approximately 50-60 female area high school students in 10th through 12th grades volunteer service hours on various Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg projects. Each participant is required to dedicate 12 service hours each year. A minimum of 720 service hours results from this teen outreach organization.

Projects Supported: Pennington's Night Out, Night to Shine, Children's Center Carnival, Empty Bowls, Little Free Library, Edwards Street Fellowship Center Food Pantry, and Backpack Blessings.

Leadership

FUNDING OUR JA PROJECTS

PRIMARY FUNDRAISER: ANNUAL CHARITY BALL

Since its inception, fundraising has provided the means for Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg to fulfill its mission of uplifting children and families in need through acts of service. Throughout the year, members are dedicated to the success of JA's service projects, which provide an estimate \$100,000 in local impact each year. Combined, JA members dedicate more than 4,000 service hours to children and families in Hattiesburg through its chapter volunteer work.

Each fall, Junior Auxiliary hosts an annual charity ball as its primary fundraiser. Through the generosity and support of donors and attendees, JA's outreach projects are made possible.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT DIAPER BANK SERVES 3,600 FAMILIES

Diapers for infants and toddlers are a necessity, not a luxury. We are grateful to the ladies of JA for their commitment to making life better for all members in our community. Diaper bank distributes diapers every month to low-income Hattiesburg-area families. This program would not be possible without JA.

Ann McCullen,
Executive Director
Edwards St. Fellowship Center



JA PROJECT LOCAL IMPACT

20+

 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

JA MEMBERS DEDICATE

4,000

 SERVICE HOURS ANNUALLY

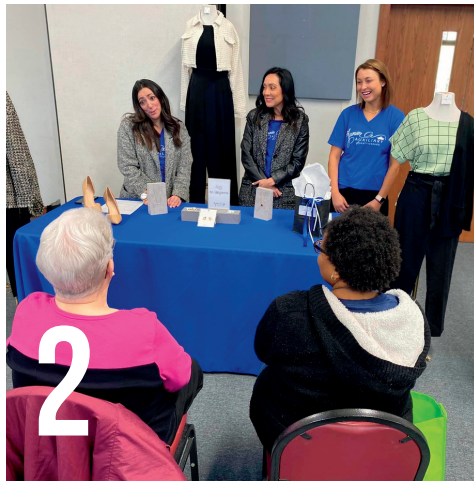
OUR MEMBERS POSITIVELY IMPACT

3,000+

 LIVES ANNUALLY

~\$200K

 MADE POSSIBLE BY GENEROUS DONORS & SPONSORS
IN LOCAL NEEDS FULFILLED



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impact

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

JA'S OUTREACH PROGRAMS BUILD COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & LASTING RELATIONSHIPS



Kids Culture provides opportunities for our students to be exposed to music, art, literature, science, and so much more! Our students look forward to the committee visits and expect to learn new skills that can be adapted to their real lives. They benefit socially, emotionally, and academically...

**Kristina Pollard, Ed.S., Principal
Earl Travillion Attendance Center**

KIDS CULTURE



The service that Junior Auxiliary provides at Civitan Camp each year is absolutely invaluable. These hard-working, committed volunteers provide love and care to our severe-needs campers each night during camp. We rest easy knowing that our campers are in the capable and caring hands of the ladies of JA.

**Lauren Shifalo, Civitan Camp
Counselor**

ROCK-A-BYE MOMS

Families of children with disabilities often feel more isolated than they should, but JA of Hattiesburg shows up for these families in the simplest, but incredibly meaningful way!

**Sarah Myers, Director
Children's Center for Communication
and Development**

CHILDREN'S CENTER: PLAY THE SAME

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