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FROM THE PRESIDENT

BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

Think back to January 1, 2020. Did you have a ton of new goals and big plans for a brand new decade? I know I sure did! Specifically, I was excitedly preparing for the year ahead as NAJA President by choosing a theme, preparing a speech for AEC, and setting the calendar for the next NAJA year. As I chose my theme, “Bloom Where You Are Planted”, my hope was to encourage JA members to make a difference in their communities, no matter how “small” that difference might seem at the time. But as time passed, and our world turned upside down, “Bloom Where You Are Planted” took on a more literal meaning than I ever imagined it could!

This year has been full of canceled events and missed celebrations leaving us all feeling a little “stuck”. But what if we used this time as a moment to really flourish? A time to care for those in need around us, and a time to tend to our roots so we can really BLOOM.

What if 2020 isn’t canceled? What if 2020 is the year we’ve been waiting for? A year so uncomfortable and scary, that is finally forces us to grow—to BLOOM. A year we finally accept the need for change. Declare change. Work for change. Become the change. A year where we band together, instead of pushing further apart.

2020 isn’t canceled, but rather the most important year of all. And during this year, I would love to encourage each of you as we navigate unprecedented times with a few small challenges that will make a big impact:

PLANT SEEDS OF HOPE

The world around us feels full of frustration and despair. More than ever, we all need a little hope, and I know YOU can be that hope for someone in your community! YOU can be a light during this dark time. If you feel as if what you do won’t matter, just remember—Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve!

CULTIVATE WHAT MATTERS

In a year where no project, event, school year, or even everyday life looks the same, one thing remains unphased—our mission as Junior Auxiliary Members! Our projects may look different, our Charity Ball may be virtual or postponed, but you are still serving your community! This year will stretch us in ways we never thought possible, but I do believe that we will be stronger in our faith and our mission if we prioritize what really matters—helping break the cycle of dependency for those who need us the most.

BLOOM WITH LOVE

This year has brought many frustrations upon each of us, but I encourage you to remember that no matter the circumstances you are facing, BE KIND. Our neighbors, our co-workers, our families, and even our JA sisters need kindness and grace as we band together to get through trying times. There is nothing stronger than a heart of a volunteer, and I am proud to serve alongside each of you as you bloom with love this year.

I am here to serve YOU, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can during my travels (and Zoom meetings!) across our Association. Thank you for instilling your trust in me to lead NAJA this year, and I look forward to seeing you all “Bloom Where You Are Planted”!

NAJA PRESIDENT
Kelly Freeland
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Why did you choose to be a member of Junior Auxiliary, offering the outreach and services that you provide? Each of us should be challenged to examine our own personal story, and more importantly, to move from examination to a commitment for positive change.

Junior Auxiliary’s history began in 1935 when two doctors in Greenville, MS, saw daily the plight of Greenville’s underprivileged children who were living in back alleys and on shanty boats on the river. That need inspired ten women to find ways of helping these children. By 1940 the Greenville women began meeting with other women in the Mississippi and Arkansas Delta who wanted to be of service in their own communities. This led to the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Constitution being formalized on November 14, 1941. The Charter Chapters were McComb, Greenville, Greenwood, Leland, Laurel, Meridian, Vicksburg and West Point, MS and Pine Bluff and Russellville, AR. Fast forward seventy-nine years. Today this organization is close to 100 chapters strong, with over 15,000 members in seven states.

Compassion for others in our communities prompted Junior Auxiliary’s birth. We continue during the Covid 19 Pandemic as we creatively recalibrate with virtual meetings and deliver services beyond conventional limits. It is an honor to present this edition of The Crownlet, with stories that are timely and inspirational, including innovative contactless chapter projects. The NAJA Headquarters staff and I stand ready to support you and your chapter as we work together to make a better world for all people.

Melanie Fields Livingston

SPOTLIGHT

Kelly Freeland

is a Life Member of Junior Auxiliary of Crittenden County, AR, where she served as an Active Member from 2009-2015.

During that time, Kelly served as Vice President (2010-2011), President (2011-2012 and 2012-2013), Finance Chair (2013-2014 and 2014-2015), as well as chairing her favorite project, “Back to School Bash”.

Her work within JA Crittenden County was honored with the achievement of the Presidential Achievement Award, Outstanding Member Award, Outstanding Achievement in Finance Award, and the Outstanding Service Award.

Kelly began her service at the national level in 2011 as a member of the NAJA Scholarship Committee and as the NAJA Scholarship Chairman in 2014-2015.

After a year away from NAJA, Kelly returned to NAJA as the Third Vice President in 2017-2018 and as Second Vice President in 2018-2019, planning the 2019 AEC in Memphis, TN.

Feeling called to continue her service to NAJA, she was slated as First Vice President in 2019-2020, and now serves as your NAJA President for 2020-2021.

Kelly is the owner and principal designer at Southern Bloom, a floral and event design business in Memphis, TN, as well as an active Wish Granter for Make-A-Wish Midsouth, where she also serves on the Associate Board of Directors.

When she’s not working or volunteering, you can be sure that she is traveling or spending time at the lake with her family and friends!
MEET THE 2020-2021 NAJA TEAM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAPTER SUPPORT COORDINATORS

Board of Directors
Standing, from left: Gina Spratlin, Treasurer, Greenville, MS; Sarah Yarberry, Recording Secretary, Forrest City, AR; Edith Crosby, CSC, Region V, Madison County, MS; Debbie Jones, CSC, Region I, Forrest City, AR; Nicolle Allen, CSC, Region VI, Gulfport, MS; Gayle Brown, 1st VP, Monticello, AR; Darlene Carey, Ex-Officio, Greenville, MS; Kelly Freeland, President, Crittenden County, AR; Audra Gaines, 2nd VP, DeSoto County, MS; Abby McBroom, Membership Chairman, Lauderdale County, TN; Paige Spears, 3rd VP, Columbus, MS; Meg Glenn, CSC, Region II, Clinton, MS; Megan Landry-Lalande, CSC, Region VI, Abbeville, LA; Rachel Epps, CSC, Region IV, DeSoto County, MS; Tina Garrett, Education Chairman, Winona, MS.

I am Kathryn Huffman, Chapter Support Coordinator Region II-West and Board of Directors representative. My home Chapter is Tipton County, TN and I have been a part of JA for twenty years. This is my first year as a Chapter Support Coordinator; I was previously the Chapter Advisor for Dyer Co., TN. In my home Chapter, I was the President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Recording Secretary, and Parliamentarian. I am a third generation JA member; my grandmother was a founding member in the Vicksburg, MS Chapter; my mother was a member of the McComb, MS chapter and my sister in the Starkville, MS Chapter. I am married to Swayne Huffman and we have five children—Raygan, Bailey, Hunter, Mary Michael, & Balfour. I am the Principal of Munford Middle School and have been in education for 25+ years. I have a passion for helping children in whatever capacity I can. I look forward to continuing to assist my Chapters as their Chapter Support Coordinator. I serve the following chapters: Collierville, TN, Crittenden Co., AR, Desoto Co., MS, Dyer Co., TN, Lauderdale Co., TN, Obion Co., TN, and Tipton Co., TN.

Chapter Support Coordinator Region II-West

Chapter Support Coordinator Region III-West

Hello! My name is Rhonda Bryant. I am the Chapter Support Coordinator for Region III West. This covers all of south Arkansas. My home Chapter and hometown is Monticello, AR.

As a Chapter member, I served in many positions and was honored to serve as President in 1999. When I served as President, CSC’s did not exist! NAJA made a Chapter visit every other year and of course, my year was “the visit year”. I remember being so nervous that I may not have all the requested information, but we passed! Things have certainly changed since I served as Chapter President.

In 2013, I was asked to serve as Chapter Support Coordinator for NAJA. My first year was a bit of trial and error. So much had changed since I was an active member, but my NAJA family was good to help me navigate that first year! I can truly say I have enjoyed my time of Service. My NAJA ladies have become family and my sweet Chapter presidents are jewels. I am so thankful to all our Chapters who have continued to find new ways to serve during this season. I am not sure I could have been as innovative! May God bless you all!

Not pictured: Lauren Lisowe, Marketing Vice President, Saline County, AR; Martie Shull, Parliamentarian, Jonesboro, AR; Kathy Huffman, CSC, Region I, Tipton County, TN; Patricia Kelly, CSC, Region III, Greenville, MS; Rhonda Bryant, CSC, Region III, Monticello, AR; Amy Littleton, CSC, Region IV, Tupelo, MS; Kim Knight, CSC, Region V, Meridian, MS; Leslie Vaughn, Foundation Chairman, Gulfport, MS
Chapter Support Coordinators Region IV- South

In the spring of 2013 two of my dearest friends brought me an invitation to join the Junior Auxiliary of Tupelo. It was just barely over a year since my husband had passed away. I was still in survival mode--praying God would give me “just enough” of whatever He knew I needed to “make it” one day at a time. My two girls, ages 8 and 13, were the focus of most of my attention. My time was spent volunteering at their schools and at our church. I was not sure that I had enough time and energy to commit to another organization, besides I was trying to survive each day, a six-year commitment seemed like a lifetime!

Today, looking back, those six years passed in fabulous flash and I am a proud life member of JA of Tupelo. The friendships, experiences, and opportunities that I was blessed with as a member of my JA chapter were far more than I could have ever imagined! Their invitation had dared me “to reach out—to share, to love, and to serve” and in accepting this dare, the rewards were tremendous. Now, the blessings continue as I serve for the second year as a Chapter Support Coordinator and as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries. Besides serving my home Chapter as a CSC, I joyfully serve seven other Mississippi chapters. These are Amory, Columbus, Kosciusko, Louisville, Macon, Starkville, and West Point. The year 2020 brought many challenges to us all. I am so proud of the women in these Chapters who have not let anything—even a pandemic—keep them from caring, providing, and loving those who are in need. An old Chinese proverb says, “To get through the hardest journey we need take only one step at a time, but we must keep on stepping” so I pray that God may help us as we go!

Chapter Support Coordinators Region V- West

I am Edith Crosby, Chapter Support Coordinator, Region V West. I live in Madison, MS; and JA of Madison County is my home Chapter. My name was given to Christy Keirn by a life member of the McComb, MS Chapter to fill an open Chapter Support Coordinator position and as they say, “the rest is history!” The awesome JA Chapters that I advise are Brookhaven, MS; Byram-Terry, MS; Clinton, MS; Crystal Springs, MS; Madison County, MS; McComb, MS; Natchez, MS; Ruston, LA and Vicksburg, MS.

I absolutely love what I do! I love watching Chapters do so many wonderful things for the children and families of their communities. I also love the enthusiasm and the lifelong friendships that are formed, not only at the Chapter level, but also at the National level. I encourage everyone to consider a position at the National level. It is a decision you will never regret!

Chapter Support Coordinators Region VI- East

Hi, I am Nicolle Allen, Chapter Support Coordinator for Region VI East which includes Slidell, LA; Hancock County, MS; Gulfport, MS; Hattiesburg, MS; Biloxi-Ocean Springs, MS; Pascagoula Moss Point, MS; Eastern Shore, AL, and Madison County, FL. I am a life member of the Gulfport Chapter where I served on the board for four years as Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer for two years, and Finance Chair.

Junior Auxiliary is a way for me to give back to the community. When my active years were finished, I knew I was not done. Serving as a Chapter Support Coordinator has taught me so much about NAJA. All of the Chapters are so different with the same end goal. I look forward to serving on the National Level for many more years.


**NEW COMMITTEES FOR 2020-2021**

**NAJA Chapter Development Committee**

In 2017, NAJA changed the way we onboard and train new Chapters with a goal to better position new Chapters for long-term success. We took the best practices of Provisional Training and Chapter Board Training and came up with a Provisional Chapter Training program.

The New Chapter Development design has a timeline that ranges from 10 to 15 months and can be customized depending on the needs of the Chapter. In the first 2 months, the new Chapter holds an Informational meeting led by NAJA reps where we introduce the prospective members to NAJA, our history and mission, and provide a high-level overview of the requirements for membership. Next the Chapter holds a Petitioning meeting in which the new members vote to become a Provisional Chapter, pay dues to NAJA, and establish a regular meeting time and place. From this point, the Provisional Chapter Training begins lasting for 6 sessions. The Chapter is encouraged to develop or find an established community project to work on as a group, while participating in NAJA training focusing in depth on the NAJA mission, values, Handbook, and recruitment strategies. Each member is assigned to one of three committees: Administration, Constitution or Projects & Community Survey. They have direct input in the development and implementation of all aspects of the Chapter’s operation. This culture of “ownership” helps to bind the members together and build a commitment to the Chapter overall.

After the Provisional Chapter Training is complete, the Chapter holds an Organizational Meeting where officers are elected. Over the next 2-3 months, the Chapter begins holding regular Chapter and Executive Board meetings, files the Chapter’s Article of Incorporation and obtains its 501(c)(3) status as well as ratifies the Chapter’s Constitution.

To date six new Chapters have become Active Chapters under the updated training program and we are working on training a seventh Chapter in Pontotoc County, MS. One of the most important pieces of an effective training plan is its ongoing evaluation and modification; therefore, ensuring the training is relevant and effective for its intended audience. In the past three years, we have updated and standardized the training materials, added a mock Chapter meeting to the training and developed a Model Constitution for new Chapters. In response to the coronavirus pandemic we are now conducting training sessions via Zoom which allows us to record the sessions for members who were not able to attend. All new Chapters are assigned an Advisor and we are working on updating the Chapter Advisor Manual and developing a training program for Advisors.

Your input and suggestions are an important part of the process, including, recommendations for new Chapters. Please email them to Beth Holbert, najacdcnorth@gmail.com, Charlott Jones najacdcwest@gmail.com or Darlene Carey, najacdcsouth@gmail.com.

**NAJA Chapter Constitution Committee**

In 2018-2019, a Long-Range planning Committee was formed to address strategic needs for the Association. One of the outcomes of that was the recommendation to form a Chapter Constitution Committee. The Board of Directors adopted this recommendation. As a virtual committee, no additional cost would be incurred. This would allow special focus to be given to the Chapter Constitutions with specific paperwork and assistance for Chapters to make necessary changes so that CSCs may concentrate more on the individual workings of their Chapters. This Committee was formed with the NAJA Ex-Officio to chair. Recommendations for additions/deletions/improvements will be directed back to the Chapter. An expert group serves as inaugural members of the Chapter Constitution Review Committee who represent Past National Presidents, National Committee members, CSCs and recent Chapter Presidents. The members include:

* Maureen Wigges, JA of Tipton County, TN
* Esther Herring, JA of Natchez, MS
* Sharon Hudson, JA of Batesville, MS
* Carol Caruso, JA of Slidell, LA

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**Upcoming NAJA HQ dates**

- **September 1-February 1**: NAJA Graduate Scholarship Applications
- **November 15**: Spring Crownlet deadline
- **January 15**: AEC Grant Application due to HQ
- **January 29**: NAJA Candidate Data Forms due to HQ
- **March 1**: NAJA scrapbook and Award entries due
- **March 19**: AEC Registration due

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NAJA Child Welfare Projects Committee

Junior Auxiliary was founded on the principles of helping children and making a difference in their lives. Since serving children is foundational to our organization, the Child Welfare Project is the universal project of every Junior Auxiliary Chapter. Each Chapter is to have full administrative responsibility for this project.

The objective of the Child Welfare project is to **break the cycle of dependency** whether it be physical or emotional. There are two basic requirements:

- The project must provide one or more of the basic necessities of life, food, clothing, shelter and/or emotional support.
- There must be an ongoing relationship and commitment established between the Chapter member or members and the recipient.

Having a Child Welfare Project is one of the minimum standards, so Chapters worry about how their projects will be viewed. Some of the most frequently asked questions by Chapters is about their Child Welfare Project: Is it a true Child Welfare Project? Can we count this project as our Child Welfare Project? How can we turn this project into a Child Welfare Project that meets the definition?

A new NAJA committee has been created to review every Chapter’s Child Welfare Project for the purpose of helping each Chapter fine-tune or implement a true Child Welfare Project. Each Region has a representative serving on the NAJA Child Welfare Committee who will review Chapter projects from that Region. The Committee members may reach out to your Chapter and ask for a more detailed explanation of your Chapter’s Child Welfare Project, so do not worry about getting a call. Remember, the Committee members goal is to help your Chapter meet this important piece of Junior Auxiliary service.

A special thank you to the inaugural members of the NAJA Child Welfare Projects Committee:

- **Region 1** – Julie Springer
- **Region 4** – Kelly Trout
- **Region 2** – Heather Crowson
- **Region 5** – Shannon Miller
- **Region 3** – Sherry Haley
- **Region 6** – Jennifer Cutrer

Cultivating Greatness!

Junior Auxiliary of Slidell’s Child welfare project is called Heart’s United. I didn’t think very much about the meaning behind the name until New Year’s Eve when I receive a text message from Cordella. She was the first kid that I supported in our program who didn’t live with their guardians. Over two years ago, I would send her cards of encouragement. My task was to let this girl know that there was an adult that was praying for her and cared. I was nervous and excited to meet her for the first time at her High School graduation. She was a beautiful young lady, her face glowed with promise and strength. My mom and I decided to make her a quilt for her birthday having her name embroidered on it. We put our hearts into this quilt. Not realizing these small acts of kindness would impact her life so much. The next year she would text to say hello. On New Year’s Eve she texted me a picture of the quilt on her bed. She had bought her first home and was living minutes from the church I attended. Cordella had not let the hardships in her life impact her drive to succeed. She invited my husband and myself to come see her home and be a part of her life. We are thrilled to have a new member at our Church. I am proud I am of her and how she has flourished. Our hearts are certainty united.
Virtual Area Meeting
On August 29, 2020, the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries made history by holding its first Virtual Area Meeting. As with anything new, the Executive Committee approached the idea of holding a virtual meeting with a mix of both excitement and trepidation. Our goal for the meeting was to create an opportunity for Chapters to come together virtually to receive training and education that would benefit their local chapters and the communities in which they serve.

The over 850 attendees were given the opportunity to participate in several different workshops using a virtual conference platform and network with each other all from the comfort of home. Several chapters held watch parties where members gathered in small groups to enjoy learning while socializing with one another. Along with the traditional officer training workshops, members attended an Education workshop focused on how to best serve in your community during a pandemic, as well as a Marketing workshop providing attendees an overview of the new NAJA branding and social media best practices. A lively game of Kahoot allowed members to have fun while sharpening their Parliamentary Procedure knowledge and the much-anticipated Virtual Awards Ceremony rounded out the packed agenda.

Without you, our first Virtual Area Meeting would not have been possible. We are grateful you took the time to join us on this new adventure and look forward to seeing all the ways you and your chapter “Bloom Where You Are Planted!”

SAVE THE DATE FOR ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2021
April 16-18, 2021/ Franklin, TN/ Franklin Marriott Cool Springs

Get ready to have some fun in Franklin! Not only will you be educated and energized by wonderful speakers, workshops, and NAJA Galleria, Nashville was made for a girls’ trip. The Marriott Cool Springs Hotel and Convention Center boast all the amenities, including indoor pool, exercise facilities, and multiple dining options. There is convenient access to the Cool Springs Galleria, Arrington Vineyards, historic homes, and the charming boutiques and restaurants of downtown Franklin, as well as the lights and music of Nashville, just minutes away. AEC in Franklin will begin with Plenary Session on Friday evening, and conclude with our business meeting on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information about AEC 2021, the schedule, volunteering and/or bag donations, please email NAJA 2nd Vice President Audra Gaines at najasecondvp@gmail.com
Hodge Podge and Cheese Boxes

Hodge Podge
1 1/2 pound ground beef
1 1/2 cups chopped celery
1 1/2 cups chopped onions
2 (15-ounce) cans ranch-style beans
3 (10-ounce) cans minestrone
1 cup water
1 (10-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
with green chiles
2 tablespoons (scant) chili powder
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
Garlic salt to taste

To prepare the hodge podge, brown the ground beef with the celery and onions in a large heavy saucepan, stirring until the ground beef is crumbly; drain. Stir in the beans, soup, water, tomatoes with green chiles, chili powder and Worcestershire sauce. Season with garlic salt. Bring to a simmer and simmer for 25 minutes.

Cheese Boxes
2 (5-ounce) jars sharp Old English cheese spread
1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine, melted
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 loaf sandwich bread,
Crust trimmed

To prepare the cheese boxes, beat the cheese spread, margarine and egg in a mixing bowl until smooth. Make sandwiches by layering three slices of bread, spreading the bottom two slices with the cheese mixture. Repeat with the remaining ingredients. Tut each sandwich into thirds and place on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Serve the hodge podge spooned over the cheese boxes or serve the cheese boxes on the side.

Serves 6 to 8

Recipe from
NAJA Cookbook
Silver Spoons
Blueberry Afternoons
$5.00
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Clinton, MS

The Junior Auxiliary of Clinton, MS hosted one of its signature Service projects, Jumpstart, during the summer. Jumpstart is a week-long summer program aimed at children who will be entering kindergarten and have had little or no pre-school experience. During the session, the children are taught essential skills that are needed for a successful kindergarten year, such as colors, numbers, shapes, cutting, gluing, sorting, etc.

This year’s program looked a little different amidst COVID-19 concerns, yet it was carried out safely and engaging for participants. This year’s group featured 11 future Clinton Park kindergarten students. Students received temperature checks upon arrival and wore masks for added precautions when not socially distant. Participants rotated to carefully planned activities in groups no larger than four. The week’s activities included a color of the day, reading and language arts activities, mathematics review, art, and structured play.

Junior Auxiliary of Collierville (JAC) partnered with Collierville Schools, Trader Joe’s, My Town Movers, Costco, Collierville United Methodist Church, and the Mid-South Food Bank to make sure students and their families have enough food during the COVID-19 crisis. So far, they have successfully managed two distributions, and are currently working on a third. Each distribution provides enough food for two weeks.

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**Columbus, MS**

The ladies of JA Columbus, MS haven’t let the “new normal” dampen their enthusiasm to serve the children of Lowndes County and have been busy partnering with the Columbus Arts Council. As most of JA and CAC’s projects are done in the schools, getting creative has been key. The director of CAC, Jan Miller; along with Cook Elementary Fine Arts Magnet School art instructor Kalyn Fuller; discussed getting supplies for a few students. This, however, grew to become Art Reach and the partnership with JA Columbus and many wonderful community donors. In a matter of two weeks and just in time for the start of school, the ladies of JA hustled shopping at many local stores purchasing enough supplies for 1,900 individual art boxes, had them packed and delivered to Columbus Municipal School District and West Lowndes Elementary grades K-5. Now, every child has their own box of art supplies packed with markers, crayons, colored pencils, pencils, sharpener, ruler, glue, and scissors. This has eased the mind of parents financially, as well as, keeping the children safe by following the guidelines for all children to have their own supplies to participate in the classroom or virtually.

**Corinth, MS**

Corinth Junior Auxiliary continued to serve Pinevale Children’s Home during the Covid-19 restrictions by putting together baskets and delivering to the children’s home. The baskets contained fun things that the kids could do at home such as sidewalk chalk, art supplies, and snacks, along with a personalized basket for them to have as a keepsake and constant reminder that the Ladies of JA Corinth are committed to them and will see them again soon. The Chapter gives a special thanks to Active Member Amanda Henderson for putting these together and monogramming them at home since they could not be together for the project.

**Eastern Shore, AL**

Throughout the 2019/2020 service year, JAES member and ex-officio, Holly Reineck saw the need within a few of our area schools for a weekend backpack program. The weekend backpack program helps meet the needs of hungry children by providing them with nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to take home on weekends and school vacations when other resources are not available. The backpacks contain enough food for six meals and two snacks: including protein and fruit juices.

When children transitioned into online virtual school from home, our PR/Media chair was able to pull together an online donation site through our JAES website where the community could easily opt to “sponsor” a Snack Pack for a child. Through this community sponsorship and donation site, we were able to meet our 6 week goal and fulfill approximately 600 snack packs (in addition to the 300 previously done) for children in need through the remainder of the “virtual” school year.

**Grenada, MS**

Junior Auxiliary of Grenada was able to continue their service to the community during the COVID-19 crisis by adapting one of its standing projects, “Lovin’ Lunchboxes”. This project serves many children in the local middle school by providing bags of food to help them during the weekend when snacks and food may not be made available to them. Junior Auxiliary members in Grenada were able to extend these food packs further throughout their community by making the bags available to any and all children, rather than only being able to feed the children already participating in the project. Over 300 bags were filled and distributed throughout Grenada during the first three weeks of distance learning, with more planned for the upcoming weeks. The nutritious snacks are able to help the children in their town when they are unable to attend school, where many of them depend on access to meals and snacks. During the unprecedented times, Junior Auxiliary of Grenada was glad to be able to help in some way.
**Greenville, MS**

With so many schools and businesses turning to virtual outlets due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ladies of Junior Auxiliary of Greenville, MS adapted their projects to meet Washington County’s community needs. Unable to use the local library for their Summer Book Buddies project, the ladies of JA of Greenville decided to join the virtual world by recording ‘Virtual Readings’ of popular children’s books. Social media pages highlighted these recordings and were available to children of all ages for their enjoyment and at home learning experience. The members decided to continue sharing these Virtual Readings due to the positive feedback from the community. You can view and share these readings on the Junior Auxiliary of Greenville’s facebook page.

**Hammond, LA**

As we all learn to navigate COVID-19, the Junior Auxiliary of Hammond continues to serve and meet the needs of our community through a new project: JA C.A.R.E.S - Junior Auxiliary Community Aid and Relief Efforts. Junior Auxiliary of Hammond were moved to action to help in any way they could.

Needed supplies of to-go boxes and utensil sets were delivered to Our Daily Bread, the local food bank. Junior Auxiliary of Hammond was one of the first organizations to feed multiple shifts, clinic & ER staff at North Oaks Health System, the site of the first mobile COVID-19 testing site in Louisiana and the front lines of this pandemic. Lallie Kemp, the last charity hospital in Louisiana, received donuts and 100 lunches for the staff. The ladies of J.A. set up a free hot meal station at a local truck stop feeding over 75 truckers and delivering over 90 hot meals to the Hammond Fire Department, the Ponchatoula Fire Department and Acadian Ambulance EMS Dispatch Operations.

OPTIONS, Inc., who provides services for those who are mentally or physically challenged, was having difficulty getting masks & gloves for their staff. We met their needs by providing them with multiple cases of each size. Additionally, over 150 fabric masks were donated to North Oaks Health System and to local nursing homes along with birthday cards.

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Due to the closure of the parish animal control, pet food, supplies, and medication were donated to support efforts to rescue over 55 felines and 75 canines.

We began a Hospitality Cares project to provide household bundles to those who had been laid off or furloughed in hotels and restaurants. These household bundles include toilet paper, laundry detergent, soap, sponges, dish soap, toothpaste, and pine glo, men’s care kit, women’s care kit and children’s items. Over 110 bundles were distributed.

As the ladies of Junior Auxiliary of Hammond continue to see the needs of our community, we look forward to sharing light to those in need.

**Hancock County, MS**

Junior Auxiliary of Hancock County (JAHCO) has remained dedicated to serving their community through these challenging times. In partnership with The Hancock Community Coalition, JAHCO Members wrote 40 letters of encouragement and congratulations to local high school graduates. The letters were given to graduates with their caps and gowns and included words of advice, support, and admiration of their perseverance through a difficult senior year.

While unable to meet in person, JAHCO Members found a fun way to stay connected to each other through a monthly Secret Sister project. This twist on Secret Santa gave members the opportunity to learn more about their JA sisters’ hobbies and interests and create themed baskets. Basket themes have included “A Few of My Favorite Things,” “Summertime Fun,” and “All Things Junior Auxiliary.” A much anticipated (and physically-distanced) Secret Sister reveal is on the horizon!
**Harrison, AR**

JA of Harrison has embraced this difficult time as an opportunity to fine tune Chapter business, conduct trainings, initiate new partnerships, and focus on projects which comply with Covid-19 guidelines.

May Dinner, a socially distanced celebration this year, was held per usual with a delicious pot luck dinner, member recognition, and voting on scholarship recipients. For the first time in Chapter history, two scholarships were awarded as a way to uplift 2020 high school graduates. Recipients were chosen based solely on their community service efforts.

Three families in need were identified and showered with food and necessities as part of the Food for Friends project.

New partnerships were formed with the local children’s ranch and Hoplites, a child advocacy group. Planning is under way for regular events with both entities.

Crown Club conducted a successful fundraiser providing a large collection of hygiene products along with a $500 cash donation to The Call which supports area foster children.

As a fabulous end to Summer, the annual Back to School Day of Caring project was a drive-thru event this year with backpacks, school supplies, snacks, and haircuts provided for over 130 children.

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**Hattiesburg, MS**

The Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg, Mississippi thought outside of the box when it came to helping their community during the COVID-19 pandemic after several of their long-time projects were cancelled. The Chapter members created recess bags for over 200 teachers in the Lamar County School District to aide teachers in providing alternative recess options when their classes cannot use the playground equipment due to social distancing guidelines. Each bag was labeled with the JA of Hattiesburg logo and contained over $50 of supplies including jump ropes, agility cones, balls, frisbees, and scoop ball sets. The teachers were thrilled to receive them to provide some form of normalcy for their traditional learning students.

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**Houma, LA**

During COVID-19, Junior Auxiliary of Houma had to get creative in how they could provide “Sweet Seniors” Service project to our local nursing homes and assisted living facilities due to the restriction of visitors. The members began to brainstorm how they could provide support, activities, and love from a safe distance.

First, a few JA of Houma members and their children drew pictures and messages of hope on the sidewalks and driveways outside the homes. When residents looked out of their windows, they could see rainbows, hearts, and lots of handcrafted love. In addition, they worked with a local sign company to post messages to remind them that they are loved.

The ladies of JA of Houma also provided each home with puzzles, games, books, craft kits, and more to keep their minds and hands busy. They also enlisted the help of local musicians to perform outside the homes so they could hear music of their generation through their windows. The Chapter said it was such a joy to see them sitting at their windows smiling, singing, and waving to them below. Recently, the members started a trivia game contest that each resident could participate in for a chance to win treats and other fun items.

Last, JA of Houma donated crossword puzzles and coloring books to a local hospital for patients who were not allowed visitors. They purchased the items from a local store who in turn donated snacks for the hospital staff. Diapers were purchased and brought to the local food bank for families in need. While the time during the pandemic was difficult, it allowed members to find ways to serve despite the challenges. It opened chapter’s eyes to new needs and taught them how to be a source of light even when they cannot be there in person.
HOW CHAPTERS BLOOM DURING COVID

Laurel, MS

The Junior Auxiliary of Laurel spent much of their time volunteering with the local nonprofit outreach, The Glory House, during this time of social distancing. The Glory House has always been a place for the ladies of their group to pour a little of their extra time into. Members were able to volunteer distributing free “Grab & Go” meals to the community during the peak of shutdown. When the Easter tornado hit Jones County, their hometown, it was devastating to the town and a large portion of their rural community. Together with the Glory House, the Laurel, MS Chapter spent endless hours gathering food and essential needs for those who were suffering while practicing social distancing. Their time spent with them did not end there as they continued to participate in their annual backpack-packing day. This day brings volunteers together to pack donated items into backpacks of less fortunate children. One thing is certain; JA of Laurel, MS will continually search for ways to reach the children in their community even during this time where events seem uncertain.

McComb, MS

On August 15, 2020, in the midst of the COVID-19 limitations, the Junior Auxiliary of McComb held an immensely successful event called ‘Stuff the Bus’. This event was organized by the Chapter with a goal to collect school items for children in need in their community. These items included uniforms, lunch boxes and book bags in addition to monetary donations. Advertisement of this event took place through the local radio, newspaper and businesses along with the use of the Junior Auxiliary of McComb’s Facebook page. Also, many of the active members personally contacted life members to contribute underwear, socks and water bottles, due to water fountains not being used during these times. After completion and evaluation of the great success of Stuff the Bus, the JA of McComb has estimated that approximately 500 children in the community will be provided with these items. McComb community members and businesses joined JA in giving back during such trying times and the Chapter members cannot thank them enough!

Madison, MS

Junior Auxiliary of Madison County, MS partnered up with the Madison Library to hand out books in a drive through setting. Books were organized by ages and included a bottled water and snacks free of charge. Even the adults were given a book to enjoy.

Newton County, MS

Junior Auxiliary of Newton County continued to serve the people of Newton County through Operation Gratitude, created to provide first responders throughout the community a hot meal. For Newton County, this started in the town of Union during the month of June, where a hot meal was served to the fire fighters, police, and EMT personnel. In July, this was expanded to Decatur. This hot, home cooked meal was an opportunity for the chapter members to show their first responders just how important and needed they are in the Newton County community.
How Chapters Bloom During COVID

**Oxford, MS**

JA of Oxford has created unique ways to serve their community during this pandemic. Social distancing has made many of their projects much different than they were before, but the Chapter has enjoyed the challenge. One existing project they adjusted to make contactless and available to more people was their Art Print Project. It was turned into Virtual Art Print, done through social media, and showcased local creatives. The Chapter members enjoyed videos from artists, sculptors, photographers, and more. This shifted their project from in schools to available for the whole community and was well received.

Another pandemic project was their “Don’t Touch a Truck” event, a twist on a Touch a Truck showcase. They were grateful for many companies and service departments around Oxford for donating the use of their fire trucks, police cars, tow trucks, ambulances, and more. The Chapter encouraged the community to “drive through” and take their time enjoying the trucks and vehicles from their own cars, while social distancing.

Shifting gears for projects during the pandemic has been an exciting change for the Chapter and they have enjoyed the fresh vision and ideas!

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**Ruston, LA**

Junior Auxiliary of Ruston is all about serving their children and the community. Although COVID-19 has put a damper on the “normal” way of serving and volunteering, the Chapter has become more creative and ready to serve when an opportunity presents itself. Thus, when one of their members discovered that the Louisiana Methodist Children’s Home in their community needed recreational equipment for the children to safely swim, the ladies of JA of Ruston, LA quickly stepped in and voted to support this need. Their hard-working members came together to purchase and deliver these swim masks. On July 15, 2020, the ladies in the “blue aprons” as they are known in their community, delivered 76 swim masks to the children at the Louisiana Methodist Children’s Home, who were so grateful for these donations.

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**Yazoo City, MS**

Junior Auxiliary of Yazoo City, MS held a contactless “Drive Thru & Drop Off” School Supply Drive benefiting local schools on August 1st. Members wore masks and followed state health and safety guidelines as they accepted donations from the public, many of which were passed though car windows, or gathered out of back seats or trunks or cars. Sanitizer was also used between each interaction to keep everyone safe in the process. Despite the pandemic, the public came out and participated in the annual JAYC “Stuff the Bus” event, donating numerous school supply items, as well as other monetary gifts for the project. Members of the Yazoo City Chapter donated extra supplies and worked together to purchase more supplies with the money donated at the drive to ensure that there would be enough supplies to be divided evenly across every school in the county.
The Junior Auxiliary of Jonesboro, Arkansas has been serving the children of our region through “Literacy and More” since 2008. This project was created in response to the concern about widespread illiteracy rates in their community. Many studies have proven that there is a correlation between high illiteracy rates in Arkansas and high drop-out statistics. The goal of this project was to assist children in learning to love to read.

This project was designed for fourth through sixth grade students, aging from nine to twelve, who have been selected by their school administrator for their reading ability. This year they have aided 10 book clubs, which serve around 60 children. The majorities of these children are receiving free or reduced lunches and have lower test scores. Each Book Club is paired with a JA member who serves as their leader and will remain with them for the remainder of the year. The groups meet at least sixteen times over the course of the spring and fall semester, for approximately one hour during the students’ lunch and recess break. JA members provide snacks and treats for students along with a pizza party at the end of the semester.

“Literacy and More” does not focus solely on Literacy, but also places emphasis on the aspect of more. Throughout the year the Chapter watch their children grow not only in literacy, but in confidence. By the end of the semester they are so proud of themselves for completing a task, they are excited to start a new book. The Chapter feels lucky to see the encouragement that the students provide for each other. Over the years, relationships have formed between the children and their Book Club leaders. Some leaders continue to follow their students for the remaining two years. Members learn to love these children as their own and are blessed to witness a love for learning growth.
**CHAPTERS AT WORK**

**Cabot, AR**

Junior Auxiliary of Cabot, AR had the privilege of participating in a service project called Christmas Blessing. The Chapter works with school counselors through a program called Christmas Alliance to establish kids in need in the Cabot School District. JA of Cabot gets a list of kids in need and buys Christmas for them. The money earned from JA’s Charity Ball held every October funds Christmas for these kids. This year 185 kids were provided Christmas by the JA of Cabot. Every child received a pair of shoes, a coat, 2 shirts, 2 pair of pants, and an age appropriate toy. For the majority of these kids this is the only Christmas they will receive, and the JA of Cabot is honored to play a small role in brightening a child’s face on Christmas morning.

(Picture sent in is of JA members dropping off Christmas items for kids for Christmas. Every black trash bag represents a child’s Christmas. Presents are not wrapped to give the parent the opportunity to wrap the Christmas for their child.)

**Madison, MS**

Back to School looked a little different for the 2020-2021 school year. Junior Auxiliary of Madison County has spent time in past years writing and posting notes of encouragement throughout Madison County Schools. This year was no exception in making the teachers and students feel loved on their first day back at work or in the classroom. JAMC members, Provisionals, and the Crown Club spent countless hours chalking the sidewalks with “Words of Encouragement” and bright art work that would make this start of the school year be as special and as memorable as in years past.

The Principal at Luther Branson Elementary responded, “I love the sidewalk art! It is so thoughtful and encouraging! Thank you!” The Principal at McNeal Elementary expressed “A special “Thank You” to the Junior Auxiliary of Madison County for “Chalking the Walkway” for our teachers!” Ann Smith Elementary and East Flora Elementary shared how their staff was thrilled and appreciative.

**Oxford, MS**

Junior Auxiliary of Oxford’s 2019-2020 Provisional Class has discovered a need in their community and have created the F.R.E.S.H Project - Focusing Resources on Effective Student Hygiene. The goal of the project is to focus on providing children of Lafayette County with items needed to obtain good personal hygiene. The idea came to the provisional class during a brainstorming session, where several Provisionals mentioned the need based on hands-on experience with students in the school system. A total of ten programs across Lafayette County were contacted in regard to completing a questionnaire to determine exactly what needs could be met that would benefit both male and female students. After collecting data, the Provisional Class constructed a list of items for collection and initial launch of project. Items were then obtained by active members, community organizations, and various collection stations around the community. They were then organized into tubs and distributed to the schools and afterschool programs. We asked the project chair, Shanika Ward, what impact this project has had on the provisional class, and she replied, ‘Providing the youth with an item that could help alleviate social stigmas, reduce absenteeism, and increase confidence have been the most rewarding outcome of the project.’ The project has been successful thus far and has been presented to the JA of Oxford chapter for potential adoption.
CHAPTERS AT WORK

Tipton County, TN

The Junior Auxiliary of Tipton County members developed the Learn to Serve Project so that young students could learn the value of serving others. The students attend Munford Elementary School where one of our members, Beth Gardner, teaches first grade. She serves as the coordinator of the program and she communicates the meeting schedule and relays that back to our chapter. The students gather each month for their Learn to Serve time after school from 3:15-4:15. Some of the projects they have worked on are organizing snack packs for the students in their school. Our chapter has a snack pack program that we run for many students in the county but these young leaders can set up the ones for their schools and deliver to their teachers and gives them have firsthand experience in serving their peers. They have also participated in leadership activities, school beautification projects, made signs for the nursing home, decorated the school for holidays, and written thank you notes for snack pack donations. This is definitely been a project where you can see the change of the student’s growth and we are excited to continue this project in the future and possibly add more schools.

Tupelo, MS

Junior Auxiliary of Tupelo was awarded the Director’s Community Leadership Award by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for Outstanding Service to the Community specifically through our WAVE and SHINE camps. Special agent in charge, Michelle Sutphin, presented this award to the chapter at the March 2020 meeting. Our chapter is very proud of our WAVE and SHINE camps.

WAVE is a free summer camp held annually for upcoming seventh grade boys. The camp offers a fun, positive atmosphere to focus on the following life skills: Wisdom, Attitude, Virtue, and Enthusiasm (“WAVE”). Our mission is to help young boys build self-esteem, develop leadership skills, make lasting friendships, and inspire them to be the best they can be. This is accomplished through art, music, group time and different presentations from members of the community on important topics that affect them in making life decisions.

SHINE is the sister camp for rising seventh grade girls. SHINE offers the same type atmosphere and mission as the WAVE camp. SHINE stands for: Strong, Healthy, Independent, Nonjudgmental, and Empowered. SHINE’s biggest mission is to help young teenage girls build self-esteem and discover the correlation between outward and inward beauty. Like WAVE, SHINE accomplishes this though art, music, group time, drama, dance, devotions and different presentations on important topics that affect these girls every day during their middle school years. Both camps are staffed by Tupelo Junior Auxiliary members who wish to help campers reach their fullest potential.
Due to COVID-19, AEC 2020-Mobile, AL was cancelled. Awards were presented at Area Meetings, August 22 and 29, 2020

**PRESIDENTS:**
Milan, TN

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:**
Cleveland, MS
Hattiesburg, MS
Columbus, MS
Tupelo, MS

**MARTHA WISE: NEW PROJECT**
Under 15,000:
Cleveland, MS – Sensory Pathway to Success
Milan, TN – CARE Project
15,000 – 29,999:
Dyer Co., TN – Journey Bags
30,000 & Above:
Hattiesburg, MS – Play the Same

**MARTHA WISE: EXISTING PROJECT**
Under 15,000:
Clarksville, AR – School Store
15,000 – 29,999:
Oxford, MS – Children’s Book Festival
Vicksburg, MS – Heart & Sole
30,000 & Above:
Houma, LA – Haven Helping Hands

**LOUISE ESKRIGGE CRUMP:**
Under 15,000:
Brookhaven, MS – Tailored Touch
Louisville, MS – Wee Care
15,000 – 29,999:
Columbus, MS – Junior Auxiliary Mentors (J.A.M.)
30,000 & Above:
Houma, LA – Adopted Family

**NORMA DELONG EDUCATION:**
Under 15,000:
Brookhaven, MS – Mental Health Awareness Forum & Panel Discussion
15,000 – 29,999:
Columbus, MS – Reality Fair
30,000 & Above:
Meridian, MS – Mississippi Children’s Museum-Meridian

**MAG:**
Under 15,000:
Harrison, AR – A Day at the Ranch: Fostering Community Relations
15,000 – 29,999:
Columbia, MS – Out of the Ashes
Vicksburg, MS – Safe Havens
30,000 & Above:
Jonesboro, AR – Sleep Tight
Slidell, LA – Slidell Social Seniors
Tupelo, MS – EPIC (Encouraging Progress in Children)

**ELEANOR SLAUGHTER:**
15,000 – 29,999:
Forrest City, AR
30,000 & Above:
Biloxi-Ocean Springs, MS

**WILMA JOHNSON WILBANKS NATIONAL FOCUS EXISTING:**
Under 15,000:
Cleveland, MS – Character Counts
15,000 – 29,999:
McComb, MS – Kind Kidz
30,000 & Above:
Tupelo, MS – Drama Queens: The Three Little Pigs & The Big Bully Wolf

**CROWN CLUB: OUTSTANDING SERVICE PROJECT**
Under 15,000:
Milan, TN – Crown Club Care Packages
15,000 – 29,999:
McComb, MS – Crown Club Tiaras
30,000 & Above:
Tipton Co., TN – Bags of Hope

**CROWN CLUB: OUTSTANDING CROWN CLUB CHAPTER**
Under 15,000:
Grenada, MS
15,000 – 29,999:
Obion Co., TN
30,000 & Above:
Madison County, MS

**PUBLIC RELATIONS: SERVICE**
Under 15,000:
Taney County, MO – Tender Critter
15,000 – 29,999:
Obion County, TN – Love Luggage
30,000 & Above:
Houma, LA – Krewe of You

**PUBLIC RELATIONS: FINANCE**
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Cleveland, MS – Children’s Benefit Ball
Louisville, MS – Charity Ball
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Oxford, MS – Bid for the Kids Charity Ball
Vicksburg, MS – Pirate & Princess Party
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Hattiesburg, MS – Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg Charity Ball 2019
Jonesboro, AR – Charity Ball

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**Foundation Outstanding Service Project:**
Beach Day at the Wheel Way

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## Awesome Attendance:

**AEC** - Clarksdale, MS; Columbus, MS; Crittenden County, AR; Crystal Springs, MS; St. Francis County, AR; Hammond, LA; Harrison, AR; Kosciusko, MS; Lake Providence, LA; Lawrence County, AR; Louisville, MS; McMinnville, TN; Meridian, MS; Neshoba, MS; Obion Co., TN; Slidell, LA; Tipton County, TN; Water Valley, MS.

**AREA MEETING** - Brookhaven, MS; Clarksdale, MS; Cleveland, MS; Columbia, TN; Columbus, MS; Crittenden County, AR; Crystal Springs, MS; DeSoto County, MS; St. Francis County, AR; Greenville, MS; Lake Providence, LA; Lauderdale County, TN; Laurel, MS; Lawrence County, AR; Madison County, FL; McComb, MS; Meridian, MS; Milan, TN; Neshoba County, MS; Newton County, MS; Obion Co., TN; Osceola, AR; Picayune, MS; Tate-Panola, MS; Tishomingo County, MS; Tupelo, MS; Water Valley, MS; Yazoo City, MS.

## Efficiency Award Winners

| Abbeville, LA | Greenwood, MS |
| Amory, MS | Grenada, MS |
| Arkadelphia, AR | Gulfport, MS |
| Batesville, MS | Hammond, LA |
| Biloxi-Ocean Springs, MS | Harrison, AR |
| Booneville, MS | Hattiesburg, MS |
| Brookhaven, MS | Hope, AR |
| Byram-Terry, MS | Hot Springs, AR |
| Cabot, AR | Houma, LA |
| Clarksdale, MS | Humboldt, TN |
| Clarksville, AR | Jonesboro, AR |
| Cleveland, MS | Kosciusko, MS |
| Cleveland, TN | Lake Providence, LA |
| Clinton, MS | Lauderdale Co., TN |
| Collierville, TN | Laurel, MS |
| Columbia, MS | Lawrence Co., AR |
| Columbia, TN | Lawrence Co., TN |
| Columbus, MS | Louisville, MS |
| Conway, AR | Macon, MS |
| Corinth, MS | Madison Co., FL |
| Crittenden County, AR | Madison Co., MS |
| Crockett, AR | McComb, MS |
| Crystal Springs, MS | McMinnville, TN |
| DeSoto County, MS | Meridian, MS |
| Dyer County, TN | Milan, TN |
| East St. Mary, LA | Mountain Home, AR |
| Eastern Shore, AL | Natchez, MS |
| Forrest City, AR | Neshoba County, MS |
| Greenville, MS | Nevada Co., AR |
| New Albany, MS | Obion Co., TN |
| Osceola, AR | Oxford, MS |
| Paragould, AR | Pascagoula-Moss Point, MS |
| Picayune, MS | Rankin Co., MS |
| Rogers-Bentonville, AR | Russellville, AR |
| Ruston, LA | Saline Co., AR |
| Searcy, AR | Slidell, LA |
| Starkville, MS | Taney County, MO |
| Tipton Co., TN | Tishomingo Co., MS |
| Tishomingo Co., MS | Tupelo, MS |
| Vicksburg, MS | Warren, AR |
| Vicksburg, MS | Water Valley, MS |
| Wayne Co., MS | West Point, MS |
| Winona, MS | Yazoo City, MS |
| Yell County, AR |
The Greenville, MS-based National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Inc. is accepting applications for its Graduate Scholarship Program!

- Applicants must be pursuing graduate-level studies for one year in fields which address the needs of children and youth in states where JA Chapters are located.

- Forms are available online ONLY between September 1st and February 1st

- NAJA Graduate Scholarship Program has awarded more than 571 scholarships totaling $1,393,504.00

http://scholarship.heokuapp.com/

The lovely Junior Auxiliary prayer that we recited at the beginning of every chapter meeting always set the tone of those meetings for me and reminded me of the purpose of this wonderful organization. My favorite line of the prayer: “keep our sympathies and insights ready, our wills keen, our hands quick to help others in their need” has always resonated deeply with me and has become part of my daily prayer life. To me, those beautiful words epitomize support that Junior Auxiliary provides its members, children, school-aged students, and community members. You truly never know who benefits from the work you do, and from your financial support.

Citing the Junior Auxiliary prayer may seem like a strange way to commence a piece about the Junior Auxiliary Scholarship Program, but I want you to know that it may take your insight and keen will to tell a student about this wonderful scholarship opportunity! About three years ago, a precious friend that I met through J.A. encouraged me to apply for the scholarship. Without her optimism and support, I probably would not have completed the application, and received the scholarship which has allowed me to pursue my doctoral degree in education.

Each year the NAJA Scholarship Program awards funds to students who are enrolled in graduate studies in fields which address the special needs of children and youth. If you know someone who is embarking upon their graduate studies in a field like this, or has already started a graduate program, please encourage them to apply! The NAJA Scholarship Program receives new requests September 1st thru Feb 1st.

Janie Magee
# The Crown Scholarship Levels

**April 16, 2019 - April 15, 2020**

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Thirty-nine (39) completed applications were reviewed by the Scholarship committee. Fifteen (15) semi-finalists were interviewed via telephone. Eleven (11) finalists were selected to receive scholarships totaling $44,000.

To date, five hundred and seventy-one (571) scholarships have been awarded for a total of $1,393,504. The scholarships are awarded to individuals pursuing graduate degrees in fields of study which meet the special needs of children.

The National Scholarship Program is funded through donations from JA Chapters, honorariums, memorials, and special gifts. This year sixty-nine percent (69%) of the Chapters have given to the scholarship program. Ninety-two (92%) of those chapters donated at a Crown level. The National Scholarship Committee is very thankful to the Robbins family for their continued support of the National Graduate Scholarship program.

The NAJA Scholarship Committee awarded the following recipient’s scholarships for 2020–2021:

- **Caroline Atwell**
  Memphis, TN; Masters in Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics; University of Memphis

- **Maegan Fennell**
  Jackson, MS; Doctorate in Occupational Therapy; University of Mississippi Medical Center

- **Kayla Hodge**
  Memphis, TN; Doctorate in Acute Care & Family Nurse Practitioner; University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center

- **Glenda Hux**
  Brookhaven, MS; Doctorate in Occupational Therapy; Boston University

- **Lillian Jones**
  Jonesboro, AR; Doctorate in Pediatric Medicine; University of Arkansas Medical Sciences

- **Janie Magee**
  Leland, MS; Doctorate in Education; Delta State University

- **Ansley Nelson**
  Peterman, AL; Doctorate in Audiology; University of South Alabama

- **Amanda Ourso**
  Baton Rouge, LA; Doctorate in Audiology; Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

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