THE BETTY ROBBINS VOLUNTEER-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD ENTRY
2015-2016

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As a child your motivation and inspiration comes from your parents. Growing up with a mother in Junior Auxiliary of Panola County, Christina Palmer was taught from an early age the importance of giving back and helping others. After volunteering and serving in various service clubs and attending mission trips in high school, it was during her time as a member of Tri Delta Sorority, she discovered her passion for helping children. Christina became very involved with fundraising for St. Jude. After completing college Christina volunteered as a youth group leader at First United Methodist Church in Batesville. These experiences are what led Christina to her current involvement with JA.

Christina joined Junior Auxiliary of Batesville in 2008, and was a leader from the start. She served as the Chair person for Healthy Kids Camp and co-chaired the Crown Club. She served on the Board of Directors filling the positions of Awards, Education, Service, and Décor Chair for the Charity Ball. Her passion for helping children didn’t stop there. Christina and her family moved to DeSoto County in 2013, where she transferred her JA membership and continued to serve. After becoming being a member of JA DeSoto, Christina served as Service Chair on our Executive Board and spent countless hours serving the children of DeSoto County. She has been an active part in our fundraising with our Crown Benefit, was a PALS representative for a local school, as well as a member of our ‘Pixie Chicks’ for our Girls’ U service project each year. Christina has also attended NAJA’s AEC conference and several area meetings since her provisional year.

In 2015 Christina became an Associate member of JA DeSoto County. Since then, Christina hasn’t slowed down one bit. Christina continues to serve as a PALS for Southaven Intermediate School. She also helped with the JA Celebrates You birthday party for special needs foster children. In 2015, she assisted with the silent auction at Crown Benefit. She also attended the Life/Associate mixers and new member reception. She served on the committee for Boys U, and was a fabulous Pixie Chick yet again during our Girls U annual event. For all her dedication, Christina was awarded the Life/Associate Member of the Year award in 2015-2016.

Her service heart isn’t just in JA. Christina has a strong volunteer presence in both Panola and DeSoto Counties. She’s spent many hours assisting with children’s programs at Batesville and Hernando First United Methodist Church. She currently serves on the Board of Directors at the Panola Playhouse and she’s also the Publicity Chair for Panola Productions. She has volunteered at Camp Lake Stephens as a Camp Rainbow volunteer and as a driver for summer camp trips. Christina is also the advisor for the Kind Club at Southaven Intermediate School.

It’s always a privilege to volunteer beside Christina. JADC is fortunate to have such a compassionate, caring, and giving person in our community. It’s our pleasure to nominate Christina for the Betty Robbins Volunteer of the Year Award.