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Active Member Spotlight Katie Kellam

Katie Kellam has been an involved Active Member of JLR for two years. Katie was born in North Carolina, raised in Virginia, and attended Law School in Florida. Katie has made getting involved in her community a top priority throughout her life, and JLR has been the perfect fit for her in

Letter From Our President

"If the only prayer you ever say is thank you, that will be enough." –Meister Eckhart

As the holiday season approaches many of us start to make the "wish list" of what we'd like to give or what we'd like to receive – it happens every year, don't feel guilty. There's one thing I hope you all include this time and no, it's not the latest smartphone, designer handbag, or platinum jewelry. You don't have to drive to New York to pick it up or order it online. We all have access to it and it won't cost you a dime! It's the gift of gratitude.

Sounds confusing? It's not; it's actually very simple. Think back to the last time someone said to you "thank you" for a job well done or when you opened the mail and saw a handwritten note expressing thanks for helping someone. I guarantee it made you feel great that someone recognized your value. Now, understand that you can give that same feeling to someone else.

Gratitude is a gift, it's an attitude and it's contagious. I challenge you to make another list this year: a gratitude list. It doesn't have to be complicated or fancy. Start small by saying to the woman you see each week at the dry cleaners, "thank you for always doing such a great job." How about the minimum wage barista serving your

Communications Committee, helping to spread the mission of JLR throughout the community. To read more about Katie, [click here](#).



Sustainer Spotlight

Sue Taylor

Sue Taylor is the Vice President of the Sustainer Council. She joined the Junior League of Richmond 26 years ago at the age of 40, admittedly, later than most. She was actively involved with the Sacred Heart Center on the city's Southside, providing developmental services to young mothers and children. "I had a lot of in-League placements, but my favorite things were the community projects," she says, smiling. To read more about this year's goals for Sustainers, Sue Taylor's commitment to the League, and her message to all Active Members, [click here](#).

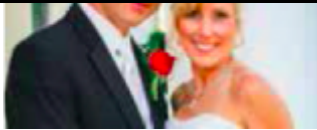
waiting for her to screw it up, acknowledge it's a tricky order but she nailed it.

Don't forget about the people we are closest to – our family and friends. It's so easy to fall into a routine and expect everyone to play their assigned roles. Take a moment to thank them for who they are and what they do. You might catch a few by surprise and they'll wonder if you're about to break bad news. But after time they will see it's just your new attitude of gratitude and they too will want in on it!

As members of the Junior League of Richmond, we have a long gratitude list. First and foremost we are so thankful for our community partners where we have the opportunity to directly impact the lives of women and children in Richmond. None of our work would be possible without the generosity of our donors. Our sustaining members did the heavy lifting, leaving us a road map to stay focused on the mission. The Board of Directors uses their leadership skills to make the day-to-day and long-term strategic decisions to ensure the viability and longevity of JLR. The staff constantly goes above and beyond to make ends meet in this competitive nonprofit climate. Finally, we are a volunteer membership organization. We need the selfless women who show up after a long day of work to help serve the women, children and families in the East End area with our Community Programs or the women who get babysitters for their own children on any given night so they can drive to the East End to do a beautification project in order to help the students have a nice environment when they go to school.

I am so grateful to serve as President of the Junior League of Richmond and I hope I can inspire you to take a small step that will make a big difference!

Michelle Miller
Junior League of Richmond, President



Donor Spotlight

Terri Parnell-Longphee, Junior League of Tampa

A long-time member and recent Sustainer, Terri Parnell-Longphee passionately speaks about the personal benefits derived from being able to work with such "wonderful and amazing women in JLT," the education and training she received as a member, and the opportunity to be actively involved with the community. After summing up all of the benefits she's gained, she simply asks, "Why wouldn't I give?". [Click here](#) to read more.



Touch-A-Truck

The 8th Annual Touch a Truck event took place on Saturday, October 5 at the Richmond International Raceway. Due to the hard work of the dedicated committee members, the 2,900 attendees had a blast, and the League raised over \$35,000! [Click here](#) to see why some attendees even described this year's event as the "best year ever" for TAT.



Book and Author Dinner

Ever wonder how the Book and Author Committee decides who and what to feature each year? Take a sneak peak into the decision process. We aren't ready to reveal the authors featured in this year's event, but join the committee as they travel to the Big Apple in search of the perfect candidates. There's a reason that Book and Author, now in its 69th year, is the longest running event of its kind! [Click here](#) to read more.

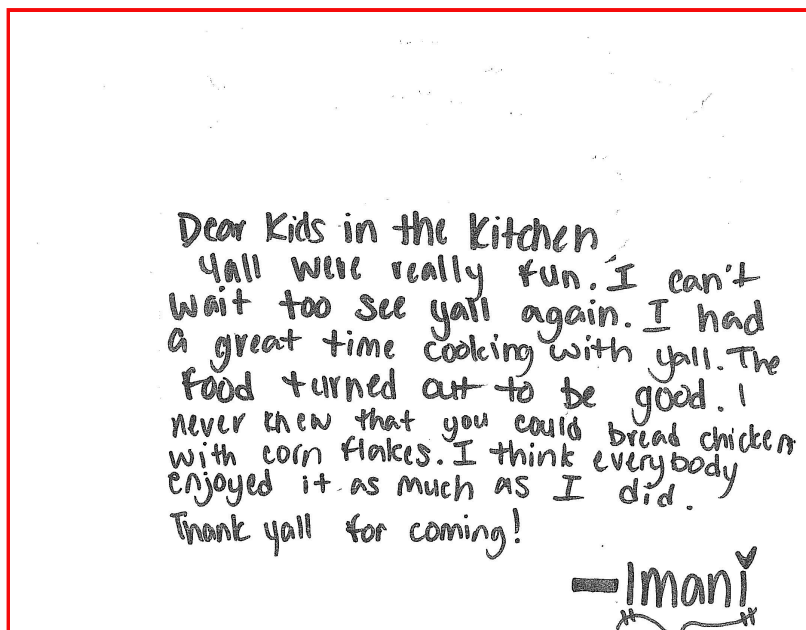


Once again, the Junior League of Richmond-- along with over 400 nonprofits throughout the Greater Richmond region-- was proud to participate in The Amazing Raise, a 36-hour online giving event through The Community Foundation. This year's event was held on September 18 and 19. Our goal was to increase the number of unique donations received, and we did just that-- increasing by 35%! Thank you to all who supported, and see a full update of The Amazing Raise [here](#).

Vision

The Junior League of Richmond empowers, educates, and enhances the quality of life for women, youth, and families, with an emphasis in the East End community, through effective programming and collaboration demonstrated by quality mentorship and family programs that build skills to reach educational goals, plan for the next phase of life, and generate pride in the community.

Thank you to the Kids in the Kitchen Committee for staying true to our vision and providing a quality mentorship program for the kids in our community.



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