

JUNIOR LEAGUE



Messenger



Welcome!

OUR MISSION:



We are women building better communities!

The Junior League of Morgan County is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving our local community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Do you know someone who should join Junior League?
Recruitment is currently taking place for Fall 2020!

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi, Ladies!

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Page Holifield, President of The Junior League of Morgan County, 2020-2021. I am honored to have been nominated by my fellow active members to lead this great League of ours! My experience with League includes Provisional of the Year (2015), Community VP (2016-2018), and President-Elect (2019).



I am a Tuscaloosa native and now Hartselle girl, wife to an amazing and supportive husband of ten years, Michael, and mother to two of the spunkiest little boys, Will (age 6) & Charlie (age 3), and our puppy loves, Molly & Jessie. I am Assistant Director of the Prayers For Kayleigh Foundation, Sunday School teacher at our church, and Hartselle Chamber Ambassador. In Summer 2019, I served as interim Executive Director of the Hartselle Chamber of Commerce. In early spring of 2020, I served on the planning committee for The Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama's Stepping UP for Morgan County fundraiser event.

My presidency has already been unique and challenging with regards to navigating my first (and hopefully last) pandemic. With all the unknowns ahead of the Junior League of Morgan County, I can say with utmost certainty, that the 2020-2021 Executive Board, Active and Provisional Members are the ladies I am most confident with whom to navigate any and all challenges with poise and grace. You will see many great things from our ladies this year! I know you will be PROUD!

Page Holifield

President 2020-2021

Community Advisory Board of Junior League

The Community Advisory Board is a committee of professionals that provides a communication link between the League and the community. This board helps advise our membership in such areas as finance and public relations, as well as opportunities for voluntarism and community involvement. The board serves to both educate community leaders about the League, as well as to provide a resource of information to the League. Members of the Junior League Community Advisory Board serve a three-year term. We are grateful for those willing to serve on our community advisory board.

Community Advisory Board 2020-2021

League Accountant: **Jeremy Segars**, Segars and Associates

League Attorney: **Lynn Schuppert**, Blackburn, Maloney & Schubert, LLC

League Sustainer Advisor: **Suzie Wiley**, WYAM TV 51

Aaron Bell: Tucker, Scott & Wates

Xavier Castillo: Valley Budweiser

Jami Jones: Decatur Police Department

Danielle Gibson: Decatur-Morgan County Tourism

Tammy Lott: Redstone Federal Credit Union, Hartselle

Alicia Nails: Decatur Family Dentistry

Laura Smith: Wallace State, Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

Mike Swafford: Morgan County Sheriff's Department

Wally Terry: City of Decatur

Grant Thompson: Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce

Meet the 2020-2021 Executive Board



President

Page Holifield is a Tuscaloosa native and University of Alabama alumna who now calls Hartselle and Morgan County home. Since moving to Hartselle in 2011, she and husband, Michael, have welcomed two sons: Will (2013) and Charlie (2016). Page joined The Junior League of Morgan County in 2015 and was honored with the Provisional of the Year award that same year. In her free time, Page enjoys spending time with family, reading, watching sports, working with the children's department at her church, and volunteering with other non-profit organizations.



President-Elect

Misty Hale is a Morgan County native who currently resides in Somerville. Misty holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from The University of Alabama, an Associates degree in Nursing from Wallace State, and is currently pursuing an Executive Master's in Business Administration at the University of North Alabama. Misty has been employed by Huntsville Hospital for over 15 years and is currently the Director of Specialist Practices with Physicians Network. She is married to Stephen Corbett and has one son, Greyson. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering, traveling, bird watching, and following Alabama football.



Community Vice President

Emme Long is a Hartselle native and 2016 graduate of the University of Montevallo with a Bachelors in Communication Studies and minor in Public Relations. Emme serves our great community as the Public Information Liaison for Decatur City Police Department. In addition to Community Vice President, she has served as the Junior League of Morgan County's Public Relations Chair and PACT (Parents and Children Together) Board member. In her Provisional year, Emme was awarded the prestigious, Provisional of the Year award. In her spare time, Emme enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends.



Treasurer

Julia Young is a native of Birmingham, but moved to Decatur when she was a teenager. She holds an undergraduate degree from The University of Alabama in Accounting (2015) and a graduate degree from Auburn University in Accounting (2016). She and her husband, Matt, moved to Decatur in 2016 to be part of a small community. Julia works at Alabama Farmers Cooperative as a Corporate Data Analyst. In her free time she loves to spend time with family, cook, take long walks, and spend time with her dog, Cooper.

Meet the 2020-2021 Executive Board

Fund Development Director



Christina Crawford and her family moved to Decatur in 2004 from Texas. She and her husband, Sammy, have enjoyed raising their two sons in the area. Aaron, 22, is a student at UAH, and David, 18, graduated from Austin High School this year. David is working as a machinist with plans to finish up his certifications and degree at Calhoun. Both boys are Eagle Scouts, and much of Christina's life has centered on raising them, Scouting, and church. Christina owns her own business through Chalk Couture and enjoys helping people create beautiful designs for their homes. She belongs to Rotary of Decatur, still dabbles in Scouting, and is thankful to be able to return to in-person church services.

Recording Secretary



Hannah Padgett is a 32-year-old native of North Alabama. Having grown up in Decatur, she now resides in Moulton. She graduated from the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a Bachelor of Science in Finance. Hannah works as a Program Analyst for QuantiTech and owns Twin Lakes Stable, a large horseback riding academy, as well as Phoenix Bookkeeping, an accounting firm. In addition to her work, Hannah founded Hooves for Heroes, a horsemanship program for veterans.

Corresponding Secretary



Kelsey Hulgan is a native of Huntsville and graduate of Auburn University. She and her husband Blake toured the South, living in Atlanta, Chattanooga, and Roswell before making Hartselle and Morgan County home in 2018. Kelsey worked in public relations for eight years before starting Polished Writing Co., where she helps clients with a variety of writing and editing needs. She stays busy between work and her three kids (ages five and under!), but she also loves serving her community alongside the women of JLMC.

Sustainer Representative



Holly Whitt is originally from Athens, AL, and graduated from Vanderbilt University with a BA in History. Holly has since made her home in Decatur and began running the family business. She and her family own and operate the Whitt's Barbecue locations in Morgan and Lawrence counties. Her past positions within League include President, President-Elect, Community VP, and Signature Project Liaison. Holly has also served on the Board of Directors of The Carnegie Visual Arts Center and as Queen of Carnegie Carnival 2017, been a member of the Decatur-Morgan Hospital Foundation Guild and Decatur Assembly; she currently serves on the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is a new member of Rotary Club of Decatur.



Please join us for a social event

The Junior League of Morgan County

August 27th, 2020 at 7PM
Decatur Country Club Ballroom
2401 Country Club Road, Southeast

cash bar & light hors d'oeuvres

Masks required



Dressy casual attire

RSVP to JLMorganCounty@gmail.com



Parents And Children Together PACT

Kayla Kretzer, JLMC member and PACT Board President, spoke with Susan Roberts, PACT Program Director, about the effect of COVID-19 on their day-to-day processes.

How has the PACT office been operating during the “Stay at Home” and “Safer at Home” orders over the past few months?

- o In March, following Governor Ivey’s “stay in place” order, PACT staff worked from home for a period of 6 weeks. During that time, staff did online training, worked on program certifications and updated PACT’s Community Resource Directory. Most importantly, staff reached out to our consumers to check in and see how the parents and their children were doing during this critical time.
- o The Parents As Teachers home visitation program received numerous guidelines outlining how to conduct virtual home visits using the Zoom platform. Due to this, parent educators have been able to continue providing families with child development programming.
- o Beginning in May, PACT staff returned to the office following safety protocol from the CDC. When necessary, staff alternated going to the office to limit the number of people in the physical space to 10 people.

Are you still offering programs to the public during this time of social distancing? If so, which programs?

- o Lori Derrick has continuously offered the parenting program to the community using the Zoom virtual platform.
- o The Parents As Teachers program is doing virtual home visits through Zoom.
- o Staff helped deliver food to families in March and April.

How can our community help this organization?

- o Donate. With the COVID crisis, our annual Touch-A-Truck was cancelled. The event typically raises a large amount of our funding.
- o Share with others about the needed increase in child abuse prevention during this pandemic. With children not going to school and daycare, instances of abuse are not being recognized and reported.

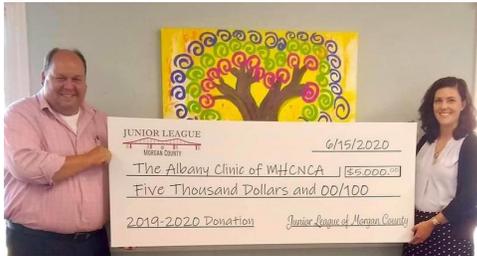
What is the most important thing(s) you want our community to know about PACT?

- o PACT continues to be active in the community, providing services to families.
- o We welcome individuals to call our office. We are glad to help assess a situation and see how we can help, or refer callers to another agency.



PACT Family Resources Center
245 Jackson Street SW
Decatur, AL 35601
256-355-7252
pactfamily.org

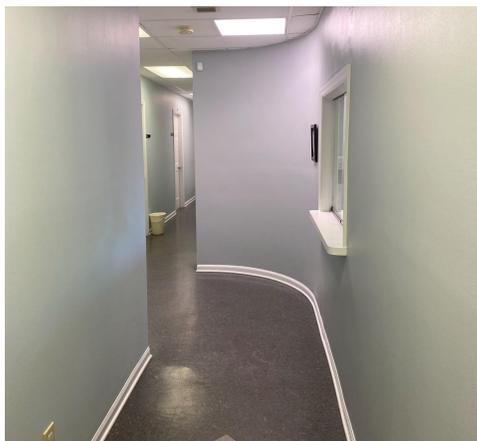
Albany Clinic Update



As we begin the 2020-2021 League year, we are excited to share that the Albany Clinic is continuing work to renovate their clinical space housed on 13th Avenue SE in Decatur. The Albany Clinic serves children in North Central Alabama and is a branch of the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama. Serving children's mental health needs and providing them with care, the Albany Clinic provides an extremely important service to our community. During the first year of the project, League sustainers Laura Smith and Erin Cossey provided their guidance and expertise regarding sensory/occupational health guidance and interior design plans, respectively.



While COVID postponed the implementation of some of the first-year goals, Davidson Homes, LLC made it possible to execute painting of the reception/lobby area, as well as the main office and hallway with their gracious paint donation. Many thanks to Amber Stuart for the beautiful paintings!



For the second year of this signature project, we were able to donate \$5,000 for future renovation activities. The Albany Clinic plans to use these and our previously donated funds to purchase sensory items for the children to aid in successful sessions, replace glass in the reception area, replace outdoor lighting and signage, as well as renovate the offices and therapy rooms within the building.

If you would like to donate to the Albany Clinic or our signature project, please email jlmorgancounty@gmail.com.

Join Us!

LEAGUE NIGHT OUT

September 19

6 p.m. @ the E-center



create 3
unique
tea
towels

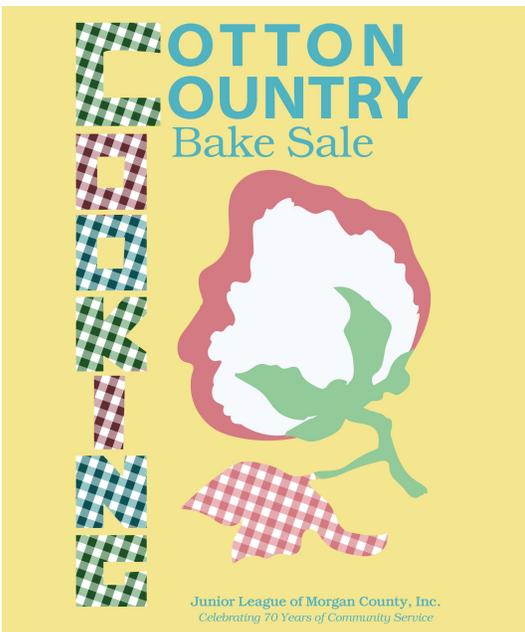
All project supplies and instruction provided. Each member leaves with 3 completed tea towels.

Cost: \$30

Fundraisers



Sadly, with the current instability of our great community, we regret to inform you that we have chosen to cancel our beloved fall fundraiser, Bacon & Brew. Our hearts are heavy with this decision, and it was not one we made lightly. We are hopeful the current climate will change and that the Junior League will be able to continue fundraising in the Spring of 2021.



Slated for Spring 2021, the Cotton Country Cooking Bake Sale is in the early planning stages. We are hopeful this event will be able to take place, however, we are conscious of the current COVID-19 situation.

A very special thank you

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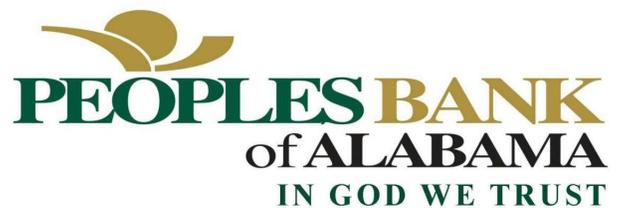
Asthma Center of the South / The Sleep Center
Pulmonary / Critical Care

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Michael Holifield, Agent

256.773.6575



Sponsorships are still available!

Contact us at
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more information.

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