



Talk of the League

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Member Spotlight

Chesley Breitenbach

Occupation:
School Counselor

JWL Involvement:
Touch A Truck Committee

Favorite thing about JWL:

My favorite aspect of JWL is community. I love learning more about our community and volunteering with our partnerships. I also enjoy meeting ladies that share the same compassion of my heart and the community we build with one another.



Melanie Ford

Occupation:
Small Business Owner

JWL Involvement:
Public Relations Committee

Favorite thing about JWL:

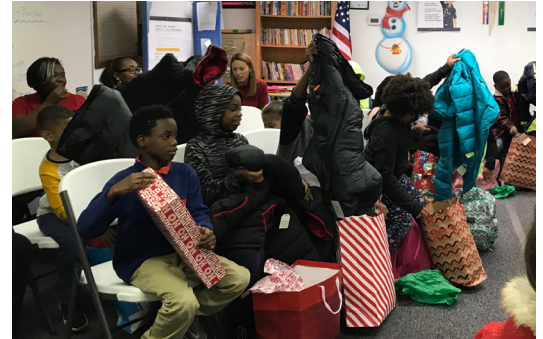
Having the opportunity to learn more about the needs that exist in our community and being a small part of filling those needs. The privilege of giving back is very fulfilling.



Winter Coat Drive: Gifting of Coats

Part of JWL's mission statement includes "improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers." We are living our mission statement and helping to improve our community with our generous members stepping up and making sure every coat need was filled.

Our members should be proud that they were part of a donation of over 50 coats to both the Boys and Girls Club of Johnston County and to the Partnership for Children of Johnston County. Both groups received their coats on December 6; it was a humbling experience for all who attended! The children were thrilled with their coats and parents were very thankful. This makes over 100 coats that members have donated to two different partner organizations in the past two service years. Mamie Moore from Boys and Girls Club was "thrilled and so excited that we could help again this year; the kids will really appreciate these coats with colder weather coming up." Beth Moore with Partnership for Children was also very happy to see us on Wednesday. Thank you again to our members who donated a coat - your generosity is very appreciated not only in this Christmas season but the whole year through!



JWL Helping to Prevent Food Insecurity

At our November GMM, our small group discussion focused on food insecurity and its effects on approximately 13.1% of residents in Johnston County. Food security is defined by the Food and Agriculture Organization (United Nations) as: "exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life." In our small group discussions, we discussed several scenarios that may prevent families from having food security including: being a single income family, senior citizens on fixed budgets, and job loss. The discussions in our small groups were thought provoking with several members sharing personal stories of how either they have been affected by food insecurity or someone they know has struggled. *(continued on page 2)*

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Announcements

Ben and Austin Yansom welcomed a daughter, Mary Catherine Yansom, on November 28th, 2017. She weighed 7 lbs and 14 oz. Join us in congratulating the new parents on their arrival!



Save the Date!

BNO 2018 is scheduled for June 1

BIG
Night Out
2018

We're excited to have secured *The Embers* for this year's band! More details to come!

November Birthdays

Page Redmon	12/2
Nicole Layden	12/5
Mary Margaret Daughtry	12/5
Kristen Wagner	12/5
LeeAnna Williams	12/11
Susan Culbreth	12/15
Betsy Pippin	12/21
Carolyn Carroll	12/28
Pam Batchelor	12/29
Amanda Godwin	12/30

JWL Helping to Prevent Food Insecurity (Continued)

Our members have followed up on the sharing of experiences with a call to action. This month, members supported the Generosity Feeds project at Smithfield Middle School by packing over 10,000 meals for local families over the holidays. In addition, over 60 members participated in the Letters for Santa fundraiser for Backpack Buddies, a program that provides at-risk students at area schools with a backpack of nutritious foods to take home every weekend. We applaud our members efforts to raise awareness and support the issue of food insecurity in Johnston County.

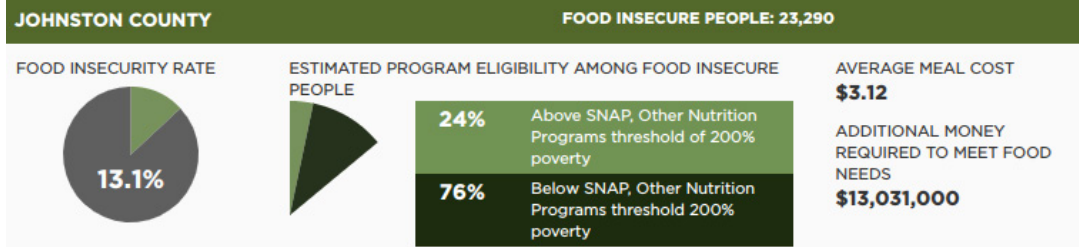


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JWL 2018-2019 Board Positions

Do you know a JWL member who is passionate and enthusiastic about the League's mission and will work to see it continue to grow and positively impact our community?

We will begin accepting nominations for 2018-2019 board positions in January!

The nominating committee will share more information regarding the process and application at the January GMM.



Important Dates & Reminders

• Upcoming GMM

To accommodate holiday schedules, we will not hold a GMM in December. Our next GMM will be on January 18. Please note, we will only have one location for the January GMM - the Country Club of Johnston County.

- » We will be presenting a check to the MeFine Foundation during this meeting for funds raised from our Touch A Truck fundraiser.
- » We will also be presenting our two finalists from the Community Impact Grant applications at the January GMM. Please plan to attend to help us select this years recipient to be awarded at BNO!

• Update Your Contact Information

Have you moved since August 15? Don't forget to update your contact information? It only takes a few seconds! Just fill out the [Member Change of Information Form](#) here.