



# Junior Women's League of Smithfield

# Talk of the League

2018  
Summer  
Review



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## Farewell Letter From JWL President, Meredith Fordham

### Dearest Members of JWL,

It's hard to believe that the 2017-2018 league year is over. What a great year it was! As this year ends, I can't help but to reflect on the many things that we have accomplished together during my time as your president.

At first, JWL was a way for me to meet new friends and become more involved in Johnston County. What I have gained personally over the past 2 and a half years is immeasurable. I have met numerous people in our community who have inspired me with their servant hearts and selflessness. I have watched time and time again as our league comes together to serve people who need a helping hand.

This year I have learned that while our members come to JWL for different reasons – including opportunities for community volunteerism, skill development, and leadership roles – we are each committed to making a positive impact in the community in which we live and serve. It's important to continue to embrace each other's individual strengths, whether it is fundraising, public relations, or managing financials. Each of these role serves a critical part to our success.

During the 2017-2018 year, we partnered with seven deserving community organizations to give an estimated total of 2,600 community service hours. We started the service year by collecting over 650 school supplies to ensure students could start their school year with supplies to make them successful. In December, members provided jackets to the Boys and Girls Club so that every child in their care had a way to stay warm this winter. In March, we created care packages to help support families whose children are sick and hospitalized. We finished the year by collecting diapers for young mothers in need.

But that is not all, we executed our annual Touch-A-Truck and Big Night Out Fundraisers. Touch-A-Truck allowed children the opportunity to get up close and personal with those who help protect and build our local communities and gave adults the opportunity to sample local food truck fare. Through our efforts, this event allowed us to raise \$7,500 to support The Me Fine Organization. Big Night Out allowed community members to come together for a night of fun and philanthropy. We were able to award \$15,000 to Harbor of Johnston County to help fund a child advocate position.

The commitment of our members to make this organization a success is inspiring. The 2018-2019 Board of Directors has been hard at work to continue our tradition of service. I can't wait to see the incredible things that we will accomplish together under their leadership.

In closing, thank you for your hard work and dedication to help continue the mission of the Junior Women's League of Smithfield. It has been an honor to serve as your second president.

Yours in Service & Sincerity,

*Meredith Fordham*



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## Third Annual Touch-A-Truck

HONK HONK! JWL's 3rd Annual Touch-A-Truck event is scheduled for October 27 from 10am - 2pm in Downtown Smithfield! JWL's TAT Committee is hard at work planning this unique and interactive fundraiser that allows children to see, touch, and safely explore their favorite big trucks and heavy machinery, as well as meet the personnel who protect, serve, and build Johnston County communities. In addition to a variety of trucks and machinery, the event will also include food trucks, inflatables, special guests, face painting, and more! Proceeds will benefit the Miracle League of Johnston County!



**WE NEED TRUCKS AND SPONSORS!** Know someone who would like to be a sponsor or has a fun vehicle they would be willing show off? Check out the [JWL website](#) for forms and more information. A truck registration list is also under the members section of the website so we can keep everyone updated on the types of trucks we already have.

**Member Requirements for Touch A Truck 2018:** Volunteer a 3 hour shift on the day of the event, secure a vehicle/truck, secure a \$250 sponsor, or pay the \$75.00 buyout option.

## July-August Birthdays

Carol Anne Oakes	7/3
Erin Schultze-	7/5
Erin Porr	7/7
Marie Mobley	7/9
Carly Fogleman	7/10
Mandy Dimpsey	7/15
Nanda Jones	7/20
Melanie Ford	7/23
Shannon Poore	8/2
Kitty Johnson	8/11
Melissa Stanley	8/12
Alison Brown	8/13
Millie Wilson	8/14

## 2018-2019 Membership Levels

The deadline for the [2018-2019 membership application](#) and dues is **August 1**. Below is an overview of membership levels. You may view requirements for each membership level on the [membership application form](#).

### Provisional Members

This membership level is for new members to the League. Dues for the Provisional Member level are \$80.00.

### General Members

This membership level is for returning members who are active within the organization and with the League's community partners. Dues for the General Member level are \$80.00.

### Active Sustainer

This membership level is for individuals who have previously fulfilled the general or active sustainer membership requirement as defined by the League and who continue to support the league and the community. Dues for the Active Sustainer level are \$145.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**STAY TUNED!** We will be opening up the calendar for volunteer opportunity sign-ups beginning August 14.

## Volunteers with 35+ Hours for 2017-2018

Jenn Adams	Julie Hall	Kellie McCarthy	Destiny Savage
Kelly Blanchard	Laura Hill	Hunter Misenis	Kristen Wagner
Amanda Brown	Whitley Holt	Carol Anne Oakes	Cat Webster
Jessica Davis	Nanda Jones	Dana Peterson	Caroline Wood
Sarah Edwards	Charley Lane	Amy Plant-Perdue	Austin Yansom
Melanie Ford	Nicole Layden	Shannon Poore	
Meredith Fordham	Megan Lee	Dana Satterfield	

## 2017-2018 Member Dues Breakdown

Each year member dues are used to support JWL functions and community initiatives. For the 2017-2018 league year, every members \$80 dues were spent in the following way:

- Community Grants: \$48
- Member Engagement Socials: \$8.80
- General League Expenses (Insurance, Tax Documentation, etc): \$12.00
- Strategic Planning: \$2.40
- Public Relations: \$0.80
- Member Development: \$7.20

**\*\* [View the 2017-2018 Operating Budget Here](#)**