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SUMTER JUNIOR WELFARE LEAGUE'S Deck the Doors

Thank you all so much for making this year's "Deck the Doors" Fundraiser a major success! The event, held at the Pink House, brings together not only active and sustaining members, but also their families and friends, while highlighting amazing vendors in our Sumter community, making it one of the season's most festive and memorable experiences. Creating something special for families to come together and have such a wonderful time has made this placement so fulfilling. This year, our sales of over six hundred wreaths and greenery are going to go directly back into our Sumter community through our grant program. We were fortunate enough to raise right at \$10,000 to make a difference to our chosen non-profits and be able to support our community.



I would be remiss not to thank Whitney Dunlap and her amazing team for hosting us and providing a store discount for customers. She also creates the background for the Santa room which looks phenomenal every year! This incentive alone brings more people out to the event and brings awareness to the League and our contributions to the community. I would also like to thank our vendors who made the day so magical. The event would not be the same without a visit and photo from the real Southern Santa and to Brittany Briley, for capturing those sweet moments for all the children who came. Sweets from Sweet Frog and The Juice Box, and festive cookies from Sumter Cookie Co. all put a smile on everyone's faces; and if you did not get a bow from Mary Beth Skey, you definitely missed out on the most beautiful handmade custom bows! Thank you all again for your time, energy, and efforts to make this event memorable!





Lastly, our fundraising team put their hearts and soul into making this year's event spectacular. The success of this event is due to the tireless efforts of Hillary Griffin (Co-Chair), Caitlin Lee, Christine Brogdon, Lisa Furse, and Meg White. These women went above and beyond, and their dedication and hard work are unmatched and a true testament to the spirit of the League. I have been so blessed to be surrounded by this hard-working and selfless team. Again, thank you to everyone for the support and we look forward to another momentous event next year!

Lauren Pritchard, Fundraising Chair



A special thank you to the Deck the Doors team for putting together a wonderful event!

SOLOMONS HOME

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Solomon's Home

by Joni Walker

Solomon's Home, a charming independent living residence in Sumter, South Carolina, has been a beloved part of the community since 1962. With a strong focus on family and companionship, it provides a warm and welcoming environment for its residents. The placement offered by the Sumter Junior Welfare League serves as a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to engage with the elder residents, fostering joyful interactions that enrich everyone's lives.

The activities organized by volunteers at Solomon's Home are a highlight for residents. From delightful monthly wine and cheese socials to hands-on efforts like maintaining the grounds, the involvement of the League has made a significant impact. Seasonal celebrations add an extra touch of cheer, with Halloween gift bags and festive decorations for various holidays. Most recently, the residents were treated to a lovely Christmas gathering, featuring refreshments and a plethora of sweet treats that brought joy to everyone involved.

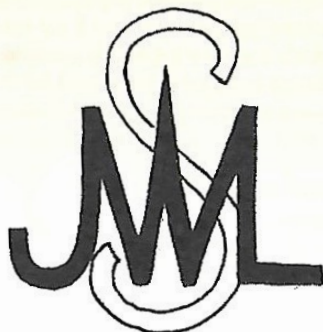
What stands out most during these events is the genuine gratitude and excitement expressed by the residents. The connection formed during these interactions is palpable, leaving both the residents and volunteers with smiles and a shared sense of joy. As I near the end of my time with the league, I wholeheartedly encourage others to consider getting involved in this enriching experience. The friendships forged and the stories shared with this wonderful age group are truly precious. Whether they inspire laughter or evoke tears, these stories remain heartfelt reminders of the wisdom and resilience found in their lives.

In summary, Solomon's Home is more than just a placement; it is a vibrant community hub where companionship flourishes and happiness abounds. The enriching experiences gained through this involvement are unforgettable, making it an ideal choice for anyone looking to make a positive difference in the lives of seniors.

A Peek Inside the 1985-1986 League Scrapbook

Our New Logo

About three months ago, Brandon began her "quest for a logo" which resulted in a Logo Design Contest. The winning design was entered by **Ashley Lareau** and she received her prize at the January meeting. It was an enormous hand-woven basket, decorated in shades of blue with silk flowers, ivy and Spanish moss twining around the handle.



The logo was put into immediate use on wherever else it is deemed appropriate.

a pamphlet describing our League's place in our community. The pamphlet briefly outlines each placement and our work at the Canteen. It was made available to participants at the Chamber of Commerce Retreat on Hilton Head and to delegates at the Federated League meeting in Florence. The logo will also be used on League stationary and



Pictured above, Ashley Lareau receives her prize for winning the Logo Design Contest.

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Condolences

The Sumter Junior Welfare League sends its sincerest condolences to Emily Robinson and Joy Hendrix on the passing of their grandfather and father, respectively, and to Caroline Rogerson on the passing of her grandmother.

Congratulations

The Sumter Junior Welfare League congratulates Katherine Schwartz on the birth of her daughter, Helen Rowe Schwartz.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

General League Meeting:

January 13th at 7:00PM at First Baptist Church

Board Meeting:

January 6th at 6:30 PM at First Baptist Church

Provisional Class:

January 6th at 6:30 PM at First Baptist Church

Observing Board Meeting

Placement Council:

January 13th at 6:30 PM at First Baptist Church

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