

SUMMER 2020

# THE LEAGUE JOURNAL

Charity League of Martinsville - Henry County



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PROMOTING GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT  
IN CHILDREN THROUGHOUT  
MARTINSVILLE AND HENRY COUNTY



The new league year has started and is in full swing! To say that 2020 to date has been a year of change would be a huge understatement. With that being said, I'm honored to be this year's president and I'm very excited to see what the rest of the year holds and what kind of positive change we can make in our community.

Now I'd like to share a little bit about myself. I have a loving husband (Kevin), and a handsome 9-month old baby boy (Kolton). I'm the Program Associate for the Community Foundation Serving Western VA. For those of you who aren't familiar with what we do, our mission is to enable generous people like you to easily give back to the community you love.



I'm very excited to welcome our new provisional class of 2027. You have an amazing journey ahead of you! Your hard work will not go unnoticed, and together we will undoubtedly make a difference in our community.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our generous Sustainers, as well as our Board Members for everything that you do each year to make our dream a reality. Without all of you, none of this would be possible. Thank you all for your support, and I cannot wait to see you all in person soon!

## MEET THE BOARD

### 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President

Kara Gilley

1st Vice President

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2nd Vice President

Kaitlin Martin

Treasurer

Michelle Dillon

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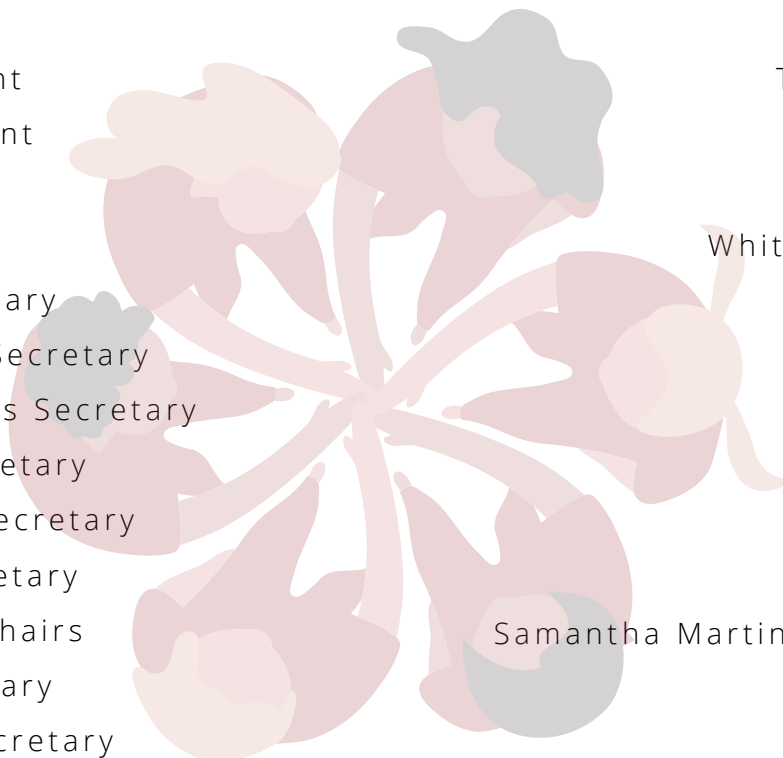
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Liz Witt





## **HISTORICAL FOOTPRINT**

Since its inception in 1931, the Charity League has been promoting the growth and development of children throughout Martinsville and Henry County.

## **MONEY STAYS LOCAL**

Over the past 90 years, Charity League has worked to improve the health, education, and overall quality of life of the children of Martinsville and Henry County. With its \$40,000 annual budget, the League has supported free medical clinics, mentorship programs, vision and hearing screenings, literacy initiatives, early childhood education, camps, and nonprofits.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

In 2019, Charity League provided 29 qualified local high school seniors a \$1,000 scholarship.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Charity League sponsors annual theatre productions, student art galleries, needs closets in area schools, college scholarships, and family engagement events.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Nearly 50 active members volunteer a total of over 1,500 hours each year. The trained and talented women of Charity League of Martinsville and Henry County provide much needed support for our community by serving children and their families.

## **FUNDRAISING**

From Bargain Fairs, galas, cookbooks, bingo nights, and more, Charity League works to raise money for their nonprofit projects. \$15,000 or more is raised annually to support grants, scholarships, and children's programs.



Michelle Hamdy, 2021  
Nurse Practitioner  
Hamdy Medical Center



Emily Lawrence, 2025  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine  
Kings Mountain Animal Clinic



Ellen Bell, 2023  
Registered Nurse, ER  
UNC Rockingham -- Eden, NC



Brook Nelson, 2020  
Physician Assistant  
Martinsville Family Medicine



Stephanie Sherrill, 2027  
Mental Health Licensed  
Professional Counselor  
Dandelion Counseling LLC



Carrie Metzger, 2020  
PACT Team Supervisor  
Piedmont Community Services



Valerie Nowlin, 2027  
Licensed Practical Nurse  
Martinsville Family Medicine



**THANK YOU TO EACH OF OUR ACTIVE AND SUSTAINING MEMBERS WHO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE TO OUR COMMUNITY.**

**WE LITERALLY COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU!**

## COVID-19 RESPONSE



April 23, 2020

"Huge thank you to everyone that donated to the COVID-19 outreach! I was able to spread some sunshine today and delivered 120 puzzle books to the Blue Ridge Rehab Center, Stanleytown Health and Rehabilitation Center, and Kings Grant Retirement Community."

*Kara Gilley*

*2020-2021 Charity League President*



May 14, 2020

Six-hundred mini-frisbees were distributed between all elementary schools in Martinsville and Henry County. Families were able to get a frisbee during meal pick-up times, when they turned in their child's assignments, or while picking up their child's belongings from the school. Thank you to Michelle Draper for organizing this outreach, and to Katie Elliott and Amber Purdy for helping with distribution.



## GALA

March 14, 2020

"The gala was held March 14, 2020 at the HJDB Event Center in Bassett, Virginia with around 50 people in attendance. The theme was "Throwback Prom" and we had a full dinner, bar, silent auction, and music. It was a great evening as a fundraiser for Charity League."

*Whitney Stone-Steen*

*2019-2020 Fundraising Secretary*



February 24-29, 2020

Forty-four local homeschool, public school, and private school students made up the cast of Missoula Children's Theatre's *The Emperor's New Clothes*. This year's Missoula performance was held at Patrick Henry Community College's Walker Fine Arts Auditorium.

**MISSOULA**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BARGAIN FAIR

242 Franklin St  
Martinsville, VA

#### **June**

6/13 Public Drop Off

6/20 Public Drop Off / Properties Pick Up

#### **July**

7/11 Public Drop Off

7/21 Properties Pick Up

#### **August**

8/8 Public Drop Off

8/29 Properties Pick Up

#### **September**

9/12 Public Drop Off

#### **October**

10/2 Preview Party

10/3 Bargain Fair

### CHILDREN'S THEATRE

At the time of this publication, and with great consideration and much deliberation, the League is excited to announce a partnership with PHCC Patriot Players for a February production of *Seussical JR*. We will also be partnering with Virginia Children's Theatre (recently Roanoke Children's Theatre) to provide additional opportunities for students in our community to participate in the arts.

### GALA

Stay tuned for information on the 2020-2021 Charity League Gala. This is sure to be an event you don't want to miss!

### TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Touch-A-Truck was scheduled for June 2020, beginning a new partnership between Charity League and the Martinsville Mustangs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a delayed start with the Mustangs' games, the League cautiously cancelled this event. We look forward to resuming Touch-A-Truck in 2021!



Stateline Heart and Vascular  
 Martinsville Smiles  
 Tracy Guebert  
 Katherine Hooker  
 Irving and Jett Groves Foundation  
 J. Peyton Moore, DDS  
 Snyder Orthodontics  
 Helen Flythe  
 Nancy Thomas  
 Mattie Sheppard  
 Woodforest National Bank  
 Catherine Stone  
 Jim and Eliza Severt Fund  
 Erin Jenkins  
 Kim Banerjee  
 Martha Medley  
 Nancy Erikson  
 Lori Hornsby  
 Sandra Ford

Sharon Bushnell *in memory of Oscar and Mary Rose Miller*  
 George and Celia Scouras *in memory of Jett Groves*  
 Jane Farley *in memory of Jett Groves*  
 Kimberly Snyder *in honor of Rebecca Crabtree*  
 Page Beeler *in memory of Jett Groves*  
 Marty Gardner *in memory of Judy Matthews, Barbara Simmons, and Kit Gautsch*  
 Lee Anne Fuller *in honor of Bennette Zentmeyer and Ashley Ullstein*  
 Meredith Vaughn *in memory of Jett Groves and honor of Veronica Favero*  
 Elizabeth Holsinger *in honor of all past presidents of Charity League*  
 Irving Groves *in memory of Jett Groves*  
 Karen Jones *in honor of Dr. Nicole DeShon Nelson*  
 Elizabeth Walker *in honor of Virginia Hamlet*  
 Helen Flythe *in memory of Polly Smith*  
 Charlotte McClain *in memory of Ron Ferrill*  
 Rebecca Crabtree *in honor of Kim Snyder*  
 Helen Carter *in honor of Michelle Norris*  
 Julie Thomas *in memory of Shelley Frifth Drane*  
 Linda Isley *in honor of Philip and Elizabeth*

WE ARE HONORED TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK THE DONORS WHO MADE GIFTS TO CHARITY LEAGUE DURING THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR. PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR BEST EFFORT WAS MADE TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF THIS LISTING.

## TO OUR DONORS

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