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Miami: Who Makes A Magic City

[By Maria Beguiristain](#)

We are pleased to announce the Junior League of Miami's new signature event, "Miami: Who Makes A Magic City," which will be held on November 1, 2003 at Fairchild Tropical Garden. That evening, the Junior League of Miami will honor individuals who make Miami what it is...cosmopolitan, cultural, generous, eye-catching, diverse, fun, and, in a word, magical. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail pre-party limited to 100 individuals, the honorees, and their guests. The pre-party will include a tram ride through Fairchild and the first cocktail party held in Fairchild's lush rain forest. Neiman Marcus at Merrick Park and Mariposa at Merrick Park will sponsor the kickoff to the evening. The pre-party will be followed by more festivities open to a larger audience of 500 people. The sights and sounds of different neighborhoods from our community will be represented. Cuisine and drinks typical of South Beach, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, and Little Havana will be offered throughout the evening, catered by Sara Sharpe. A silent auction will also be held. Tickets for the general party are \$85 and [available online](#). Pre-party tickets are sold out. •

Twenty Questions for JLM President [Karen Cabrera](#)

Q. How long have you been in the League? Since 1996
Q. What is your most memorable moment in the League? Christmas parties for the Inn Transition North families, receiving the Rebecca Herndon Bush award and the gavel change over to become President.
Q. What do you do for fun? Play with my four-year-old and his Tonka trucks, work in my yard, do Pilates, run, go to the beach, go out on the boat with my family, watch football.
Q. What do you hope for? Vision, patience and faith.
Q. If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be and what would you talk about? Ricky Williams – Talk about what

it is like to be an NFL running back, what his workouts are like and what motivates him.

Q. What one word best describes you? Intense.

Q. What is your favorite holiday? The Fourth of July.

Q. What is your favorite place to go on vacation and why? The Bahamas or any beach resort. I find the ocean very relaxing.

Q. If you were reincarnated, what would you want to come back as and why? An NFL player, probably a free safety, or a cheetah; they are both really fast.

Q. If you had one wish, what would it be? To have wisdom.

Q. What is your favorite clothing store or clothing brand? Anything that fits, is on sale and makes me look thinner.

Q. What is the last book you read? The Devil Wears Prada.

Q. Who is your favorite music artist? Bruce Springsteen.

Q. Describe your perfect day. Any sunny summer day to spend with my family.

Q. What do you have left to accomplish? To raise an incredible child, to have a good marriage and to get myself in great shape.

Q. Who is your role model? Gail Devers, an Olympic sprinter and hurdler who almost lost her feet to Grave's disease and came back to win Olympic gold.

Q. If you were on an island and could only have one meal, only listen to one song and be with only one person for the rest of your life, what and who would you pick? I can't pick between my husband and son, so I'd take both of them and not the song or the meal.

Q. When I was younger... I was a big nerd.

Q. One thing in your life you could not live without? My faith.

Q. What is the best advice you have ever been given? Given by my OB/GYN, while I was really struggling with infertility: Keep asking questions until you get the answer you want. My son is the answer to those questions. •

Membership Outreach

[By Christy Falco](#)

On September 9th, the Membership Committee hosted the first Open House of the 2003-2004 League year for prospective members at The Museum of Science. The Open House took place during the hour prior to the year's first General Membership Meeting, which was also open to the prospective members. It was so much fun to meet 40 new women who displayed such great interest in our wonderful organization. We wish them all a fantastic provisional year.

Women building better communities. That's the Junior League. " ~ AJLI

Spread the word among your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors and sorority sisters: JLM is in search of women who have a commitment to volunteerism. Tell them what we are all about and why you are proud of being a member of the Junior League of Miami. Encourage them to log on to our website and to fill out our on-line Membership Application. Persuade them to learn more about JLM by attending one of the Open Houses. You are our best tool for recruiting new members.

Please email names & addresses of prospective members to [Christy Falco](#).

Corporate Outreach

The Membership Committee will travel to various local businesses this year and make a short presentation about membership in The Junior League of Miami to interested employees. If you work for a business (or if you know of one) that would host us for one hour in their board room or lunch room, please email Chair [Christy Falco](#), Chair, falco19@bellsouth.net or Chair-Elect [Jennifer Pfleger](#), jmphins@aol.com. •

JLMarvelous

A special thanks to Rita Dargham and the Training Committee, for their excellent training program on September 17th. The speakers were interesting, informative, and engaging. I think we all learned a lot that night.

Many thanks to Wolfe's Wine for changing a tire, in 90-degree weather, for a stranded Junior League member in front of their store. Jeff and Christie Wolfe are good neighbors and true friends.

Hats off to Keith Landon, Tere Hernandez-Acosta and Natalie Brown for their work on the layout and printing of the Community Partner materials. Good job, Ladies!!

The annual Sustainer Brunch, sponsored by the Encore Shop, was held on September 16th at the home of Teresa Zohn. Encore Shop Tri-Chairs, Andrea Marquez, Kara Kautz-Moss, Bibi Cruz-Ledon and the rest of the Encore Shop Committee did an outstanding job and we wish to thank them for all their hard work. The Sustainers heard about many volunteer and social activities at the meeting and a survey was taken to plan the remainder of the Sustainer year. We look forward to seeing many Sustainers at all future events.

A special JLMarvelous to Andrea Marquez for generously donating the delicious wines for the Shopping Social. Andrea delivered two cases of great wines — Cotes du Rhone and Vouvray! The lovely wines certainly helped the shoppers find their party moods!

Welcome to the new 2003-2004 provisional class. Super Saturday was held at the Omni Colonnade Hotel on September 20 and it was a huge success. Thanks to our guest speakers, Claudia Kitchens and Victor Diaz, Jr., to the Omni Hotel, and to Steven Marks and the law firm of Podhurst Orseck for donating photocopying and notebooks.

Kudos and a very special JLMarvelous thank you to Kristin Pearce for arranging and executing a fun-filled evening at our first Shopping Social at HQ. The crowd was merry, filled with friends and shoppers for a great night of socializing and

Little Leaguers

Congratulations to Meg and Bill Luebke on the birth of their two sons, Robert William and Michael Mead, on April 18, 2003. Congratulations to Jackie and Brad Crabill on the birth of their daughter, Mia Ellis Crabill, on May 25, 2003. •

Movers and Shakers

Congratulations to Karelia Martinez-Carbonell. Karelia has earned a Doctorate in Public Administration from Nova Southeastern University. At commencement, she was also inducted into two national honor societies, Pi Alpha and Sigma Beta Delta. Way to go Kare!!

Congratulations to Natalie Brown, who went from science to art and children in her newest Museum position as Director of Marketing & Public Relations for Young At Art Children's Museum in Davie. •

Molly Member Spotlight

By [Keith Landon](#), VP Communications

This is the first in a series of spotlights featuring active members of the Junior League of Miami. In addition to giving you information about your board members this year, we thought it would be nice to get to know some of our active members as well.

Molly Osendorf delighted me with her wit and candor as we attempted our try at an “interview.” Molly hails from Minneapolis and has lived in Miami for seven years and been a member of JLM for three years. Her current placement is Done In A Day, and she is really looking forward to their first event as a committee for the Race for the Cure on October 18. She likes the idea that we can take on events with DIAD that we might not otherwise be able to do. She has loved her time as a JLM member, and has used it to hone new skills. Her favorite placement so far was working on the Chili Splash committee in its inaugural year. She loved watching the event's identity unfold in the months leading up to the event in April 2002. Some committees she has yet to serve on but would like to be Membership and PR/Communications.

Not surprisingly, Molly's favorite time of the day is the morning. She loves to relax, savor a nice cup o' joe and read the paper in a leisurely way. She is enjoying her new job working in communications/PR at Best Buddies, a local nonprofit organization. She has only been in her new job for two weeks, and is already embracing the challenges ahead. To that end, Molly thinks there are several key issues that JLM can look into supporting or advocating for in the future. Included in her list is the issue of advocacy for intellectually disabled citizens. She also thinks we should focus our energies on tackling health care and its availability for women and children in our society today. Parenting, and enhancing the skills of single parents is another avenue that Molly thinks we should explore.

Molly's favorite ways to meet other JLM members outside of our general membership meetings have been varied. One of her favorites was the Encore Shop Anniversary party/wine tasting event last year. She also loved the Joanna's Marketplace wine tasting, and would like to see a return to the small dinner parties of the past at JLM. Many thanks to Molly for her insight and views into her JLM experience! •

Look for the next “Molly Member” installment in the next Journal – and watch out, it could be YOU!

How to Nominate a Leader

By [Deborah Corbishley](#)

Every member has the right (and obligation) to help prepare the slate of nominees for President-Elect, six Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, membership outreach committee and nominating committee. You can't be in the room when we make the actual decisions, but your voice can be heard through the [straw ballot](#).

Nominees should have at least one active year in the League, and Vice-presidents should have at least one leadership role (or more) in the League. Membership Outreach candidates should reflect the diversity of the League, and at least half need to have five years or more in the League. Nominating committee members must fall into one of three age ranges (under 31, 32 to 37, and 38 and up). Nominating and membership candidates do not need to have leadership experience.

We welcome self-submissions, and you can explain why you or your nominee would be a good leader, especially if the relevant experience includes work done outside the League or includes professional experience. Please remember that the President-elect (Amy Sussman) does not attend nominating committee meetings and does not choose the slate. Amy and the new slate make the decisions for committee chairs in March through the Willingness to Serve forms. Nominating plays no role in the willingness to serve process.

This year in early December, we will mail a brief questionnaire to all members with leadership experience, seeking their willingness to be considered and any time or personal constraints that would interfere with service. These questionnaires will

be destroyed once the slate is complete and they will not be shared with anyone outside the nominating committee, nor will the committee review them unless you are under serious consideration for a position.

The [straw ballot](#) will sent under separate cover, will be available at headquarters, at the November General Membership Meeting and on the JLM website. It is due, NO EXCEPTIONS, Dec. 2, 2003, in person or by fax, mail or email to [Debbie Corbishley](#): 921 Sorolla Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134, fax (305) 372-1861 (mark it to Debbie's attention); email: dsc@knsacs.com.

PLEASE: do not leave the ballot at Headquarters; it will not be considered (because it will not be picked up). Your submission is confidential. •

Girls Advocacy Project

By [Vicky Lukis](#)

This is the third year working with the Girls Advocacy Program (GAP) at the Miami-Dade Juvenile Detention Center. GAP is the only comprehensive project in the State of Florida, and one of the few in the nation, serving girls while they are in detention awaiting trial and/or commitment programs. These young girls, ranging in ages from 11 to 18, come into the juvenile justice system having histories of physical and sexual abuse. They are detained for a short period and we often have a unique challenge to impact their lives in two hours every other Thursday evening.

The Committee's objective is to provide a program that helps to give these girls a strong sense of self, community and personal empowerment. As a result, we hope the girls will reject unhealthy relationships, substance abuse and the temptation to become involved in future criminal activity.

The Committee has an ambitious action plan that includes bringing various guest speakers to address topics including life skills, nutrition, music, dance, sports, and arts. Both Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are especially tough times to be detained. We hope to lift spirits by providing a party for both of these special occasions. This year we hope to include the many talents of our Sustainers who can contribute their time, expertise and networks to enhancing our programs.

These young ladies are in need of new board games, interesting books, travel size toiletries and tote bags in which to carry their personal belongings upon their release. •

Program Development Gearing Up for Next Year

By [Allison Freeland](#), Chair-Elect

The Program Development Committee is hard at work soliciting community project and community grant proposals for the 2004-2005 League year. This committee is responsible for presenting to the JLM Membership and Board 10 to 15 appropriate, well-defined community projects within JLM's focus area that utilize budgeted funds and JLM volunteers and 10 to 15 organizations that fulfill community needs within our focus area and that are in need of cash grants but which do not need volunteers.

How can you help? We are always looking for new projects where we can provide volunteer hours and/or funding to make a significant impact on our community within the areas of homelessness, family violence, child health, child care/parent support and foster care. If you have any suggestions or ideas about organizations that need JLM involvement, please let us know. The deadline for submitting proposals for either community projects or community grants is Fri., Nov. 14, 2003 at 5 p.m. On January 13 at the General Membership Meeting, the projects under consideration will be presented to the members. The [application and details are available on the JLM website](#). Information and/or questions should go to Program Development Chair Karen Clement, Kclement@jcrew.com, or to me at allisonfreeland@aol.com. •

JLM Awards 2003 Scholarships

By [Mayra Lindsey](#)

Kathryn Menke Miller was a well admired member of the Junior League of Miami who passed away in 1985. She dedicated herself to our community's children and to improving our public education system. To salute the memory of Ms. Miller, each year the JLM presents an award named in her honor to female high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to community service through their volunteer activities. These awards are presented to an outstanding female senior at each of the high schools in our community.

The recipient of the Kathryn Menke Miller award is acknowledged at her graduation commencement and is also invited to apply for a Junior League College Scholarship. Each scholarship application we receive is carefully reviewed and considered. Our criteria for awarding the scholarship is a commitment to community service and to the pursuit of education.

This year we had the pleasure to award \$500 JLM college scholarships to three outstanding young women:

Marisa Gopaul graduated from Miami Beach Senior High and is attending the University of Florida. Marisa plans to become a doctor and establish free medical facilities in developing countries.

April Ivy graduated from Design and Architecture Senior High and is attending Tufts University. April plans to become a

biomedical engineer because of her interest in the environment.

Jacqueline Reyes graduated from Felix Varela Senior High School and is attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to become a pilot and astronaut. •

Training for YOU

By [Rita Dargham](#)

The Purpose of our TRAININGS this year is to develop a more Beautiful and Balanced “YOU.”

Y - Young in Body & Spirit

At our first program in September we explored the essential balance of mind and body. Guests included clinical psychologist Dr. Vanessa Chartouni; Warren Murphy, a licensed yoga/massage instructor; and one of Mary and Company’s resident pilates instructors, Victoria.

O - Optimal Beauty/Physical Health

On Wed., Oct. 22 at JLM Headquarters at 6:30 pm there will be a panel discussion featuring a cosmetic dentist, Dr. Rita Dargham, a dermatologist, Dr. Manjula Jegasothy, a local plastic surgeon, and a gynecologist. Please join us in learning about our options for achieving and maintaining one of the most beautiful, healthy and long lasting part of ourselves, our self-image.

U - Unique Talents & Abilities

On Nov. 21, join your friends at our 2nd annual Wine Tasting extravaganza, showcasing the season’s most delicious selections. Learn to complement your meals and entertainment skills while enjoying an evening out with your friends and significant others.

Please stay tuned for details on the plans for the new year. Our purpose focuses on enhancing the work and play of being a league member. New ideas are welcomed and encouraged. •

Community Advisory Board Helps JLM

By [Debbie Dietz](#), CAB Liaison

The Community Advisory Board is made up of leaders in our community that have volunteered their time to help the Junior League of Miami. Currently, our CAB members are: David Lawrence, Jr., Dr. Nilza Kallos, Dr. Pedro Greer, The Honorable Cindy Lederman, The Honorable Deborah White-Labora, Arnold Greenfield, Anna Rentz and Thomas Rozek.

There is [more information](#) about each member on the Junior League of Miami website.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted new nominations for the Community Advisory Board. A selection of four new members is in process, and they will serve two-year terms, ending in Spring 2005. Look for the names of the new CAB members in the next Journal. •

JLM Welcomes Inn Transition South Residents

By [Heidi McInnis](#)

Inn Transition South is a 56 unit apartment complex in South Dade for victims of domestic violence and homelessness. The volunteers provide residents with monthly life skills training as well as recruit other community organizations to volunteer their time.

Our first workshop was a Welcoming Event to familiarize the ITS residents with our program. We were thrilled to have 10 mothers and more than 60 children in attendance. The mothers were given an overview of our goals and objectives for the year. We also surveyed them as to the types of future workshops in which they would like to participate.

While the adults were busy “working” to design a program to meet their needs, the children were busy “playing.” Laurel Auerbacher, Lisa Coots and Tricia LeClair coordinated the children’s activities which included arts and crafts, games, an egg toss and relay races. The children were very proud of the photo scrapbooks they made and will continue to build throughout the year.

The success of this first workshop was due to the hard work and dedication of the entire 25-member ITS Committee. Special thanks to: Melissa Farrell and Megan Courtney for cooking up a Brunch Extraordinaire; Raquel Vega for serving as interpreter and Legal Expert for the day (legal advice turned out to be in great demand that day); Heidi McInnis and Teresa Thornburg for putting together a closet of clothes and shoes donated by the JLM Encore Shop and committee members; and Michael Spivack (husband of ITS Co-Chair, Liz Spivack) for organizing a basketball game for more than 20 children.

Teresa Thornburg and Shontell Humes will coordinate our next event, a financial workshop, on October 11th.

Prior to the start of school, the ITS committee outfitted the children with backpacks through Project Upstart filled with school supplies donated by JLM members. The Committee is now collecting car seats. If you have a car seat that you would like to donate, please call us. •

Hurwit Crisis Nursery

By [Ashley Cusack](#) and [Morgan Smith](#)

Hurwit Crisis Nursery is a home for children between the ages of newborn and 12 years old who are between foster homes. Junior League volunteers enjoy two different activities with the children, taking the 5 to 12 year olds on a field trip one Saturday per month and staying at the nursery with the younger children while the others go on the trip.

The field trips provide an opportunity for the children to experience something they may not get to do otherwise. Examples of planned field trips are the Miami Children's Museum, ice skating, horseback riding, Parrot Jungle, Metro Zoo, and more. Activities for the younger children in the nursery are also planned.

The committee would love for all members to participate in these special Saturday events. The dates are October 11, November 8, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17 and May 8.

If you are interested in joining the committee for this extremely rewarding project, please contact [Ashley Cusack](#) or [Morgan Smith](#).

Sustainer Committee News

By [Margaret Nee](#), Sustainer Liaison

Thank you to Teresa Zohn for hosting a wonderful brunch benefiting the Encore Shop on September 16. Maggie Blake and Teresa Zohn organized a wonderful event kicking-off the new League year. The event, which was fun, beautifully appointed and informative, has certainly set the tone for the year ahead. Ladies, thank you for a lovely afternoon!

Calling all Sustainers!

Volunteer at your leisure — when it suits your schedule. Pick the project and the time. At the Encore Shop Brunch several projects presented opportunities for you to join the fun. If you are interested in participating at any of the projects or lending a hand to organize a fundraiser please contact the chairpersons listed below or contact Margaret Nee at margaretpgi@aol.com or 305-301-2702 for an up-to-the minute volunteer schedule.

Thank you to the following Sustainers who have agreed to be Sustainer Advisors for the following committees/projects at time of printing.

Communications Council: Sarah Artecona, Encore Shop: Mari Kimsey

Foster Care Review: Linda Heintz

Inn Transition North: Cyd Heyliger-Browne and Planning Council: Peggy Hudson.

Book Group for Sustainers & Actives

Interested in joining the Sustainer/ Active Book Club? Come and have some fun on Oct. 22 at 7:00 pm. with the first book, Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe. The next review is slated for Feb. 4, reviewing Three Junes by Julia Glass. Please contact Margaret Nee, Sustainer Liaison, at margaretpgi@aol.com to reserve your space and for location details.

Calendar Highlights

Nov. 14: Sandwich Swap with Berta Blecke at Kristi House

Nov. 21: Wine Tasting

Dec. 12: Holiday Party

PLEASE NOTE – You are invited to ALL events on the JLM calendar.

Project Contact & Next Volunteer Dates

All Aboard Story Hour

[Hillary Scurtis](#), 305-588-4444

10/23, 11/6, 12/4

GAP

[Vicki Lukis](#), 305-441-2922

10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4

Gladstone Center

[Libby Witherspoon](#), 305-662-2866

Any Thursday @ 6pm

Hurwitt Crisis Center

[Ashley Cusack](#), 305-448-0078

[Morgan Smith](#), 305-443-2354

11/8, 12/20, 1/17

Inn Transition South

[Liz Spivak](#), 305-960-8424

[Stephanie Demos](#), 305-740-7788

SPAC/Public Affairs

[Karen Guy](#), karen23@bellsouth.com

Women Who Make A Difference Luncheon

[Lauren Harrison](#), 305-529-2625

Chili In The Village

[Jamie Adams](#), 305-510-5506

Welcome New Provisionals!

Below is the calendar for the upcoming year. Consider Tuesday evenings to be your night dedicated to the Junior League of Miami! Mentors will advise of changes.

Oct. 28 - JLM 101. At JLM HQ.

Learn about JLM governance, advocacy and how you can become a leader!

Nov. 1 - [MIAMI: WHO MAKES A MAGIC CITY?](#)

Nov. 11 - General Membership Meeting At Museum of Science

Nov. 18 - TBA

Dec. 9 - Provisional Holiday Party.

[At Leana's home](#). Details TBA.

Dec. 12 - JLM HOLIDAY PARTY.

At Lauren Harrison's home. All actives and provisionals welcome and encouraged to attend.

Jan. 6 - Homelessness. At JLM HQ.

Speaker: Dr. Pedro Greer

Jan. 13 - GMM: Project & Fundraiser presentations. At Museum of Science. Mandatory provisional attendance

Jan. 31 - [CHILI COOK OFF](#)

Feb. 10 - Early Childhood Education. At HQ. Speaker: David Lawrence

Feb. 24 - Foster Care. Site: TBA. Speaker: TBA

Mar. 2 - Entire class meeting to coordinate Project

Mar. 9 - GMM Voting Meeting

Mar. 11 - WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE LUNCHEON

Mar. 13 - FAMILY FUN DAY at Inn Transition South

Mar. 16 - Provisional Placement

Mar. 23 - COMMENCEMENT

May 11 - Annual Meeting. Site: Fairchild Tropical Garden. Come share the accomplishments of the JLM membership and be recognized as new active members!

Fund Development

As a result of last year's fund development process, there are five exciting fundraisers for this Junior League year. They are the Encore Shop, Community Partners, Miami: Who Makes A Magic City, Chili In the Village and the Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon.

Fundraising is the backbone of the Junior League's success in our community. It is through the funds we raise and our volunteers' generous hearts that we are able to touch the lives of countless women and children in the Miami-Dade area. Last year the Junior League of Miami provided approximately \$85,000 to the community. Without our fundraising efforts, these important contributions would not be possible.

All members are encouraged to get involved in the simple process. Anyone with an idea for a fundraiser should fill out a

[fundraiser application](#) for the 2004-2005 Junior League year. The applications are available on the website, under fundraising, or at headquarters. Applications are due Nov. 21, 2003 and are required to be completed for new and existing fundraisers. Once applications are submitted, the fund development committee will complete a preliminary evaluation, host Fund Development presentations, present the fundraisers to the Board of Directors, and at the March general membership meeting, the membership will vote on the fundraisers for the 2004-2005 year. An ideal fundraiser provides the highest possible monetary return in relation to the volunteer hours required. It is also in line with the overall vision of the Junior League of Miami to empower Miami's women, children, and families to conquer tomorrow's challenges and to build a united community. Remember there are no requirements for League members to purchase tickets or work shifts for our fundraisers, so please generously support our valuable fundraisers this year. •

What's New at the Encore Shop?

By [Kara Kautz-Moss](#), Tri-Chair

Did you know the Encore Shop has raised over \$2 million dollars since it was created? ...that it just celebrated its 70th anniversary? ...that it used to be called the Junior League Thrift Shop? ...that the Shop accepts men's clothing and merchandise? ...that the Shop has over 600 names on its mailing list? If you answered "no" to any one of these questions, then you don't know the Encore Shop! Come by and visit and get to know your shop!

Over 80 members have already met quota! Congratulations and a BIG "thank you" to the top five active donors as of Sept. 1st: Joelle Allen, Laurie McWilliams, Margaret Nee, Kara Nordstrom and Carolyn Stringer.

The Encore Shop was busy too! In September, the Shop Committee hosted the Sustainer Brunch at the home of Teresa Zohn. The Sustainers had a great first meeting of the year and the Encore Shop collected loads of great donations. Thank you to the Sustainers for all your continued support, and thank you to Teresa Zohn for helping us host this fun event!

Just a reminder:

Acceptable merchandise donations:

Gently used women's and children's clothing

Gently used women's shoes, purses and accessories

Gently used men's dress shirts, slacks, shorts, and accessories

Gently used toys, books, housewares

Unacceptable merchandise donations:

Torn, soiled, heavily worn items

Bathing suits

Underwear or lingerie •

Community Partners

By Co-Chairs [Meredith Mills](#) and [Sheri Shoup](#)

Community Partners is beginning its second year. Thank you again to everyone who helped to make the inaugural year a success – we raised over \$90,000! We look forward to another great year to reach our new goal of \$100,000.

If you have ideas for corporations, foundations or individuals the committee should contact, please let us know. We can make the contact or if you prefer to make an "ask" yourself, we will be more than happy to provide you with the materials that explain the Community Partners concept and all of the ways the Junior League uses the donations to make a difference in the community. Remember the more money that we raise – the more we can put back into Community projects and grants. If you have questions or need materials, please contact either [Meredith Mills](#) or [Sheri Shoup](#).

Did you know...

If you make a donation to the United Way this year through your workplace, you can earmark the donation for the Junior League of Miami! Please let [Meredith Mills](#) or [Sheri Shoup](#) know if you earmark the funds so that you can be recognized as a Community Partner. •

Chili in the Village

By Co-Chairs [Jamie Adams](#) and [Candace Vassillion](#)

Chili in the Village is JLM's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off and this year's theme is Super Chili Bowl as part of Super Bowl

weekend on Saturday, January 31st, 2004. The event will be held at Pinecrest Gardens from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Village of Pinecrest, in partnership with JLM, will host a fun-filled day for the entire family. Ticket prices are \$20 for Adults and \$10 for Children and are good for all-you-can-eat tasty chili and admission to Pinecrest Gardens.

Restaurants, caterers and novices will compete to win prizes for “Best Chili in Town.” Enjoy some of the most unique chili with three divisions, International Chili Society, restaurant and novice. Celebrity and ICS judges will be on hand to award prizes. Live music, craft and food vendors, a kid’s activity zone and an exciting raffle will delight the crowd. The University of Miami Cheerleaders will be face painting for the kids.

Please encourage your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to join the fun, buy raffle tickets and support JLM by attending Chili in the Village! For details contact either of us at jamieadams@aol.com or vassillion@aol.com.

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