



# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF INDIAN RIVER

*2016-2017*

## *PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT PROJECTS*

JLIR annually focuses its support on a variety of Community Impact Projects, committing financial support and volunteer hours in an effort to fulfill our mission of improving the community through effective action and leadership. It is proposed that JLIR shall continue Community Impact Projects for 2016-2017. The number of Community Impact Projects chosen from the applications will not exceed two (2). The proposed Community Impact projects are as follows:

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Seeking to put God's love into action, Indian River Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

**CIP Proposal:** "A Brush with Kindness" focuses on exterior home preservation, including painting, minor repairs, landscaping, and cleanup. The improvements obviously benefit the family, but they also contribute to revitalizing the appearance of the neighborhood by eliminating eyesores. It helps preserve affordable housing stock and has a positive effect on property values.

**CIP Proposal:** "New Construction Waterside" - Construction of new homes at our Waterside Community located on 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW off US1 South/9<sup>th</sup> Street. Projects may include painting, framing, landscaping, roofing and other general construction areas.

### **Hibiscus Children's Center**

To provide safety for abused, abandoned, and neglected children through prevention programs, residential programs, shelter programs and recovery programs.

**CIP Proposal:** Hibiscus Center requests Junior League volunteers to organize and execute a spa day for the teen girls. Manicures and facials would be a great activity and educational time to talk with girls about potential careers available in cosmetology/ esthetics field. The purpose of this CIP is for the teen girls to gain confidence in themselves and education on how choices affect health and beauty.

### **The Senior Resource Association**

The Senior Resource Association promotes independence and dignity in our community by providing services to older adults and transportation to all.

**CIP Proposal:** Senior Resource Association's Meals on Wheels Adopt-A-Route program provides an excellent way for companies, civic and faith-based organizations to engage in community service. The Junior League would adopt a route for a day and deliver food to our local community. Volunteers must deliver meals between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. M-F and use their own vehicles.

### **Girls on the Run**

Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum, which creatively integrates running.

**CIP Proposal:** In the fall, we are projecting to have 120 participants in the elementary program. This year we plan to

combine our fundraising race with the girls final 5K because we want our sponsors to see firsthand the great things these girls are accomplishing. We are asking the Junior League to help us make this special for the girls as they strive to reach their goal of completing the 5K. Members would help create race goody bags with materials supplied by GOTR. They could include special messages to the girls to encourage them. Members would help with the "Happy Hair" and photo booth stations. During the race, Junior League members would help to direct runners on the course and cheer on our girls. Interested members could serve as running buddies and complete the 5K with a girl in the program.

### **Environmental Learning Center**

ELC educates, inspires and empowers all people, including those with minimal access to nature, to be active stewards of the environment and their own well-being.

**CIP Proposal:** Help is needed during ELC's annual open house, Ecofest, which is held in March every year with an average of 3000 attendees.

### **Dasie Hope**

Offering a safe and nurturing environment where children can learn, dream and aspire to achieve by developing self-esteem and acquiring life survival skills.

**CIP Proposal:** Volunteers are needed at our "Howling Halloween Celebration". The purpose of this event is to empower children's healthy eating habits while having fun. All children love Halloween, so to promote healthy eating, the following will take place: vegetables and fruits will be made into Halloween characters, introduction to vegetables in a decorative display, information about the food characters on display, judging of "best display," coloring contest, and blind-folded taste test. Halloween is a time of fun, but also healthy eating. Healthy eating should be a way of life. This project encourages youth to enjoy and try different foods, besides all "sugary" snacks while enjoying fun activities.