



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LUBBOCK

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LEAGUE ANNOUNCES RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

LUBBOCK, Texas — Like the rest of the country, the Junior League of Lubbock and its members are concerned about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our city, community, state, nation and the world. As part of that, the league will make changes to ensure we are continuing to help the Lubbock area while practicing “social distancing” and other safe practices.

Based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the City of Lubbock government, the league has canceled its April Touch-a-Truck event, originally scheduled for April 18, and released our donors from their obligations for this fundraiser. Also postponed is the April Partner Card shopping campaign, originally scheduled for April 1-20, and the Partner Card committee will work to find alternative ways to support our local vendors.

“It was certainly not an easy decision to cancel these fundraisers, but we know it’s the right thing to do,” said Laura Hon, JLL president. “Not only do these events help raise money for us to give back to the community, our members have already dedicated so much of their time to plan these events that it saddens us to do this. But, we know this is the right decision for our members, the league as a whole and our community.”

The Junior League of Lubbock also is helping to address potential food shortages for students affected by the extended closing of Lubbock Independent School District schools for next week by continuing to provide funding and trained volunteers to South Plains Food2Kids.

Normally, the league encourages outside organizations to volunteer their time to help stuff food sacks, but that would be contrary to guidance from health and government officials. If you, or your organization, would still like to support this project, you can make a donation here: https://www.jllubbock.com/system/donate_summary/

“We know the students who already receive sacks from South Plains Food2Kids will continue to need these resources,” Hon said. “We may have to get a little creative in how those sacks can get stuffed and delivered, but we will do whatever we can to ensure hungry children have

access to these sacks. Whether it's in a school setting or a home setting, full bellies make for more attentive students.”

The Junior League of Lubbock also has decided to cancel all in-person meetings through June. However, the business of the league, including the awarding of spring Community Assistance Grants and scholarships, will go on.

“These are very real, very concrete ways that we can continue to help the Lubbock area community while still respecting current guidelines in place for everyone’s safety,” said Leslie Collins, Community Impact Vice President for the Junior League of Lubbock. “My council is ready to evaluate grant applications and scholarship applications, even though we’ll do all of that business online now.”

The league also is actively reaching out to first responders and healthcare professionals to see how to best meet their current needs and continue to build better communities. The circumstances of the spring semester have shifted, but our mission remains the same: organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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