



# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BAKERSFIELD

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**WILDFLOWER • SPRING 2018**



## Who We Are...

Since 1952, the Junior League of Bakersfield has been committed to promoting voluntarism and to training its members for community leadership.

Junior League members share a strong commitment to service. We seek women of all races, religions and national origins who are interested in the benefits of working together to positively impact our community.

The Junior League of Bakersfield makes a difference in Kern County through project and enabling fund grants, given annually to local non-profits.

The organization has been instrumental in funding numerous projects and activities focused on women and children.

To learn more about how to join Junior League of Bakersfield, email [memdev@juniorleagueofbakersfield.org](mailto:memdev@juniorleagueofbakersfield.org) or call 661-322-1671



## Junior League to hold Fiesta! Fundraiser April 27

Junior League of Bakersfield (JLB) is excited to announce the return of our annual Spring Fundraiser: Fiesta! For the last several years, Fiesta has been a fun, exciting new event in the Bakersfield community, and we're proud to say that we have expanded to a new venue! On the evening of Friday April 27th, 2018, we will be celebrating at The Gardens at Monji! Authentic Mexican food will be included, along with margaritas, music, and more. Raffles, games, and a silent auction round out the night to make the event a fabulous time for all.

We are inviting you to help us in achieving our mission. Every year, the money raised from this event goes to funding our programs helping displaced youth in our community, as well as training women to develop their leadership potential. With the money raised from the event, and donated by our business partners, we fund our outreach programs at the Jamison Center and Bakersfield Homeless Center. Will you and/or your business please consider partnering with us to make this event a success?

Without the generosity of our local businesses, our event, and our programs, could not be successful. Your generous contribution will be acknowledged and published in the event programs. With over 300 guests in attendance, this will be a wonderful opportunity for your business to be credited as a supporter of JLB, as well as the entire Bakersfield community.

For more information, please contact Bethany Johansing at [fiesta@juniorleagueofbakersfield.org](mailto:fiesta@juniorleagueofbakersfield.org).

On behalf of myself, the Board of Directors, our members, and beneficiaries, thank you very much for your consideration!

Respectfully,

**Veronica "Vern" Pike**

President, Junior League of Bakersfield



Vern Pike, 2017-18 President  
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*A heartfelt thank you to all the Junior League of Bakersfield members and Business Partners that helped make 2017 Bakersfield Uncorked! a success,*

## Thank You for Supporting Uncorked!

Delicious wine, decadent cuisine, live music, dancing, cash and prizes... These are just a few of the highlights of Bakersfield Uncorked 2017, a night of fun and fundraising supporting our community. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the women from the Junior League of Bakersfield who worked so hard to make our beloved annual fundraiser such a success, bringing in thousands of dollars to continue our programs that support women and children right here in Kern County.

Most of all we would like to thank our Business Partners who made this event possible. Our Sommelier Sponsor, the Don C. & Diane S. Lake Family, once again carried us with their generosity and support. We were honored to partner with Jim Burke Lincoln again this year, who supported us as a Wine Maker sponsor but also gifted us with a cash donation following our support of their 2018 Lincoln Navigator and Auto Mall showroom remodel reveal. Of course the Stella Artois beer truck was another huge hit, made available by our partner Advanced Beverage and the Lazzerini Family Foundation. Business Partners who also made this night possible include Allied Potato, the Centre for Neuro Skills, Kirschenmann Enterprises, Mazzei Injector Co., Rabobank, W.A. Thompson, Yruegui & Roberts, Bakersfield Magazine and Today Cleaners.

This Fall, we are breathing new life into our beloved annual fundraiser, and look forward to having the community come out for a good time raising money for a great cause.



## Fall Provisionals Collect Over 5,000 Diapers

The Fall 2017 Provisional class hosted a Diaper Drive as their training project this fall. Over 5,000 diapers of all sizes were collected and subsequently distributed to the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, Joezer Youth Home, Bethany Shelter, and the Shafter Family Resource Center.





*The Birthday Party Committee brings Santa (and presents!) to Bakersfield Homeless Center.*

## Making Birthday Memories at Bakersfield Homeless Center

What is the best Birthday party you can remember from your childhood? The goal of this year's birthday party committee is to provide the kids living at the Bakersfield Homeless Center with memorable birthdays with new experiences and opportunities. Most of them have never had an elaborate party if any at all.

At our November party the kids got to meet "George the Giant" and experience a circus side show including sword swallowing. George shared his challenges growing up being different, such as being taller than his teachers by sixth grade and now over 7 feet tall. He turned to books, sought out mentors and used his uniqueness to develop a his act in the Circus.

In December the kids got to experience the joy of giving to others. We brought in a variety of small gifts the kids could choose from and wrap for their family members to give on Christmas morning. Of course, no Christmas party is complete without Santa who brought a small gift for each child.

In January the kids enjoyed an interactive science lesson with retired high school science teacher David Hanley who brought fun demonstrations of sound waves and electrical currents.

Our committee enjoys the time we spend with these special kids and the hard working staff at the Bakersfield Homeless Center. We look forward to the rest of the year and have some exciting parties planned.

## Thank You Jim Burke Ford!

A big thank you to Jim Burke Ford for the donation made to Junior League to celebrate the launch of the new 2018 Lincoln Navigator. Drinks and appetizers were provided, along with live music, and guests were able to see the big reveal before the general public.



*JLB volunteers at the Holiday Cottage*

## Junior League Hosts Holiday Cottage

This holiday season, Junior League of Bakersfield members worked toward the mission of serving the women and children in our community by "hosting" the Holiday Cottage. The Holiday Cottage is put on by the Department of Human Services and the Kern Community Foundation and provides a place for foster youth to list their Christmas wishes in the hopes that the generous people from Kern County will fulfill them.

## In Memoriam...

**Anne Hibbard** passed away on 12-23-17 at the age of 75. She was very active on the Sustainer Committee for the past 10 years. Anne taught for nearly 30 years in the Panama Buena Vista School District.

**Adele Rock Nickel** Passed away at the age of 97. She was a passionate gardener who loved her beautiful garden along the Kern River and was a long time member of JLB.

**Jean Wigim Sheldon** passed away on January 5, 2018. She was the last living President of the Community League of Kern County. Although not a founding member, she was instrumental in the Community League becoming a Junior League...a very long 12 year journey that seemed impossible long at times.



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