

## Junior League of Jackson Social Services Focus Area

Every project in the Social Services area makes its own impact on individuals and organizations in the community of Jackson. Although the Social Services area focuses mostly on children, the differences made in these children's lives will impact their whole family.



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The projects range from improving the environments in which children live or are educated to giving these children experiences of a lifetime. Through these projects, children are taught how to develop new interests and hobbies, how to stay healthy and how to achieve their goals. A variety of skills are needed to accomplish the goals of Social Services area projects.

Whether someone is an artist, a builder, a teacher, an athlete, or a mentor, every volunteer can find a place to serve in this area of impact in our community.

### Social Services Project Descriptions

#### Encouraging Youth Merit Store

Ten (10) Volunteers operate a merit-based store at the C.A.R.E.S. campus of the Mississippi Children's Home Society, giving the students an opportunity to earn rewards based on treatment goals. Volunteers also recognize each student's birthday and welcome new students with a care package.

#### GRACE – Girls Rule! Accepting, Caring, Empowering

GRACE volunteers provide regularly scheduled educational and enrichment opportunities to girls ages 12-18 at the McRae Children's Home, in partnership with the Methodist Children's Home. The goals are to build the girls' self-esteem, self-respect and values, to promote healthy choices, and to encourage steps toward independent living.

#### Habitat for Humanity

From the foundation up, 22 volunteers recently completed its 14th three-bedroom Habitat House for a deserving family. They frame, caulk, paint, trim and stain and install cabinets. They also do roofing, siding and flooring work, completing the beautiful new home in two weeks time.

## **Home Away from Home**

At the Mississippi School for the Deaf, 13 volunteers will organize and make over dorm rooms. The goal is to provide a more child-centered, warm and homey environment for the residents. Some repainting of the rooms and possible purchasing or sewing of new bedding may be included.

## **Super Troopers**

Thirteen (13) League volunteers organize extra-curricular activities for the female residents (ages 6-12) of the Mississippi School for the Deaf. Girls are given the opportunity to participate in a Girl Scout Troop and other enriching activities.

