



## Junior League of Mobile

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### **JLM Awards \$12,500 to Local Agencies through Community Assistance Fund**

The Junior League of Mobile (JLM) awarded \$12,500 to four local agencies from its Community Assistance Fund (CAF) in the Fall of 2009. Recipients included WHIL-FM, Outward Bound, Mobile Opera and the Mobile Association for Retarded Citizens.

\$3,500 was awarded to WHIL-FM for its Classics in the Classroom Program. Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students in three Title I elementary schools in the Mobile County Public School System will receive five presentations by first chair performers from the Mobile Symphony Orchestra. The presentations have been outlined (pending scheduling arrangements with schools) to include woodwinds, brass, percussion, strings and piano (with a Finale). The budget will fund performance stipends, supplies and program management.

Outward Bound received \$2,000 to cover tuition for students from Baldwin County High School to participate in an Outward Bound wilderness experience at the program's Five Rivers Base. The program motivates troubled teens towards a better path by teaching them self reliance, determination, accountability and honesty.

Mobile Opera received \$3,500 to partially fund a three-part program called Pigaro's Diner, which includes a 40 minute, interactive musical program, classroom instruction and a take home supplement. The goals of the program are: (1) to establish nutritional values and a ready means for children to apply them to their daily choices; (2) to use art to influence the child's understanding of how their daily nutritional choices effect their overall well-being; (3) to develop a flow of the educational process to engage children and encourage them to share their influence in their homes and communities, thereby bringing improvement; and (4) to use art to communicate and bring awareness to the crisis of childhood obesity, which will, in turn, assist in addressing, changing culture and bettering the community.

\$3,500 was awarded to the Mobile Association for Retarded Citizens (MARC) to partially fund a transition program in conjunction with the Mobile County Public School System for one year. The program is for children with disabilities who will be aging out of the school system and need vocational training.

CAF comes from funds raised by JLM throughout the year and enables the organization to positively impact a broader range of non-profit organizations in the community that are not currently partnered with JLM. Last year, JLM contributed a total of \$25,000 to the community through the CAF. Projects are chosen based on how well their mission and needs fit within JLM's mission and impact areas, which are currently Children and Education.

JLM is currently accepting applications for CAF for Spring 2009. Applications are due March 5, 2010. For more information or to download an application, please visit JLM's website at [http://www.juniorleaguemobile.org/?nd=assist\\_fund](http://www.juniorleaguemobile.org/?nd=assist_fund).

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Junior League of Mobile is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

JLM has a diverse membership of more than 1,800 women who work as volunteers to fulfill its mission. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League of Mobile reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to volunteerism.

For more information about JLM, please visit [www.juniorleaguemobile.org](http://www.juniorleaguemobile.org).