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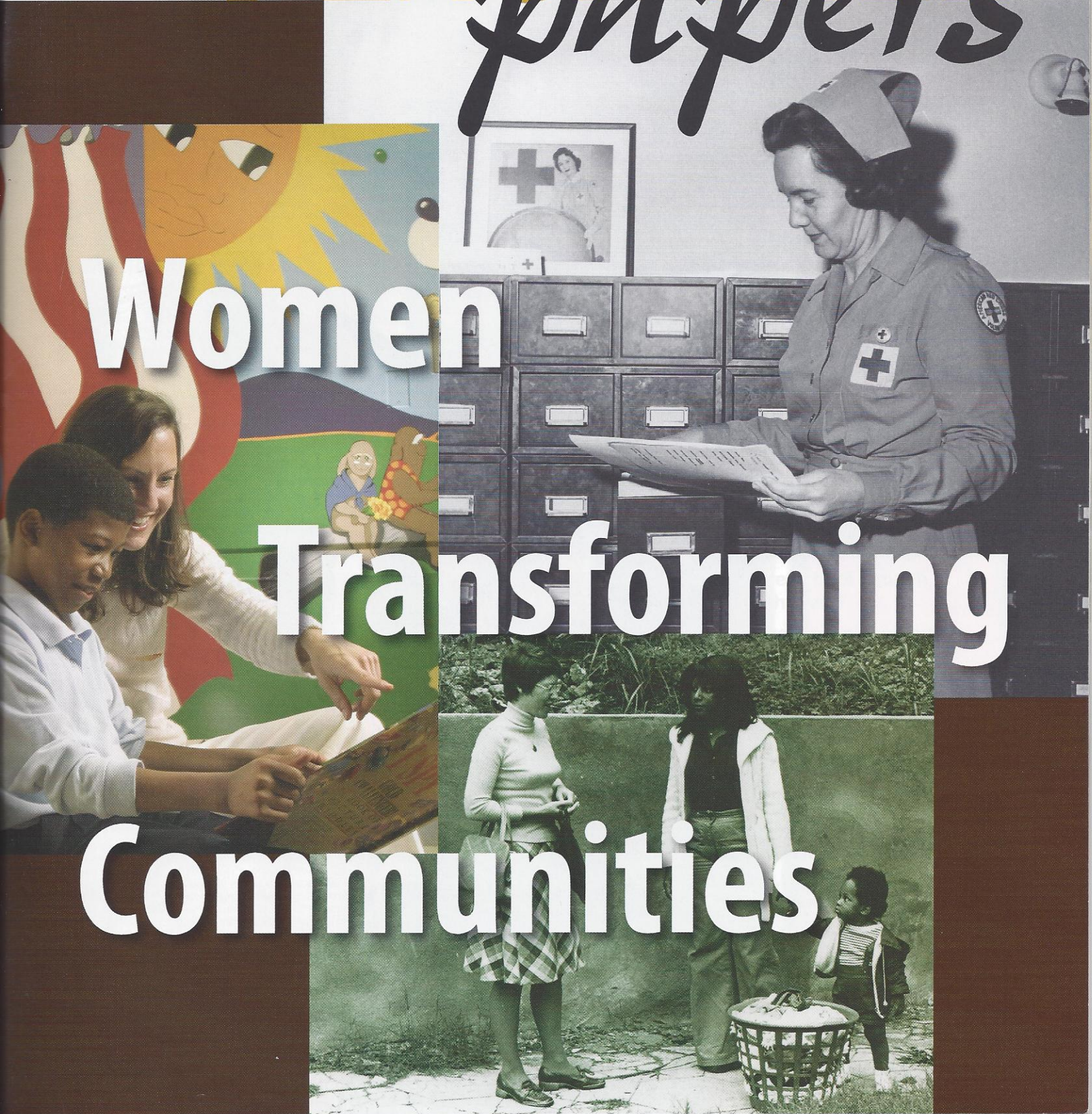
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## letter from the editor

**"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But if that drop was not in the ocean, I think the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."**

**—Mother Teresa, humanitarian**



(from left) Judy Moore, John McDonald and Tisa Moore in Rome, Italy.

**BY TISA MOORE** Fall is an exciting time in the life of The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. The Actives have gotten their new assignments and eagerly begin their placements either in the community or within the League making the organization run more efficiently or marketing it to the public. A new class of Provisionals begins their work and education processes within the League, so they may strengthen the organization for years to come. And, the Sustainers come back to us with their wisdom and guidance in order to provide stability and longevity to the group. Together we are working as one toward putting our new strategic plan in place and making our presence felt in this great city we call home. But fall is also a time when we can settle very easily into a routine.

When I was a senior in college I spent a month in Italy, including a week in Rome. Everything about the trip was done expertly. Our teachers wanted us to be completely immersed in the culture, study the art and architecture and even be exposed to the religious aspects of the country. Our group had the good fortune of having an Audience with the Pope. It was an experience I'd never forget.

In January, once again, I had the great fortune of having (what no one knew at the time) the last Audience with Pope John Paul II. This time, I was on the 10<sup>th</sup> row because one of my best friends is a seminarian at the Pontifical North American University in Rome. I am not Catholic, but I couldn't help but be in awe. Two weeks later the Pope became gravely ill and sadly, we know the rest. My friend John, an outstanding student, was chosen to read at the Pope's funeral, and made us all very proud of the boy from "small-town," Alabama.

While we can never compare our institution to those that are millennia or even centuries old, our works are noble nonetheless. As we approach our 90<sup>th</sup> year, it's a time of great reflection, for me especially. That one drop DOES have an impact—whether it's with our family, our friends, our colleagues or even perfect strangers—those who benefit from the money we raise or the trained volunteers we impart to our community partners. And, even if you are seeing things for a second, third or fourth time this fall, open your eyes and enjoy a new experience!

*Tisa Moore*