



Past Projects

In the 80s and 90s, Kaleidoscope educated and provided children with the opportunity to have fun creating crafts and other projects.

Healing Hands Healthcare provides medical and dental care for the working uninsured. JLB members continue to volunteer with HHHC.

In response to great need for affordable daycare, JLB established Building Blocks Daycare.

For many years, JLB members assisted with the National Junior Tennis League promoting tennis as well as fitness for area youth.

This playground in the Multipurpose Park in Bristol, TN was donated by the JLB.

The playground at Sugar Hollow Park provides children and their families fun and fitness.

Arts and Music

- Art Auction, 2003 & 2004, 2006
- Art Exhibits by Frank DeFioia and John Allan Maxwell, 1951 & 1953
 - Art Show in the Schools sponsored for twenty years, 1964-1985
- “Illusion” Artmobile Exhibit sponsored with the Virginia Museum of Art, 1984
 - Caterpillar Crawl, 2009
 - Children’s Film Festival (November-March), 1995
 - Children’s Story Hour at Public Library, 1950-53
 - Co-Hosted Music In The Meadows at BMS, 2001-03
 - Co-sponsor of Bristol Fine Arts Festival, 1966- & 1967
 - Co-Sponsor of Bristol Fine Arts Festival, 1968
 - Donation of \$25,000 for establishment of Science Center
- Donation to the Tennessee Performing Arts Foundation, Nashville, TN, 1975
 - Drama Day sponsor at Virginia Highlands Festival, 1957
- Elementary School Art Education Program, 1961-65 and reactivated, 1969
- Endorsed and funded Appalachian Artist-In-Residence program for Tennessee Homecoming, 1986
 - Established Appalachian Chapter of Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, 1962
- It’s Happening, a Bristol Arts Calendar designed, printed and distributed monthly to the community, 1981
 - Kaleidoscope, a creative arts experience for children presented by Hallmark, 1981, 1987 & 1993
 - Music Appreciation Course, 1950
 - Poet in the Schools, National Endowment for Arts, 1974
- Presented the Johnson City Symphony Pops Concert as a special gift to Bristol, 1982
- Sponsored Artist In Residence Program for gifted art students in the Bristol Virginia School System, 1976
 - Sponsored Junior Art Shows for 20+ years
 - Sponsored Suzari Marionettes Production, 1960-63
 - Vaten School of Crafts, 1967

Health and Education

- American Red Cross Blood Drive benefiting pediatric patients, 2004
 - Backpacks for Kids, 2009
- Began researching the establishment of a satellite Science Center in Bristol, 2001
 - Bristol Regional Medical Center Clinic, 1948
- Bristol Speech & Hearing Center incorporated under Board of Directors, 1963
 - Children's Story Hour at Public Library, 1950-53
 - Co-Sponsored AIDS Seminar at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1992
 - Contributed "Starter Kits" to the Janie Hammit Home, 2000
 - Donation of Sexual Assault Companion Kits for Bristol Crisis Center, 2001
 - Established a Coalition for Teenage Pregnancy Prevention
 - Hospital Snack Corner, 1949-51
 - Latch Key Child Program offered in cooperation with the Crisis Center, 1985
 - New Clothes For Kids, donation of clothing and school supplies, 2003-04 school year
- Participated in Food Drive since 1989 to benefit local food banks; co-sponsor with Food City
 - Provisional Class established Bristol Regional Diabetes Chapter, 1978
 - Reading Is Fundamental book distribution in area schools, 1993
 - Record and Print Lending Service donated to Public Library, 1964 & 1965
- Relay for Life, American Cancer Society, volunteers and donations since its inception
 - Signature Project at Healing Hands Health Center, 2000
- Sponsored Community Issues Seminar at Virginia High School which led to development of task forces on Drug & Alcohol Abuse and Teenage Pregnancy, 1982
- Sponsored Discover 1982, a special program for gifted children at King College

Recreation and Beautification

- Beautification project (jointly with Bristol Council of Garden Clubs), 1958
 - Contributed \$5,000 to YMCA Building Fund, 1964
 - Equipped DeFriece Park, 1963
 - Participated in National Junior Tennis League program, 1994-2002
- Playground equipment donated at Bristol, Tennessee Multi-Purpose Park, 1999
 - Playground equipment donated at Sugar Hollow Park, 1999
- Randolph Field Playground (jointly with Bristol, Virginia City Council), 1953
 - Rocky Mount Historical Site, 1961
- Volunteer placements with the National Junior Tennis League, 1994-2000