



After a thorough assessment and an exhausting month of deliberations, the Board of Directors of The Junior League of Midland, Inc. has decided to cancel the 2020 Shotguns & Stilettos fundraiser. We were days away from the 2020 Shotguns & Stilettos weekend when COVID-19 began impacting our daily lives. At that time, we were hopeful that we would be able to hold our fundraiser at a later date; uncertainty as to the duration of the outbreak remains at the forefront of our minds. We feel that it is paramount to protect the health and safety of our community while also respecting that many of our fellow Midlanders are facing unprecedented economic uncertainty.

True to our mission, the League has been working to support the Midland community during this pandemic. Over the past few weeks, our League has:

- Donated \$2,000 worth of books from our Reading Olympics program to the Boys & Girls Club for at-home activity bags
- Provided over 400 hygiene bags containing basic hygiene and feminine hygiene supplies to Midland Independent School District for distribution at their food sites.
- Donated enrichment supplies to at risk 9th grade girls involved in our IMPACT program
- Witnessed its members around town helping other critical nonprofits fulfil their mission-based activities – from the MISD food sites to Meals on Wheels to food kitchens and pantries

We incurred many costs in preparing for this year's events; many are unfortunately not recoverable. As a non-profit, we rely heavily on the generosity of our donors to run our organization and our several mission-based activities. We hope you may consider a donation in lieu of full or partial reimbursement. By turning your sponsorship/tickets into a fully tax-deductible donation, you allow the Junior League to continue with its mission of improving our community, promoting voluntarism, and developing the potential of women. We will be calling you shortly to inquire whether you would like a reimbursement or tax receipt. You may also contact us at 432.682.4732 or office@jlmidland.org.

We look forward to seeing you at our 2021 fundraiser; details to be announced this summer.

Sincerely,

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