



Conversations from the Heart

**Annual Fundraising Luncheon
February 9, 2018**

Mission

Founded in 1946, the **Houston Junior Forum (HJF)** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit women's service organization committed to providing charitable service for children, youth, women and senior adults in the Houston community.

Programs

Community Service: HJF is proud to have given over **1 million hours** of community service during its **71 year history** to organizations such as: *Dress for Success, The Nehemiah Center, Third Age Learning Center, See to Succeed, Kids' Meals, HJF Resale Shop, Making It Better, Magnificat Houses, Interfaith Ministries – Meals on Wheels, Houston Food Bank, Amazing Place, Holly Hall Retirement Center, Christian Community Service Center (CCSC), Undies for Everyone and Senior's Watercolor Society Class.*

College Scholarships: Since inception in the 1970s, HJF has awarded in **excess of 225 multi-year scholarships** valued at approximately **\$1,100,000** to students who originally attended the HJF Community House Preschool. All prior students may apply for college, graduate and special courses scholarships. The HJF Community House Preschool served the Hispanic community for over 60 years, from 1947 through 2009.

Community Grants: In the past year, **17 HJF grants** provided financial support to numerous non-profit organizations which align with the HJF mission including but not limited to: *Kids' Meals, Dress for Success, The Nehemiah Center, T.A.L.C., Child Advocates, Freedom Place, Gracewood, Interface-Samaritan Counseling, Newspring, Women's House, Angela House and Alzheimer's Association.*

Financial Support: HJF has contributed nearly **\$10 million** in financial support of HJF facilities and volunteer programs since 1976. In 1983, the HJF Endowment Fund was established to assist in fulfilling the HJF's charitable purposes; the fund currently exceeds **\$1.5 million**.

HJF Facility: **HJF Resale Shop**, owned and operated by Houston Junior Forum, has been offering reasonably priced used merchandise since 1969. The current shop at 1815 Rutland opened in 1987 and serves not only as a resale shop but also serves as a community gathering place for social interaction. Proceeds from the Resale Shop fund the HJF College Scholarship and Community Grants Programs.

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All net proceeds from the "Conversations from the Heart" Luncheon go directly to fund the services and projects of the Houston Junior Forum.