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### Junior Service League Announces 2008 Award Recipients

The Junior Service League of Gallatin concluded its 2007-08 year with a May dinner and awards ceremony. Each year the league presents awards to members who have made significant contributions to the league and the community. This year, Nicole Green and KC Carmack were given the Top Hat Award for their work on the Art in Bloom fundraiser; Joni Hudson and Teresa Ball were presented the Above and Beyond Award for work in the community with the Good Looks program; the Outstanding Service Award was presented to Marti Kastner and Brandi Hand for their work on league committees; and the President's Award for outstanding commitment to the mission of the league was presented to Cindi Givens and Stacy Tomkins.

Since the league began in 1997, members have raised more than \$325,000 for programs that benefit women and children in the Gallatin area. This includes a donation of \$50,000 to the Downtown Gallatin Library, \$23,000 in scholarships to Volunteer Community College, and \$15,000 to the Friends of the Library for children's programs and books.

This past year, the League completed two very successful fundraisers: a Holiday Show House at Fairvue Plantation and the annual Art in Bloom show and sale. Members also collected linens for the Good Neighbor Mission, purchased Christmas gifts for 50 needy children, collected coats for a local elementary school, and held a year-end party for Children are People program participants. In addition, members volunteered hundreds of hours at various community agencies, including Gallatin Day Care, TRAC, and Ashley's Place.