# HISTORY OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Each year, efforts are made to place JLB members at already established as well as new locations in the community to provide volunteer services.

## \* Arts & Music

- Music Appreciation Course, 1950
- \* Children's Story Hour at Public Library, 1950-53
- \* Art Exhibits by Frank DeFioia and John Allan Maxwell, 1951 & 1953
- \* Art Show in the Schools sponsored for twenty years, 1964-1985
- 🗮 Drama Day sponsor at Virginia Highlands Festival, 1957
- 🗮 Sponsored Suzari Marionettes Production, 1960-63
- 🔻 Established Appalachian Chapter of Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, 1962
- \* Co-sponsor of Bristol Fine Arts Festival, 1966- & 1967
- \* Vaten School of Crafts, 1967
- \* Co-Sponsor of Bristol Fine Arts Festival, 1968
- 🗮 Elementary School Art Education Program, 1961-65 and reactivated, 1969
- Roet in the Schools, National Endowment for Arts, 1974
- Donation to the Tennessee Performing Arts Foundation, Nashville, TN, 1975
- Sponsored Artist In Residence Program for gifted art students in the Bristol Virginia School System, 1976
- \* 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
- ₹ Sponsored Junior Art Shows for 20+ years
- \* Presented the Johnson City Symphony Pops Concert as a special gift to Bristol, 1982
- \* "Illusion" Artmobile Exhibit sponsored with the Virginia Museum of Art, 1984
- \* Endorsed and funded Appalachian Artist-In-Residence program for Tennessee Homecoming, 1986
- 🗮 Children's Film Festival (November-March), 1995
- \* Co-Hosted Music In The Meadows at BMS, 2001-03
- \* Volunteers at William King Art Center, 2003
- \* Art Auction, 2003 & 2004, 2006
- ★ Donation of \$25,000 for establishment of Science Center
- Rhythm & Roots Kids Day
- \* State of the Arts Kids Day, 2013
- \* Paramount Theater volunteers
- \* From Page to Stage at Theatre Bristol, 2014





## \* Recreation & Beautification

- Randolph Field Playground (jointly with Bristol, Virginia City Council), 1953
- ★ Beautification project (jointly with Bristol Council of Garden Clubs), 1958
- \* Rocky Mount Historical Site, 1961
- \* Equipped DeFriece Park, 1963
- \*Contributed \$5,000 to YMCA Building Fund, 1964
- Rarticipated in National Junior Tennis League program, 1994-2002
- ★ Playground equipment donated at Sugar Hollow Park, 1999
- Rlayground equipment donated at Bristol, Tennessee Multi-Purpose Park, 1999
- ➤ Volunteer placements with the National Junior Tennis League, 1994-2000
- ★ South Holston Lake Cleanup
- \* Rhythm & Roots Children's Day Activities, 2004 present
- \* Caterpillar Crawl in downtown Bristol, 2008 to present
- \* Keep Bristol Beautiful Conservation Camp, 2014
- \* Splash Pad at Steele Creek Park, Summer 2016
- \* Sensory Boards at Sugar Hollow Park, installation in 2019





## Sugar Hollow Park, Bristol, Virginia



# Whitetop Creek Park, Bristol, Tennessee



# \* Health & Education

- \* Bristol Regional Medical Center Clinic, 1948
- \* Hospital Snack Corner, 1949-51
- \* Children's Story Hour at Public Library, 1950-53
- ₹ Bristol Speech & Hearing Center incorporated under Board of Directors, 1963
- \* Record and Print Lending Service donated to



# Public Library, 1964 & 1965

- 🗯 Provisional Class established Bristol Regional Diabetes Chapter, 1978
- \* Sponsored Discover 1982, a special program for gifted children at King College
- ₹ Sponsored Community Issues Seminar at Virginia High School which led to development of task forces on Drug & Alcohol Abuse and Teenage Pregnancy, 1982
- \* Established a Coalition for Teenage Pregnancy Prevention
- In cooperation with the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, established the Bristol Leadership Tomorrow Program, 1983
- \* Latch Key Child Program offered in cooperation with the Crisis Center, 1985
- Rarticipated in Food Drive since 1989 to benefit local food banks; co-sponsor with Food City
- \* Co-Sponsored AIDS Seminar at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1992



- Reading Is Fundamental book distribution in area schools, 1993
- Signature Project at Healing Hands Health Center, 2000
- \* Hospice House Volunteers, 2000
- \*\* Contributed "Starter Kits" to the Janie Hammit Home, 2000
- ₹ Donation of Sexual Assault Companion Kits for Bristol Crisis Center, 2001
- Read Across America, since 2000
- ★ Began researching the establishment of a satellite Science Center in Bristol, 2001
- Relay for Life, American Cancer Society,

## volunteers and donations since its inception

- \* YWCA Adult Day Care volunteers, 2003
- \* Abuse Alternatives volunteers, 2003+ Party With A Purpose
- \* Adult Day Care at Central Presbyterian Church, 2003
- \* New Clothes For Kids, donation of clothing and school supplies, 2003-04 school year
- \* Bristol Faith In Action volunteers, 2004-05
- Ristol's Promise volunteers, 2004-05
- \* Compassion Connection volunteers, 2003-05
- \* American Red Cross Blood Drive benefiting pediatric patients, 2004
- \* Friends Buddy Walk, 2005-06
- River's Way/YMCA Girls, 2005-06
- \* YWCA Volunteers, 2005-06
- Kids In The Kitchen, 2007-2017
- \* Every Little Bottom, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Van Pelt Reading Volunteers, 2012 & 2013
- Bristol Public Library Teen and Adult Programs, 2014
- Spirit of Giving Thanksgiving Food Baskets, 2014 -2018, 2019 & 2020
- Books for Break children's book distribution for summer 2014 & 2015
- \* KBB & Upper TN River Roundtable at Conservation Camp recycle
- Read for the Record, 2014-2021
- \* Little Free Libraries at 6 locations, 2014 & 2015



- ★ Wellmont Hospice House meals and pantry stocking, 2015
  ★ Little Free Libraries were added at the five elementary schools in Bristol, TN., 2018
  ★ All 11 Little Free Libraries were stocked with books in 2018-19