

SUNSHINE MONTHLY

CHARITY LEAGUE, INC

WWW.CHARITYLEAGUEOFCHARLOTTE.ORG



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LAYNE SABERT

For over 100 years, our organization has been dedicated to serving the Charlotte community. Generally, our conversations revolve around the impact we have on those we serve—rather than the impact on ourselves. Through conversations with veteran members and the families of those who are no longer with us, I've gained valuable insight into how CLC's work has positively affected many members' lives. These stories highlight the deep, meaningful relationships, traditions, and support networks that have been built over generations. Though our work has evolved over the years, the positive impact has remained constant.

As a centennial organization, we are now at a point where many of our members are in different life stages and are unable to contribute in the same way they once did. This is where we need your help. We are always looking for new members who are passionate about serving our community and who wish to benefit from being part of CLC. I encourage you to bring a friend or acquaintance who shares that interest to an upcoming meeting or event. Even better, invite them to volunteer alongside you! Growing our membership is crucial to ensuring the continued sustainability of Charity League's work in Charlotte-area schools. A strong, engaged membership base is the key to maintaining our impact and keeping us viable for the future.

Sincerely,
Layne

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 6, 10:00 am
Board Meeting
Hyatt Centric SouthPark

February 13, 10:45
General Meeting
South County Regional Library
5801 Rea Road
(NOTE location change)

SAVE THE DATE

Friday March 28, 11:00 am
CLC Spring Fundraiser Luncheon
Hyatt Centric SouthPark

CARE AND CONCERN

HELEN HOWARD

Long time member Trudy Suddreth passed away on January 10. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Happy Birthday to our February birthday Girls:

7 Elizabeth Phillips
9 Justice Fullenwider
20 Tink Hamilton
22 Julie Knafelz

SERVICE PROJECTS

ANGELA MARSHALL

Other than the very cold weather, January was a relatively quiet month for us. However, one exciting development was hearing from several members eager to get more involved!

The most common question I received was: Do I have to make a commitment, or can I just help when I can? The answer is simply YES! You can help whenever it works for you. Our goal is to get all members engaged in our mission, in whatever way fits their schedule.

Ways to Get Involved:

- Volunteer at one of our school hubs
- Donate treats, gift cards, or specific items as needed
- Bake goodies, as these are always a hit!

I will continue to share opportunities to participate, and I truly appreciate those who reached out last month. Your support makes a difference!

Albemarle Road Elementary

Team Lead – Lisha Morton

We are very excited to have Holly LeTourneau and Julie Knafelz as the new team leads for Albemarle Road Elementary School going forward. Holly has been active with Service Projects in many capacities and will be such an asset to the school. Julie is fairly new to Charity League, but has vast experience in volunteering and is excited to get involved at Albemarle Road.

Charity League is providing breakfast for a group of high achieving Spanish speaking students and their parents. These students have been hand selected and tutored for an upcoming standardized test. Their success on this test is critical to moving Albemarle Road Elementary off the low performing schools list. We are happy to be a small part of encouraging these students to do their best on this test!

Please sign up to help whenever you can at the link below:

[Albemarle Road Volunteering](#)

Devonshire

Team Leads – Destiney Johnston & Angie Marshall

Destiney continues to do an amazing job keeping the hub organized and offering assistance at Devonshire twice a month on Wednesdays. If you would like to join her, I can assure you it will be a fun and rewarding experience!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

MARCY MCKENNEY



[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

CLC 42nd Annual Spring Fundraising Luncheon Friday, March 28, 2025

The search has begun to procure items for the Spring Luncheon silent auction. This is an ongoing process, but following are some items confirmed so far:

- A 65-inch LG television (Blackhawk Hardware)
- Perry's Jewelers gift card (\$500 value)
- Malak Jewelers item (\$500 value)
- Palestra Boutique Spa Service
- Cute cottage rental in Oriental, NC (donation by Alecia Johnson)
- Handbag by MZ Wallace (donation by Alecia Johnson)
- Two baskets full of home-made baked goods (Tammy Pangle)
- Assorted Gift Cards to restaurants in Charlotte, Mooresville and Davidson
- Marshall Lawn and Landscape Services (Sam Marshall)
- Adorable children-themed Easter Baskets (Patsy Drummond)
- Reid's Fine Foods Simply Southern gift basket
- Framed floral print (Brass Exchange)
- Publix gift card (\$100 value)
- Whitewater Center Gift Card
- JazzArts Tickets

I also had the opportunity to meet with the new principal, who shared his immediate goals: improving teacher morale, enhancing organization, and cleaning up around the school. I committed to supporting these efforts in any way we can. Stay tuned for ways to get involved. Together, we can make a difference!

Thanks,
Angie

Please sign up to help whenever you can at the link below:

[Devonshire Volunteering](#)

Hidden Valley

Team Lead – Elizabeth Phillips

Many thanks to our Hub helpers Susan Carr, Debbie Cramer, and Carolyn Stroud, who came out in January to sort donations, restock shelves, and inventory for our Spring uniform order! Boys' shorts, girls' skorts, and short sleeve shirts, along with a few sizes of needed pants are on the way. We are all looking forward to the warmer weather that is surely just around the corner!

Volunteer opportunities for February include 2 Hub workdays on Thursday 2/6 and 2/20 at 10am and a teacher appreciation luncheon on Wednesday 2/26 at 11am. Please sign up using the link below to volunteer. If you would like to send a sweet treat for the teachers' luncheon, please text and drop off with Elizabeth. Thank you so much!

HVE will also have a book fair on March 3-7 for Read Across America Week! The media specialist, Liliet Council, is looking forward to planning a reading challenge for our students. CLC is sponsoring the student/class winners, who will receive a book treat from the fair! We also want to use this opportunity to reward our students in special programs who are meeting and exceeding their academic and behavioral goals.

Please sign up to help whenever you can at the link below:

[Hidden Valley Volunteering](#)

And there will be more to come!!

Please contact me at tjmckenny44@gmail.com if you have a connection to a friend or business willing to donate an item or gift card to our silent auction. I will be happy to assist as needed. We like to have the silent auction completed by early March.

Feel free to reach out to me at any time as well with questions or suggestions regarding this event.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

STEPHANIE THERRELL

It's hard to believe that we are more than halfway through our fiscal year. Our current board has worked hard adding new members, raising funds from donors and ensuring our Hubs are stocked with needed items. We have two board members who would like to pursue other areas of service for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. Marcy McKenney is stepping down as Fundraising Chair to focus more attention on Community Partnerships and Layne Sabert is looking forward to her new role as Parliamentarian.

I am sure that both Marcy and Layne would say it takes a village to keep Charity League successfully functioning. Layne has offered tremendous guidance and support to all of our board chairs and members. Marcy has done an outstanding job creating the template that has helped us bring in record fundraising dollars.

I am reaching out to our village to help fill the following two positions for 2025/2026: **President and Fundraising Chair.**

If you are interested, or if you know someone who would be a great fit for either position, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Stephanie Therrell, Layne Sabert or Carolyn Pollack.

Sunshine Monthly Edited by:
Lisa Cline
Send Articles by the 25th of the month to
lisa.cline13@gmail.com

FIND US ONLINE

Website: www.charityleagueofcharlotte.org

Email: charityleagueofcharlotte@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CharityLeagueofCharlotteCLC

Follow us on Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/clccharityleague/>



Charity League, Inc.
P.O. Box 471332
Charlotte, NC 28247-1332

Hand-Cancelling Requested