



Junior Auxiliary of Yazoo City

P.O. Box 165
Yazoo City, MS 39194

Dear Friend of Yazoo City Junior Auxiliary,

There is no doubt that raising children in such economic times is a difficult task. There are countless numbers of children in Yazoo County who are living without the bare necessities of life such as food, clothing, utilities, education, books, etc. We cannot help but be heartbroken in the face of the disparity that is prevalent in our community.

We, Junior Auxiliary of Yazoo City, feel so blessed that we are able to touch the lives of these needy children and their families year after year. In order to accomplish this task, we depend upon generous donations from the kind and loving hearts of sponsors like you. What a gift to be able to put smiles on the faces of these precious children by offering them hope when their situation seems hopeless!

Our local chapter of Junior Auxiliary currently conducts multiple community projects that promote the well-being of the children in our community. These projects are detailed in the enclosed brochure. Without the assistance of our sponsors, we would not be able to finance these worthwhile undertakings. We hope that you will partner with us in our efforts to enhance the quality of life for these children and their families by investing in the future of our community.

I sincerely appreciate your time in considering the opportunities for sponsorship listed on the enclosed pages. I urge you to be a part of making a difference in the hearts and lives of our Yazoo County children. Your will to step in a take part in this great cause does not go unnoticed and every bit counts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 662-809-7332.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Criss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Criss
President of Junior Auxiliary Yazoo City 2019-2020

Junior Auxiliary of Yazoo City Community Projects

A Day with JA – JA Fun Run (New Project)

- One mile Fun Run with color powder and loads of fun!
- Project designed to bring children of all backgrounds together in the community
- Involves community partners to participate in their area of expertise

RIF- Reading is Fundamental with the children of the Boys and Girls Club

- Partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Yazoo City
- Project designed to encourage elementary students to read
- Free books are distributed to specific grades through sponsorships each year
- Each activity is planned with each distribution (skit, speaker, or craft)

Yazoo Community Scholarship Fund

- In partnership with Bank of Yazoo City, JA raises money each year to help students within our community pursue a college education
- The fund has no administrative cost and awards every penny raised
- Each year a select number of Senior students from every high school in the city and county are awarded scholarships

The Jerry Clower Festival and Yazoo County Fair

- Provide face painting and refreshments to the children enjoying our local community festival
- Provide a children's play with the partnership of the Yazoo Arts Council

Halloween Trick or Treat on Main Street

- Participate in the community Downtown Trick or Treating

Concession Stand for Community Recreational Sports

- Provide a free concession stand for the children participating in recreational sports.

Child Welfare- Support of all categories for all needy children

- Project designed to provide financial, emotional, and physical support to a deserving child or family of Yazoo County

Summer Reading Program

- Partner with our local B.S. Ricks Memorial Library to continue learning during the summer

Fundraisers

- **Freezer Pleaser** – In the fall, we raise money by selling raffle tickets for a small deep freezer that is graciously donated by Ferguson's Furniture Store every year that is stocked with frozen food items. There is also a second prize of an RTIC soft cooler.
- **Catfish Plates** – In the Spring, we sell tickets for a catfish plate that includes fish, fries, hush puppies, slaw, and a homemade dessert. This catfish is donated by our pride of the South, Simmons Catfish.

Your Support for 2019-2020 is GREATLY Appreciated!

Yes! I want to be a Corporate Sponsor of JA projects for the children and families in Yazoo County. Please return this form in the enclosed envelope with donation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Criss at 662-809-7332 or email jacriss@bop.gov.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Authorized By: _____

Please mark your level of interest:

____ **Platinum** Sponsorship \$1,000 or more

____ **Gold** Sponsorship \$500

____ **Silver** Sponsorship \$250

____ **Bronze** Sponsorship \$100

As a sponsor, you will be recognized at our annual fundraising events, recognition at each project, acknowledged during National Junior Auxiliary Week, and receive recognition on our Facebook page and JA website @ jayazoocity.com

Thank you for your generous support!!

This letter serves as your receipt.

Please make a copy of this letter for tax purposes.

Gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

No goods or services were provided in return for this contribution.

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