

National Charity League National History

In 1925, a small group of women interested in philanthropic work founded the **Charity League** in Los Angeles. They worked quietly, doing Red Cross work, making layettes and assembling and delivering baskets of food to the hungry at holiday times. Sometimes they brought their daughters with them. By 1938, so many daughters had become involved that they decided to form their own group. They called themselves the Ticktockers.

In 1947, these groups united to become the first mother-daughter charity and took their present name, **National Charity League**. At that time, the mothers also took their name, Patronesses. The newly formed group decided to expand its program beyond philanthropic work to include educational and cultural activities.

NCL was reorganized and incorporated as **National Charity League, Inc.** in 1958. The first "Chapter Day" was held in 1959; the first **NCL** Convention was held the following year. These meetings brought the growing membership together for an exchange of ideas and support. There are 128 chapters nationally in California, Utah, Colorado, Connecticut, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, North Carolina, Missouri, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Georgia, and Kansas. Nationally, 811,493 community service hours were worked in 2004-2005

National Charity League – Austin Chapter

- The Austin Chapter was founded in the fall of 2000
- Currently the Austin Chapter has 118 Patroness and 141 Ticktockers Members
- Ticktockers come from 20 schools including Westlake High School, Austin High, Garza High, Anderson High, McCallum High, Stoney Point Ninth Grade Center, St. Stephen's, St. Andrew's, St. Michael's, St. Gabriel's, Westridge Middle School, O'Henry Middle School, Hill Country Middle School, Lake Travis Middle School, Hudson Bend Middle School, Canyon Vista Middle School, Hyde Park, Paragon Prep, Lake Travis Middle School, and Trinity
- From April, '04 to March, '05 we contributed 8800 hours of volunteer work
- The 18 Non-Profit Organizations we work with include Austin Children's Museum, Austin Lyric Opera, Austin Museum of Art, Austin Public Library, Ballet Austin, Capital Area Food Bank, Caritas of Austin, Child Protective Services, Children's Hospital of Austin, El Buen Samaritano, Family Eldercare, Lifeworks, Manos de Cristo, MHMR, Mobile Loaves and Fishes, Ronald McDonald House, Shoes for Austin, and Westbank Library

Austin Chapter, NCL Past Presidents

2000-2001	Marti Dula
2001-2002	Karen Watford
2002-2003	Leslie Vaughan
2003-2004	Susan Avant

2004-2005 Jean-Marie Heard