

Julia Pannell
2011 Opal Durant
Granbury Woman of the Year Award Recipient

Julia Pannell positively touches countless lives in Hood County. She works tirelessly promoting Granbury, furthering the mission of many good causes and giving a helping hand to anyone in need. Julia is a natural leader, a fantastic fundraiser and a skilled communicator. She is also a gifted artist and passionate spokesperson for the many non-profit organizations that receive her support, such as the United Way, Child Advocacy Center and Brazos Pregnancy Center.

Although petite and genteel, Julia makes quite an impression with her business acumen, astute interview skills and enthusiastic marketing abilities. She has run a successful bed and breakfast, chaired myriad community and Chamber of Commerce committees and hosted a long-running television show on Channel 27. As an artist, she has painted murals at Granbury First United Methodist and Action United Methodist Churches, The Child Advocacy Center and the Dr. Pepper bottling plant and museum in Dublin, Texas.

No cause can fail as long as Julia is on board. She has a winning spirit, limitless enthusiasm and the energy of a teenager! She adores people and above all, cherishes doing the things that make people happy. Julia loves God, her country and her family. She is responsible for every Granbury classroom having a framed poster that reads "In God We Trust." She is the hands and feet of Christ through her servant-leadership and her generous gifts of time and talent. Truly, she has devoted thousands of hours to benefit the people and organizations of Hood County. Julia Pannell embodies the spirit behind the Opal Durant Woman of the Year Award.