

Our Mission

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Our Members

Junior League of Springfield membership is open to all women age 21 or older. Current membership includes nearly 600 local women who contribute an average of 20,000 service hours annually. Please contact the JLS office at 887-9422 for additional information.



"I joined Junior League to make a difference in children's lives. I stay in Junior League because I believe it is an awesome organization and I am proud to be a member."

—Jill Headley



"The mission of our foundation is to support organizations delivering effective services that assist individuals in reaching their potential, especially children. So much of what the League does supports this—it's a perfect fit for us."

—Sherry Darr Hellweg,
Darr Family Foundation



Women Building Better Communities

Our Focus: Child Abuse and Neglect

For the next several years, the Junior League of Springfield will funnel all of its resources to address child abuse and neglect in our community. It is alarming that child abuse rates in Greene County far exceed the state average; the Junior League will impact this issue through advocacy, direct service and volunteer time. We will collaborate with local experts to develop strong intervention programs, raise community awareness and be part of the solution...one child at a time.

The Junior League of Springfield extends sincere appreciation to our corporate and community partners. Your support is invaluable in helping us to make a positive impact for Springfield.



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The Junior League of Springfield, MO

community service since 1959

Our History

In April 1959, five women formed the Community Service League of Springfield. Their vision was to make a positive contribution to Springfield through volunteer and fundraising efforts.

The Community Service League was accepted into the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) in 1976, becoming its 231st member. Today, AJLI consists of nearly 300 member leagues internationally.

Our Impact

Junior League of Springfield (JLS) provides volunteers, program funding and technical assistance to the community within our focus areas of concentration: women, children and families.

JLS trains members to serve the community through many programs. These include Elevate — a program designed to prepare members for League and community leadership positions; an admissions training and community awareness program for new members; and AJLI sponsored workshops.

Since its inception in 1959, JLS has contributed over 1.25 million volunteer service hours and over \$4 million to the community.



In 2006, 44 JLS members participated in Lobby Day in Jefferson City, bringing attention to the greatly above average child abuse rates in Greene County.

"One of my favorite Junior League memories is a recent Done-In-A-Day at The Kitchen. It was great to know we helped give necessities to people who couldn't afford them. The kids had a great time!"

—Mary Lou Foss

Our Funding

Junior League of Springfield funding is raised through corporate partnerships, individual donations and fundraisers, including: Sassafra! and Women Who Can Dish It Out cookbooks; the Plaid Door Resale Boutique; Celebrate the Season holiday event; Charity Horse Show; and Charity Ball. General Membership Meeting sponsorships are also available.



Celebrate the Season
Shopping has never meant so much!



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CHARITY BALL

of the Plaid Door



The Resale Boutique with a Difference!

1920 E. Sunshine

Hours: M-F 9:30am-6pm
Sat 9:30am-5pm

"Being in Junior League has given me the opportunity to work with inspirational women!"

—Alison Miller



Helping Children One Step at a Time

Our Accomplishments

Junior League of Springfield is proud to have partnered with the following community agencies and JLS supporters on these community projects:

- American Red Cross Blood Mobile
- Arc of the Ozarks
- Boys and Girls Club
- Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks
- Child Advocacy Council
- Center for Dispute Resolution
- Developmental Center of the Ozarks
- Dickerson Park Zoo Amphitheater
- Discovery Center of Springfield
- Division of Family Services
- Family Violence Center
- Girl Scouts of America
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hall of Leaders
- History Museum of the Ozarks
- KOZK Public Television
- Leadership Springfield
- Lost & Found Grieving Center for Children
- Missouri Division of Family Services
- Ozark Trails Boy Scout Council – Trail of Honor
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Ozarks
- Southwest Missouri State University
- Springfield-Greene County Health Department
- Springfield Little Theatre
- The Kitchen
- Teen Court
- Visiting Nurses Association
- Isabel's House, the Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks

"I stay involved in Junior League because of the relationships I've developed. It also gives me the chance to meet new people and opportunities for leadership."
—Andrea McKinney



"I joined Junior League to make a difference in the community—to be a part of something bigger than myself."

—Marci Bowling

Isabel's House, The Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks
JLS has committed to address the issues of child abuse and neglect by advocating, fundraising, and volunteering to get Isabel's House, a proven tool for the prevention of child abuse and neglect, open by the summer of 2007. We will continue to focus and collaborate with our community partners on this project. Some of the DIAD opportunities that will take place at Isabel's House this year include: Cooking for Kids, planting seasonal flowers, administrative duties, holiday decorating and parties, fun projects for the children and more.

Domestic Violence? We Can Help!

This project will serve victims of abuse and domestic violence by providing them the contact information to get the help they need. The Family Violence Center, Inc. provides shelter, advocacy and education to women and children who are victims of domestic violence and promotes the principle that all individuals have the right to a life free from abuse.

The Kid's Clothes Closet

The Kid's Clothes Closet is a component of the Council of Churches, which provides clothing for Greene County foster children. This project serves over 800 children in the Greene County Children's Division.

Discovery Center Fun Day

Discovery Center Fun Day will be providing an interactive day for approximately 350 children and CASA Advocates to have fun and be recognized. This event will provide abused and neglected children an opportunity to form a strong bond with an adult, a child advocate, by sharing a unique experience of learning together at the Discovery Center.

Bailey Alternative High School Nursery

The goal of this project is to improve the quality of childcare in the nursery at Bailey. The nursery will get new equipment to bring care up to the adequate state certification of a nursery/childcare facility.



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I want to help build a better community... one child at a time.

I understand my tax-deductible gift of \$_____ will assist those in need through support of Junior League of Springfield projects.

Donor Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone: _____

- YES**, I am interested in learning more about ways to help the Junior League of Springfield. Please send me information about:
- Junior League Signature Project/Isabel's House, the Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks
 - Endowment Fund
 - Annual Giving Drive
 - General Membership Meeting Sponsorship

If this is a gift of tribute or memorial, please include the following information:

Person Honored: _____
Name of Person to Notify: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

If name(s) on recognition material is to appear differently from donor name, please print:

Thank you for your contribution.



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Isabel's House



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On June 25, 2007, Governor Matt Blunt and First Lady, Melanie Blunt joined The Junior League of Springfield and the leaders of the city of Springfield, to open the doors to Isabel's House, the Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks.

Isabel's House is a 20 bed residential facility that serves children ages birth to 12 years old. Isabel's House provides 24/7 care to children whose families are experiencing a unique crisis. Families will receive respite, empowerment, support and training services. There is no charge to stay at Isabel's House where children are nurtured in a safe environment with experienced and trained staff.

Isabel's House is the signature project of The Junior League of Springfield. The project was developed in response to alarming child abuse and neglect rates in Greene County. Our community partners Burrell Behavioral Health, City of Springfield, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, CoxHealth, Missouri State University, St. John's Health System, Springfield-Greene County Park Board, and United Way have all played an integral part opening the doors to this much needed service in Springfield.

Isabel's House, along with the support of the Junior League of Springfield, is in the midst of a capital campaign, an operating campaign, and an endowment campaign. Our total campaign goal is \$3.6 million. We are currently at \$2.6 million in pledges.

With your help, we can protect our community's greatest natural resource – our children. Your continued support and donation of money, time or talent will help to break the cycle of abuse in our community.

Signature Project of



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JLS Fundraisers

When a dollar is donated to the Junior League of Springfield, it is made stronger with the addition of trained volunteer hours to provide a more meaningful impact to the community. The time donated by Junior League trained volunteers is often argued to be even more valuable than the dollars awarded.

Celebrate the Season

Celebrate the Season is one of the Junior League of Springfield's largest fundraisers. This festive marketplace features merchants with a variety of goods for the holiday shopper, as well as live entertainment and recipe samples from fabulous Junior League cookbooks.

Charity Ball

Since 1959, the Junior League of Springfield Charity Ball has been one of Springfield's preeminent social events. Held in the spring, the affair boasts a different theme every year and is a favorite of both community and League members alike.

Charity Horse Show

In summer, JLS annually hosts the Charity Horse Show at the Missouri Entertainment and Event Center (formerly the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds Arena) in Springfield, Missouri. Competing breeds have included Saddlebred, Foxotters, Arabian, Morgan, Hackney Ponies, Hunter/Jumpers, and Tennessee Walking Horses.

Junior League of Springfield Cookbooks

Sassafras! is a collection of 726 outstanding recipes, all of which have been triple tested. A special 10th anniversary edition features tasteful recipes from Orange Pecans to Chicken Saltimbocca, from Cinna-berry jam to Frisco Whistle-Stop Cake. **Sassafras!** is a wonderful book of recipes for any kitchen.

Women Who Can Dish It Out, a collaborative cookbook from JLS members, is a comfortable approach to lighter fare. It contains delicious recipes and wonderful Ozarks' humor. Eight great sections feature over 300 triple-tested recipes, along with helpful nutritional information for each.

The Plaid Door Resale Boutique

The Junior League of Springfield is proud to own and operate The Plaid Door Resale Boutique. Opened in 1976, the Plaid Door has assisted JLS in generating more than \$2 million dollars in funds for the Springfield community. The Plaid Door is unique to Springfield as all of its clothing is donated from JLS members, friends of the League, Springfield and area citizens, as well as from leading retailers who support JLS programs and projects.



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