

The Junior League of Springfield, Inc. (JLS) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.



**JOIN
US
NOW!**

JLS members are a dedicated and hard-working group of women. We are accountants, nurses, doctors, attorneys, caregivers, stay-at-home moms, politicians, business owners, and more. We are from a wide variety of backgrounds and all have a passion for volunteering, which binds the members of our organization together.

Today's women are busier than ever, but still need a chance to learn and build leadership skills, contribute to the community and develop friendships. JLS gives women these opportunities in a fun, team-oriented atmosphere. You will collaborate with other women to make an impact in our community. You will build relationships that last a lifetime.

All women, 21 years or older, regardless of race, religion and national origin, who demonstrate an interest and commitment to voluntarism, are welcome to join JLS.



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 and the Junior League of Springfield. Today AJLI consists of nearly 300 member leagues internationally.



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Training

What sets the Junior League of Springfield apart from other organizations is how JLS develops the potential of women by making training central to members' experience.

Not only do JLS members have the opportunity to make a difference, but they enhance their own volunteer experience by attending training sessions throughout the year.

JLS trains you to become a more effective, organized and confident leader. We offer several workshops and training events designed to help our members develop their leadership potential, develop professional and personal skills, and educate them on community needs.

Members also learn about execution of community programming, event planning, fundraising, public relations, social media and websites.



Support JLS

Every gift matters. Our community programs and projects rely on cash or in-kind donations from individuals and organizations, so your support is critical to their continued success.

JLS fundraising efforts, teamed with our trained volunteers, ensures that each gift reaches its maximum potential.

Donate

Regardless of the amount, your contribution is valuable to us. Donations may be made directly to JLS, or through one of our annual fundraisers such as Charity Ball, Tour of Kitchens or our annual run.



Shop

By shopping at the Plaid Door, an upscale resale boutique at the JLS office that is run by JLS volunteers, or purchasing a copy of our *Sassafras!* or *Women Who Can Dish It Out* cookbooks, you help us fulfill our mission of improving the communities which we serve.



Improve Our Community

At the heart of the Junior League of Springfield's mission is improving our community. For nearly 60 years, our volunteers have contributed more than 1.3 million volunteer service hours and more than \$4.6 million to the community. JLS members continue to positively impact the Ozarks by developing long term initiatives in our focus area of child abuse and neglect.

Some projects developed by JLS include:

- Ozarks Public Television (KOZK)
- Girls Club (now Boys & Girls Club)
- The Child Advocacy Center
- Ozarks Food Harvest
- Leadership Springfield
- Library Story Garden at the Springfield Library Center
- Boy Scout Nature Conservation Trail
- Greene County Teen Court
- Community Report Card: Focus on Child Abuse & Neglect
- Community Summit: Focus on Poverty

In 2007, JLS launched its signature project: Isabel's House, which supports families in times of crisis by providing emergency shelter for children.

