

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
SPRINGFIELD, MO

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

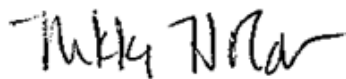
We concluded 2019-2020 League year, but it did not end in the usual fashion. We were unable to attend Advocacy Day or hold our 61st annual Charity Ball, and GMMs, training activities and Done in a Days were all cancelled. Then we had to cancel our Annual Meeting in May when we traditionally celebrate our accomplishments and honor our women. But we finished out our year strong with 36 new members officially joining us as Actives, we completed our Membership Transformation Pilot year, we held numerous fundraisers and were able to keep Plaid Door open for business.

As we reflect upon 2020, there aren't adequate words to express how each of us felt. So much uncharted territory. Everything we knew changed virtually overnight. Suddenly our calendars cleared and we were home, semi-permanently. There was so much fear and uncertainty. Yet we found new ways to connect with our friends and our loves ones. Dinners from a drive-thru as we moved activity-to-meeting-to-errand were replaced by focusing on ourselves and our family through endless home cooked dinners and board games.

Even given the circumstances, we kept the League moving forward and each and every one of us still managed to make a difference in our community. I wish our world hadn't changed so dramatically, but it did. So we streamlined, focused, adapted.

I will certainly never forget this year. I doubt any of us could. I am proud of what we did, yet we have to do more, keep pushing forward. Thank you for the opportunity to lead you. We did it. We Got This.

Sincerely,



Nikki Holden



NIKKI HOLDEN
PRESIDENT

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2019 - 2020

JLS LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nikki Holden, **President**
Courtney Hayes, **President-Elect**
Rachel Fuhrman, **Management Director**
Mia Young, **Treasurer**
Casey Chasteen, **Parliamentarian**
Heather Goller, **Sustainer Director**
Rianne Hoos, **Nominating Chair**
Tara Benson, **Recording Secretary**
Allison Robertson, Amie Squibb, **Active At-Large**
Stephanie Hesser, Stacy Schneider, **Active At-Large**
Katie Moore, Heather Trinca, **Sustainer At-Large**

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Rachel Fuhrman, **Management Director**
Mary Bozarth, **Management Director-Elect**
Ashley Clair, **Manager of Communications**
Emily Letterman, **Manager-Elect of Communications**
Brandi Delleville, **Manager of Community Impact**
Bridget Lovelle, **Manager-Elect of Community Impact**
Allison Anbari, **Manager of Membership**
Millie Shuchmann, **Manager-Elect of Membership**
Cris Swaters Milligan, **Manager of Finance**
Amanda Hake, **Manager -Elect of Finance**
Michelle Vespa, **Treasurer Elect**
Lisa Yoakam, **Sustainer Director - Elect**

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2019-2020

JLS LEADERSHIP

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Carrie Brown, Administration
Ashley O'Sullivan, Admissions
Christy Howell, Arrangements
Allison Gregory, At-Risk Youth
Marin Thompson & Stephanie Hesser, Charity Ball
Laura Westfall, Done-in-a-Day
Angela Myers, Donor Relations
Rebecca Godsey, Education & Development
Jamie Wilcox, Fall Home Tour
Stephanie Hohenshell, Fund Development
Micheala Steinmetz-Benton, Kids Count
Dana Holt, Placement
Lacee Blunt, Hannah Patterson, Jenny Owens, Plaid Door
Rachael Mhire, Project Review & Development
Rachel Weinhaus, Publications
Natalie Bohn, Public Relations & Marketing
Kay Kincannon, Public Affairs
Sheila Lundberg, Scholarship
Brittany Zachary, Webmaster

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Holly Beadle, Isabel's House

Brian Fogle, Community Foundation of the Ozarks

Matt Morrow, Springfield Area Chamber of
Commerce

Richard Ollis, Ollis/Akers/Arney

Missy Riley, Parents as Teachers

Mark Struckhoff, Council of Churches of the Ozarks

Dana Carrol, Every Child Promise

Jason Gage, City of Springfield

Don Chenevert Jr. Esq., SRC Holdings Corporation

Hal Higdon, Ozarks Technical Community College

Meleah Spencer, The Kitchen

Jenny Filmer-Edwards, Springfield Greene County
Park Board

COMMUNITY GRANTS



Discretionary Grants

\$150 Harmony House

\$50 City Utilites

\$200 Sister Circle

\$700 Girl Scouts of Missouri
Heartland

Discretionary Grants + Community Emergency Funds

[granted April 2020 in direct response to the
COVID-19 pandemic]

\$600 Boys & Girls Club

\$600 Discovery Center

\$600 Diaper Bank of the
Ozarks

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

CHERI CLARK BOUQUET OF ENTHUSIASM

Christy Howell



Recognizing an Active member for their dedication to the League and a positive attitude.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nancy White



Recognizing a Sustaining member for exceptional dedication to the League and community over time.



MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

LEADERSHIP SPRINGFIELD

Class 37: Courtney Hayes, Laura Farmer, Meredith Bosso

Class 38: Allison Robertson, Ashley Silva, Karen Braun

SBJ 40 UNDER 40

Erica Gaynor, Tiffany Martin, Allison Robertson

SBJ MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN

Melissa Bade, Mary Bozarth, Melissa Gelner, Trysta Herzog

SBJ TRUSTED ADVISORS 'UP AND COMER'

Elyse Hartley

BIZ 417 WOMEN WHO MEAN BUSINESS

Sally Hargis

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

ODI is a weekend retreat sponsored by the Association of Junior Leagues International to better educate League members on various topics affecting the organization and management of individual Leagues. Congratulations to these members who were selected, and completed the training

ODI Grapevine, TX: Rachel Hopper Fortenberry, Allison Gregory, Kelley Carr

ODI Orlando, FL: Paige Viehmann, Courtney Pinkham-Martin, Laura Westfall, Maria Stockton



SCHOLARSHIP

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES SCHOLARSHIP

The following women were each selected to receive a \$500 Building Better Communities Scholarship which was established to assist non-traditional female students in the expense of pursuing their education:

Jolean Hackney
Jessica Lumpkin

MARY RILEY WOLFE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The following young women were each selected to receive the \$2,500 Mary Riley Wolfe Memorial Scholarship. Each was selected due to education, strong academic performance and exemplary volunteer activity.

Hailey Fearing



Madison Wutke



EVENTS



Junior League of Springfield proudly hosted its fifth annual Fall Home Tour on Sept. 28, featuring a glimpse into some of Springfield's finest residential homes and kitchens. More than 150 attendees enjoyed the crisp fall weather, amazing cooking demos and beautiful decor at each home.



Total Raised: \$20,794



35 JLS Volunteers
50 Volunteer Hours
150 Tickets Sold

EVENTS

Our fourth annual Little Black Dress Initiative (LBDI) was held Feb. 18-Feb 22. This year's initiative not only helped raise awareness about generational poverty but also gave JLS the opportunity to collaborate with 10 community partners. LBDI is a global initiative started by the Junior League of London to raise awareness of the impact of generational poverty. JLS participants wore the same little black dress for five consecutive days to illustrate the effects poverty can have on a woman's access to resources, her confidence, and her professional opportunities while soliciting donations for our mission. This year saw the expansion of our community partner collaboration and the introduction of new events such as cookie making, drag bingo and paint pouring.



● ● ● **Total Raised: \$5,834**



EVENTS



SHOP SAVOR BID *a boutique soirée*

The Junior League held its third annual Shop. Savor. Bid. A Boutique Soiree fundraiser on Nov. 9. This year guests enjoyed an entire day of shopping 25 local vendors followed by an evening paddle party where delicious charcuterie and drinks were served. A fun time of quarter bidding was had by all and raised vital funds for our mission.

● ● ● **Total Raised: \$6,614.86**



EVENTS**CHARITY BALL**

Junior League of Springfield's 61st annual Charity Ball – Black & White: Masquerade – was originally scheduled for March 28. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic JLS Management Team and Board of Directors made the difficult decision to cancel the event. The decision to cancel our League's largest fundraiser was not taken lightly and was made with the safety of our attendees, members and community in mind. We are grateful to the Charity Ball committee for their hard work and understanding. Many of our sponsors and attendees elected to make their sponsorship and/or ticket purchase a donation to the Junior League of Springfield. We are grateful for your support. Thank you.

● ● ● **Total Raised: \$25,820**



**THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS
AND CHARITY BALL COMMITTEE!**

PLAID DOOR

The Junior League is proud to have owned and operated the Plaid Door Resale Boutique since 1976. This year saw the continuation of transformational changes made to ensure its continued success for years to come. The Plaid Door is 100% Junior League volunteer operated and resides in the Junior League headquarters. Now offering private shopping events on upscale merchandise gives the community even more ways to shop. Having raised over \$2 million for the Springfield Community, the Plaid Door is now poised for even greater success in serving the Junior League of Springfield's mission in the future



● ● ● **Total Raised: \$20,172**



COMMUNITY PROJECT PARTNERS



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Boys & Girls Club
Girls on the Run
I Pour Life
Laura's Home
OTC Middle College
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks
Safe to Sleep
Springfield Regional Arts Council
Springfield Dream Center

VOLUNTEER IMPACT



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DONE IN A DAY EVENTS

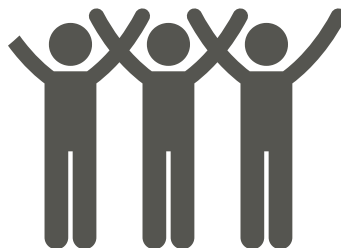
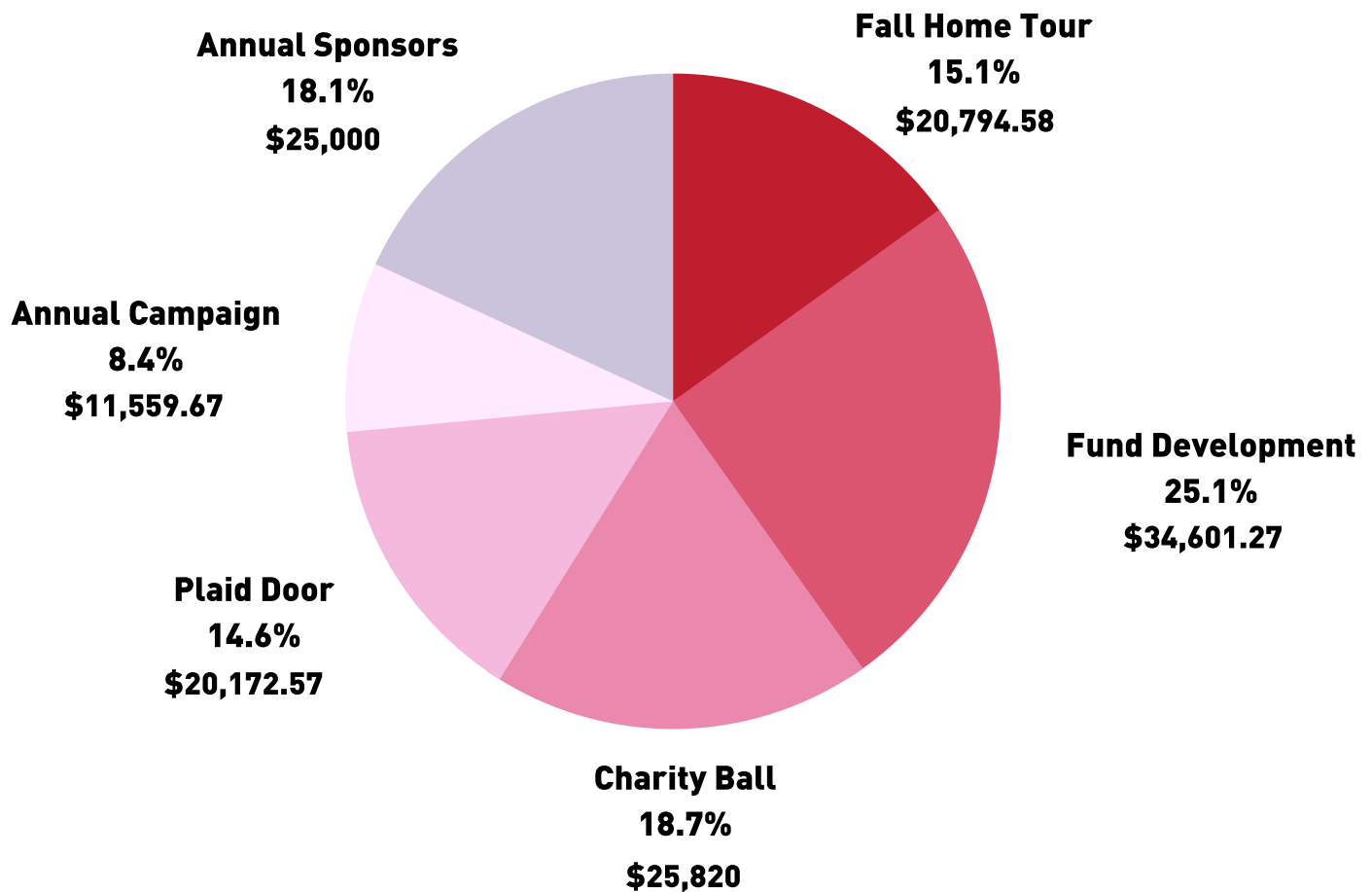
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VOLUNTEERS

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VOLUNTEER HOURS

FUNDRAISING SUMMARY



TRAINING SUMMARY

INTERNAL TRAINING

300



**Training
Hours**

145



**Women
Trained**

8



**Training
Events**

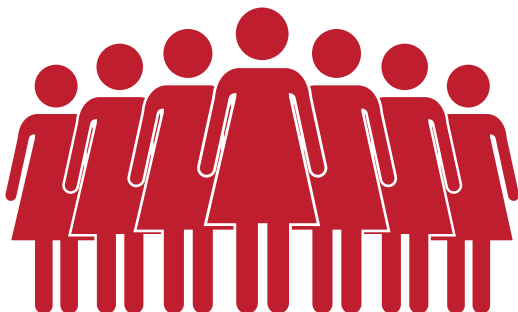
EXTERNAL TRAINING

442

8

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Numbers reflect training from
June 2019 - March 2020



36

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

151

ACTIVE MEMBERS

290

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

DIVERSITY and INCLUSION JOURNEY

The JLS welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of individuals, organizations and communities.

- 2017-2018** Board of Directors adopts a diversity and inclusion statement
- 2018-2019** Board of Directors complete an initial board/leadership assessment and establishes a Diversity and Inclusion Task Force
- 2019-2020** A diversity and inclusion survey was conducted among membership; the task force plans a series of workshops facilitated by Francine Pratt to begin working toward increasing the leagues' cultural consciousness, with the initial workshop being held in February 2020. Workshops were temporarily put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but resumed in October 2020.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION GOALS



**INCREASE
CULTURAL
CONSCIOUSNESS
WITHIN THE
LEAGUE**



**INCREASE
DIVERSITY
WITHIN THE
LEAGUE**



**SUPPORT
DIVERSITY AND
INCLUSION
EFFORTS IN THE
COMMUNITY**



**BECOME A
LEAGUE WHO IS
INVITING AND
ACCEPTING OF
ALL WOMEN**

ANNUAL PARTNERS

VISIONARY PARTNER



LEADERSHIP PARTNERS



DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS



ADVOCATE PARTNER



FRIEND OF JLS



DONORS**\$5,000+**

Custom Metalcraft
SGC Foodservice

\$2,500 - 4,999

417 Pet Sitting
At Home Real Estate Services
Edward Jones, Mary Blair
BP Builders, LLC
Central Bank
Central Trust Co.
Legacy Bank
Ozarks Elder Law
The Lezah and Ron Stenger Family

\$1,000 - 2,499

Dan Cobb
Ellecor Design
Stephanie Hesser
Caitlin Kisse
Fredna Mahaffey
Mid Missouri Bank
Catherine Moore
Neale & Newman, L.L.P.
Ollis/Akers/Arney
One of a Kind, Inc.
Ron and Janice Penney
State Bank of Southwest Missouri
Wild Horse Development LLC, Stephanie
Stenger Montomery and Lezah Stenger
Tal and Rosalie O'Reilly Wooten
Women Connect4Good Foundation

DONORS

\$500 - 999

Swann Dermatology	Hy-Vee
The Uptown Boutique	KPM
Travis Miller Home, LLC	Magical Vacations
Susan Turner	OakStar Bank
Rachel Fuhrman	Kellie Revoir
Sally Hargis	Tina Stillwell
Heim, Young & Associates	

\$250 - 499

Marguerite Spilde	Gwendolyn Dressler
Sharesa Parker	Joanna Dettmer
Sheila Lundberg	Brandi Delleville
Loehr Chiropractic	Kyle Dana
Nikki Holden	Stephanie Clark
Rebecca Hilton	Bethani Cunningham
Courtney Hayes	Mary Bozarth
Susan Gentry	Meredith Bosso
Kim Garwitz	Lacee Blunt
Megan Evans	Angela Blevins



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