

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
SPRINGFIELD, MO

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As I reflect, I am reminded of the delicate tendrils and persistent roots that develop each spring when flowers begin to reemerge from a long wintering. What I see growing seems tenuous and delicate, yet underneath there are strong connections and a reimagination of what the future will bring. We too have wintered, and as we emerge we have the same opportunity to recalibrate and reestablish who we are as women and as a league so that we may grow in the new environment in which we have been planted.

This year not all of our planting was successful. There have been difficult conversations, hard questions, uncomfortable growth and lost momentum. Inertia, fatigue, and a world seemingly divided have all threatened our tendrils like a late frost.

But underneath, our future will be fostered by the roots of connection and work we have started. We are supported and nourished by the successes of our founders, our mothers, our sisters, our mentors and friends. We are forging real connections in this soil, connections that force us to confront and embrace our failures, change course and be open to ideas and opportunities. Connections that allow us to remain students and teachers – to learn as much as we lead. Lifelong connections that allow us to be authentically human with each other and empower us to grow deeply as people and as leaders.

We are enriching the soil that will sustain the League through this next post-COVID season. We are exploring new community partnerships, volunteerism, and ways to engage and grow membership. We must water, trim, feed, replant and protect the new growth as we find the sun and bloom in new and unexpected ways.

This year I choose to measure our success in the soil we surround ourselves with – the connections, the imagination, the history and the opportunities before us.



I know personally I've found this role to be deeply challenging, helping me grow as a leader and finding nourishment not only in the big events, but in the simple gestures of members and friends who have supported me.

The league is ready for a new year, new roots are quickly taking hold as we grow deeply together and with others to build a better landscape for our members and communities for years to come.

Thank you for this opportunity to learn with and from each of you. I carry with me the thorns of growth, the watering of enrichment, the beauty of connection, and a hope of beautiful blooms ahead. I am humbled and honored to be among your leaves.

Thank you and here's to the sunny days ahead for us all.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allison Robertson'.

ALLISON ROBERTSON
PRESIDENT

2021 - 2022

JLS LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Allison Robertson, **President**
Casey Chasteen, **President-Elect**
Brandi Delleville, **Management Director**
Rebecca Barrientos, **Treasurer**
Courtney Hayes, **Parliamentarian**
Jean Kalapathy, **Sustainer Director**
Emily Dunn, **Nominating Chair**
Michelle Vespa, **Recording Secretary**
Carrie Brown, Kate Bauer, **Active At-Large**
Rachel Fuhrman, Demetra Gentry, **Active At-Large**
Linda McAllison, Sandy Howard, **Sustainer At-Large**



MANAGEMENT TEAM

Brandi Delleville, **Management Director**
Millie Schuchmann, **Management Director-Elect**
Katie Cosby, **Manager of Communications**
Olivia Young, **Manager-Elect of Communications**
Samantha Williams, **Manager of Community Impact**
Ashley Silva, **Manager-Elect of Community Impact**
Christy Howell, **Manager of Membership**
Jami Moore, **Manager-Elect of Membership**
Lacee Blunt, **Manager of Finance**
Morgan Boyd, **Manager -Elect of Finance**
Hanna Patterson, **Treasurer Elect**
Holly Beadle, **Sustainer Director - Elect**



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JLS LEADERSHIP

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Dana Holt, Administration

Laine Scholz, Admissions

Alison Wiland, Arrangements

Sharesa Parker & Rebecca Perkins, Charity Ball

Megan Evans, Done-in-a-Day

Rachel Fortenberry, Donor Relations

Tiffany Martin, Education & Development

Emily Hertzog, Fall Home Tour

Stephanie Hohenshell, Fund Development

Bethany Talley, Kids Count

Rianne Hoos, Placement

Kendal Bengsch, Tanner Lantz, Julia McGuire, Plaid Door

Victoria Sprenger, Project Review & Development

Andrea Gill, Publications

Rachel Fuhrman, Public Relations & Marketing

Marisa Vasquez, Public Affairs

Stephanie Hohenshell, Scholarship

Cris Swaters Milligan, Webmaster

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Vickie Dudley, *Isabel's House*

Dana Carroll, *Every Child Counts*

Don Chenevert, *SRC Holdings Corporation*

Jenny Fillmer-Edwards, *Springfield Greene
County Park Board*

Brian Fogle, *Community Partnership of the Ozarks*

Matt Morrow, *Springfield Area Chamber of
Commerce*

Richard Ollis, *Ollis Akers Arney*

Jason Gage, *City of Springfield*

Christy Davis, *Parents as Teachers*

Jaimie Trussell, *Council of Churches*

Hal Higdon, *OTC*

Meleah Spencer, *The Kitchen, Inc.*



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Discretionary Grants

\$150 Girl Scouts of America

\$250 Safe to Sleep

\$600 Gloria Deo Academy

Emergency Grants

Girl Scouts of America

GMM Giving Recipients

I Support the Girls

Family Justice Center

Ozarks Food Harvest

AIDS Project of the Ozarks

On Angels' Wings

Girls on the Run

Doula Foundation

Habitat for Humanity

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

CHERI CLARK BOUQUET OF ENTHUSIASM

MILLIE SCHUCHMANN



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

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ANN MARIE BAKER



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

Ashley Clair, Amy Henson, Christy Howell, Courtney Parsel, Laine Scholz, Cris Swaters Milligan

SBJ MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN

Rita Gurian, Lori Rook, Rebecca Weber

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ATHENA AWARD

Crista Hogan

BIZ 417 WOMEN WHO MEAN BUSINESS

Angi Blevins

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 \$2,000 Mary Riley Wolfe Memorial Scholarship. Each was selected due to education, strong academic performance and exemplary volunteer activity.

Ann Morrow
Glendale High School



Shae Smith
Bolivar High School



EVENTS

JLS hosted the first JLS Golf Classic on October 4.



● ● ● **Total Raised: \$4,731.34**

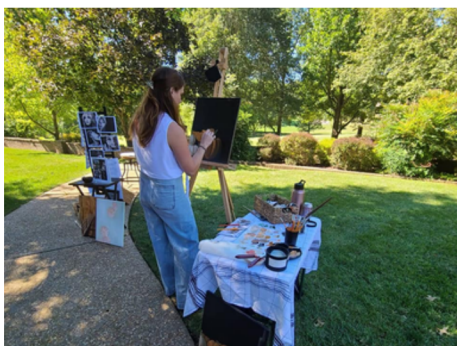


EVENTS



Junior League of Springfield proudly hosted its sixth annual Fall Home Tour on Sept. 25, featuring a glimpse into some of Springfield's finest residential homes and kitchens. More than 100 attendees enjoyed the crisp fall weather, amazing cooking demos and beautiful decor at each home.

● ● ● **Total Raised: \$11,678**



EVENTS**ANNUAL GIVING, COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS
& ENDOWMENT**

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: \$7,018.33**

EVENTS

CHARITY BALL

Junior League of Springfield's 62st annual Charity Ball – Black & White: Roaring 20's

● ● ● Total Raised: \$20,879.56



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



the plaid door
the resale boutique with a heart

● ● ● **Total Raised: \$17,949.49**



COMMUNITY PROJECT PARTERS



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Boys & Girls Club
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks
CASA of Southwest MO
Child Advocacy Center
Diaper Bank of the Ozarks
Empower Abilities
I Pour Life
Laura's Home
OTC Middle College
Rebound Foundation

VOLUNTEER IMPACT



10

DONE IN A DAY EVENTS

136

VOLUNTEERS

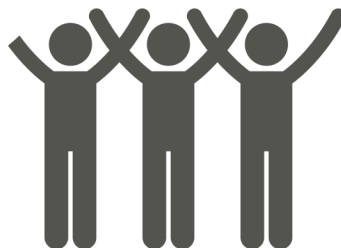
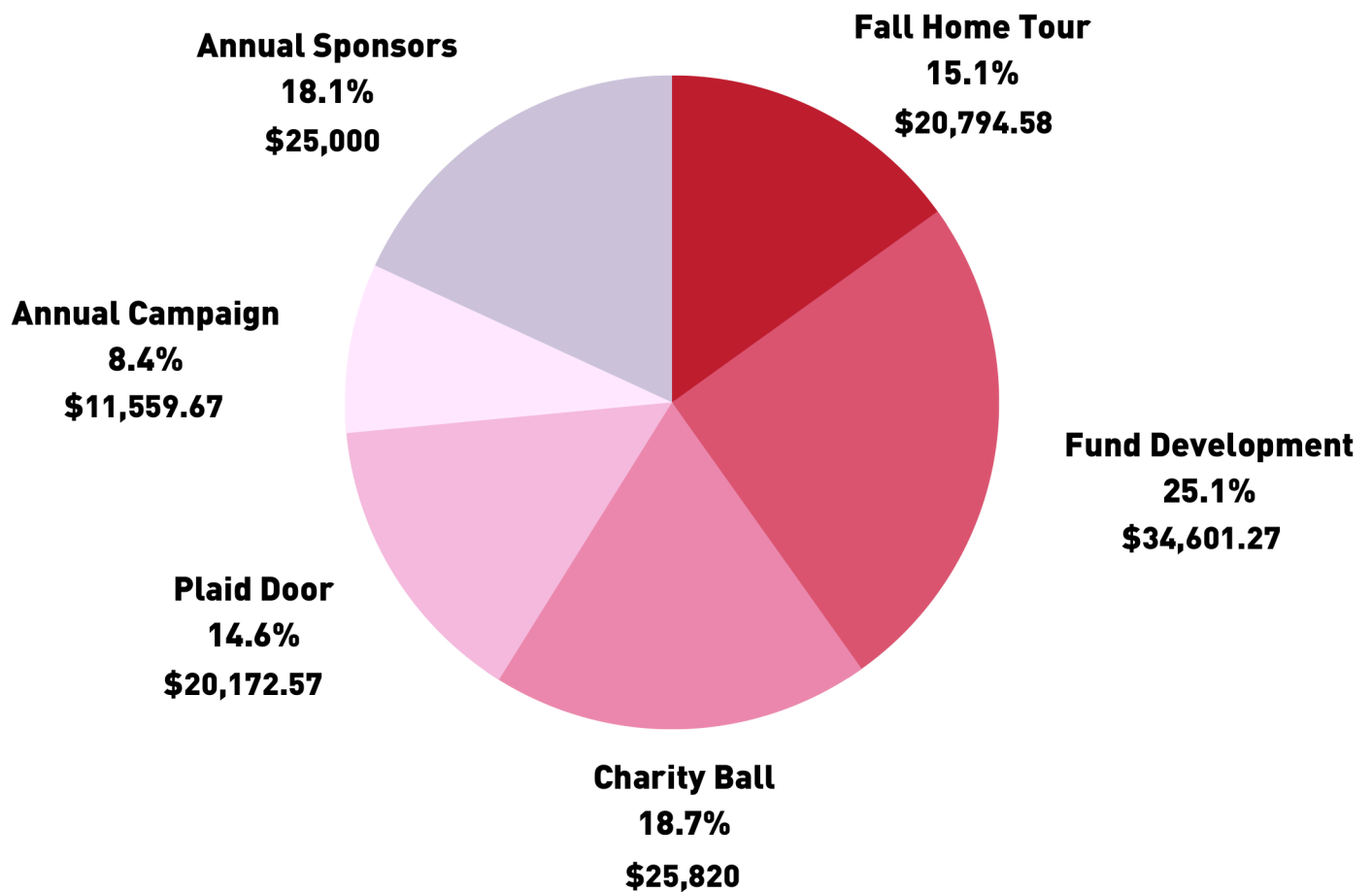
305

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Community Impact in Action



FUNDRAISING SUMMARY



TRAINING SUMMARY

INTERNAL TRAINING

300



**Training
Hours**

145



**Women
Trained**

8



**Training
Events**

EXTERNAL TRAINING

442

8

3

Numbers reflect training from
June 2019 - March 2020



34

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

162

ACTIVE MEMBERS

288

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

DIVERSITY and INCLUSION JOURNEY

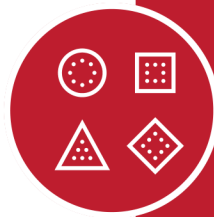
The JLS welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of individuals, organizations and communities.

- 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.
- 2020-2022** Diversity & Inclusion Task Force holds community wide conference and began reviewing organizational bylaws and policies for updates and exploring ways to embed inclusion further into the League via committee leadership.

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



KUTAKROCK



Nikki Holden & Joe Lutomske

DONORS**\$5,000+**

At Home Real Estate Services
Downstream Casino
SRC Holdings
Kathy Steinberg

\$2,500 - 4,999

417 Pet Sitting
Central Bank
Central Trust Co.
Nikki Holden & Joe Lutomske
Kutak Rock
Neale & Newman
Mattax Neu Prater Eye Center
Brandi & Bryan Delleville

\$1,000 - 2,499

Ameriprise Financial
Dan Cobb
Dr. Marcelo Mantala
Good Clean Wine
Stephanie Hesser
Nancy Knauer
Pamela Leggett Lowry
Mid Missouri Bank
Catherine Moore
Michelle Moulder
Lezah Stenger
Tal and Rosalie O'Reilly Wooten

DONORS

\$500 - 999

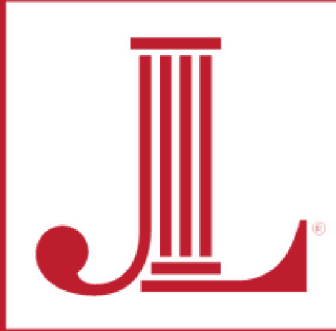
1st and 4th Industries, LLC
Brenda Bauer
BKD, LLP
Nikki Diederich
Susan Holliday
Caitlin Kisse
Hannah Patterson
Paul Mueller Company

\$250 - 499

Casey Chasteen
Casey Coring
Bethani Cunningham
DeLong Plumbing, Heating & Air
Conditioning
Hannah Dunville
Tina Evans
Rachel Fortenberry
Rachel Fuhrman
Amanda Hake
Stephanie Hohenshell
Lowther Johnson, Attorneys at Law

Mary Keyes
Tanner Lantz
Tatyana Osenni
Stacey Penney
Lina Robertson
Millie Schuchmann
Alexandra Sheppard
Tina Stilwell
Susie Turner
SwetCycle, LLC
The Hive





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