



# Annual Report 2016

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 **JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
SPRINGFIELD, MO**



Ashley French, President

Being given the ability to serve, is one of the highest privileges a human being can be given. What you give, will be returned to you in many ways. The Junior League is built on the selfless acts of women who knew they wanted to serve, and just needed to get organized. Nearly 60 years later that drive to serve is still alive in the Junior League of Springfield.

This past year we as a League saw tremendous individual success from our members as well as significant events that surpassed budget, broke attendance records and changed lives of women within our community.

When we as a League look back at our year, I hope all of our members can reflect back and feel a strong sense of accomplishment and felt their time they gave was valued and appreciated. The role as a League member can be challenging at times. There are long nights away from our loved ones, hundreds of emails, and an added layer of stress that we may not be accustomed to.

But nothing worth doing is ever easy. I admire every woman who sacrificed for the League this past year. And those that have prior and will continue to do so. The experience I was granted this past year to serve as President, was one

of the most meaningful experiences in my life. One that will not be forgotten and one that I will continue to be grateful for.

Our membership base is a group of incredibly talented, gifted women. I wish for all of our members to embrace every leadership opportunity they will be given. When that happens, communities change and we change.

Through this Annual Report I hope the hard work of many is evident. This was one chapter in our story. The future chapters these Junior League trained women will write, will have a substantial impact in our history. In that, I have no doubt.

In Service & Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley French', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley French

# 2015-2016 Executive Committee and Board of Directors



Ashley French  
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Angela Blevins  
*President-Elect\**

Bridget Lovelle  
*VP Communications\**

Mary Kromrey  
*VP Community\**

Kim Garwitz  
*VP Finance\**

Allison Jackson  
*VP Membership\**

Rachel Dwiggins  
Shelley Todd  
*Treasurers*

Sativa Boatman-Sloan  
*Parliamentarian*

Brigitte Marrs  
*Sustainer President*

Katie Moore  
*Immediate Past President*

Katie McElvaine  
*Nominating*

Allison Robertson  
*Project Review and Development*

Carrie Brown  
*Recording Secretary\**

\* Executive Committee

# 2015-2016 Committee Chairs

Tiffany Hobbs  
Sarah Jones  
*Administration*

Courtney Hayes  
*Arrangements*

Jessica Duncan  
*Charity Ball*

Meredith Bosso  
*Charity Run*

Kayshia Rosenbury  
*Cookbooks*

Allison Anbari  
*Plaid Door*

Kelli Wehr  
*Resource & Development*

Stacy Forbis  
*Endowment*

Teresa Coyan  
*Tour of Kitchens*

Sarah Russell  
*Done in a Day*

Amber Musgrave  
*Public Affairs*

Mary Graham  
*Kids Count*

Melissa Hall  
*Scholarship*

Katie Abbey  
*DIAY - Getting Ahead*



Dena Dill  
*DIAY - Homeless Youth*

Paige Thompson  
*Education & Development*

Sarah Howey  
*New Member*

Katie Towns  
*Placement*

Logan Aguirre  
*Publications*

Rachel Fuhrman  
*Public Relations & Marketing*

Lindsey Arnold  
*Digital Media*

# 2015-2016 Community Advisory Council

Holly Beadle

*Isabel's House, Executive Director*

Regina Cooper

*Springfield Greene County Library  
Executive Director*

Janet Dankert

*Community Partnership of the Ozarks  
Executive Director*

Cliff Davis

*OTC  
Vice Chancellor of Advancement,  
Student Affairs & Strategic Planning*

Jamie Dopp

*City Utilities  
Community Relations Director*

Jenny Fillmer Edwards

*Springfield Greene County Park Board  
Public Information Administrator*

Brian Fogle

*Community Foundation of the Ozarks  
President & CEO*

Melissa Haddow

*Community Volunteer*

Jennifer Jackson

*Springfield Business Journal  
Publisher*

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*Springfield Public Schools  
Superintendent*

Yolanda Lorge

*Grupo Latinoamericano  
President*

Christian Mechlin

*Robberson Community School  
Coordinator*

Matt Morrow

*Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce  
President*

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*Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks  
Founder and Chairman*

Betty Parnell

*Every Child Initiative  
Co-Chair*

Jamie Presley

*KY3, Inc., Community Relations Manager*

Missy Riley

*Parent as Teachers, Director*

Dr. Meera Scarrow

*Mercy Clinic/Jordan Valley Health Center  
OB/GYN*

Gail Smart

*Impacting Poverty Commission, Co-Chair*

Mark Struckhoff

*Council of Churches of the Ozarks  
Executive Director*

Joan Whitaker

*417 Magazine  
General Manager*

Paul Williams

*Springfield Police Department  
Chief of Police*

## 2015-2016 JLS Discretionary Grants

**\$500**

Summer Program, Boys and Girls Club

**\$500**

Ozarks Greenways

**\$500**

Diaper Bank of the Ozarks

# Membership Recognition

Junior League is honored to have over 600 outstanding women investing their time, talent, and treasure to support our mission.



**Cheri Clark Bouquet  
of Enthusiasm Award  
2016**

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

**Allison Anbari**



**Lifetime Achievement  
Award  
2016**

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

**Sally Hargis**



**30 Years Active  
Award  
2016**

**Mary Lou Foss**



# Membership Recognition

## **JLS Members Attend ODI**

Organizational Development Institute is a weekend retreat sponsored by the Association of Junior Leagues 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.

Caitlin Kisse  
Courtney Hayes  
Dena Dill

Meredith Bosso  
Tammy Dixon  
Tara Benson

Cris Swaters  
Shallina Goodnight

Casey Chasteen  
Rachel Fuhrman

## **2015 Springfield Business Journal's Most Influential Women**

Ashley French  
Betsy Miller  
Rachel Dwiggin

Shallina Goodnight  
Teresa Coyan

## **2015 Springfield Business Journal's 40 Under 40**

Angela Blevins  
Katie McElvaine

Krista Adams  
Lacy Martin

## **SBJ Trusted Advisor**

Melissa Bade

## **Leadership Springfield Class 31**

Logan Aguirre  
Angela Blevins

Crystal Mapp  
Carrie Brown

## **417 Magazine's 10 Most Beautiful**

Beth Raidel

## **417 Magazine's Best Dressed**

Tara Hamilton

## **Every Day Hero's Award**

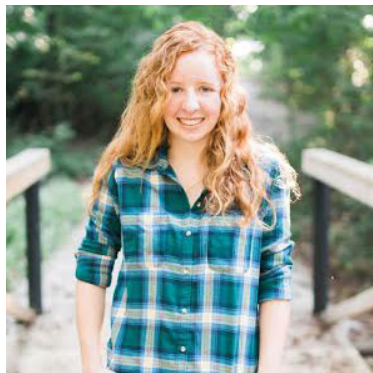
Marci Bowling



# Scholarships

## Mary Riley Wolfe Memorial Scholarships

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.



McKenzi Maples  
*Strafford HS*



Alexis Jackson  
*Nixa HS*

## Building Better Communities Scholarships

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



Nana Owens  
Kelsi Kelley, Rissa Merold  
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# Membership Recognition

## JLS Attends Lobby Day



## Sustainer Fashion Show



# Tour of Kitchens

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Junior League of Springfield proudly hosted its 2nd annual Tour of Kitchens on September 26, 2015 featuring a glimpse into six of Springfield's finest residential kitchens. More than 300 attendees enjoyed the crisp fall weather, amazing cooking demos, and beautiful decor at each home.





## Cookbooks

Cookbooks had a successful year of sales, thanks to several meetings and events.



## JLS Endowment Fund

The endowment fund is an investment set up by JLS in which the earnings of the donated capital are used for specific purposes, such as operating expenses. A gift of any amount to the endowment fund makes a difference. By giving to the endowment, a donor not only leaves a legacy, but also provides security for the future of JLS.





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The Junior League's 10th annual Charity Run 5K was held May 1st, 2016, at the beautiful new location of Farmers Park. More than 100 runners, walkers and volunteers came together to participate in this fun event. Ashley French served as the emcee of the event where attendees enjoyed a morning of fitness, family fun, prizes and more! We believe healthy people build health communities!



**SAVE THE DATE!**



Join us at JLS headquarters for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Run. This will be a family friendly event with lots of fun, food, and prizes!





57<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Ball



Junior League of Springfield hosted the 57th Annual Charity Ball, one of the most prestigious fundraisers in our community. Junior League Charity Ball was an exciting evening of elegance, tradition, and just plain fun! Guests of the event enjoyed fine dining and cocktails, live music, and an opportunity to support the Junior League by shopping our silent auction. Anchors Aweigh, A Nautical Affair, was an evening of celebration. Guests hit the dance floor and toasted to the success of the Junior League's efforts to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve our community.



**SAVE THE DATE!**



Prepare to sparkle at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Ball. This glitzy affair features music and dancing, and fabulous auction items.





The Junior League is proud to have owned and operated the Plaid Door Resale Boutique since 1976. This year marked the initial year of transformational changes made to ensure its continued success for years to come. The Plaid Door is now 100% Junior League volunteer ran and operated, and has relocated to 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 dollars 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 is located at 2574 E. Bennett Street in Springfield, inside the Junior League Headquarters. It is open the 2nd Saturday of the month, 9am to 3pm.



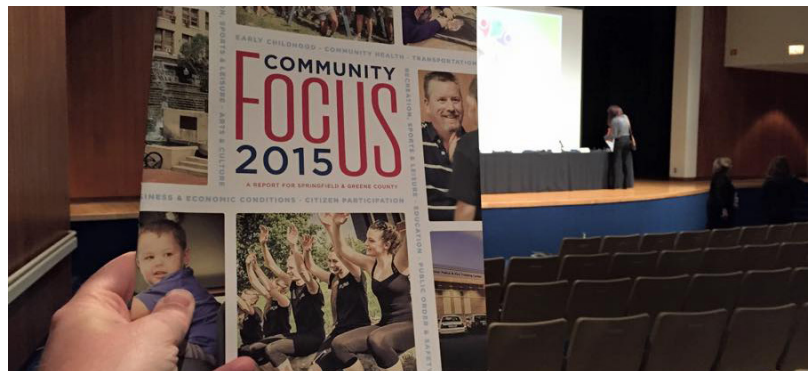


# COMMUNITY SUMMIT

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## FOCUS ON POVERTY

Over 400 community members attended the Community Summit: Focus on Poverty held October 8th, 2015. JLS president Ashley French led as the emcee. The program featured the release of the 2015 Community Focus Report, the Impacting Poverty Commission Report and Call to Action, the Zone Blitz Report, a panel discussion, and keynote speaker Dawn Lockhart. This event sparked a conversation to create a positive effect within our community to fight poverty. In addition, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks announced "The Northwest Project" which will dedicate \$100,000 annually for five years to non-profit collaborations to lift families out of poverty.



## Community Projects 2015-2016



Isabel's House and Community Partnership of  
the Ozarks Parent Cafe



Homeless Youth Project  
Women's Power Luncheon Silent Auction

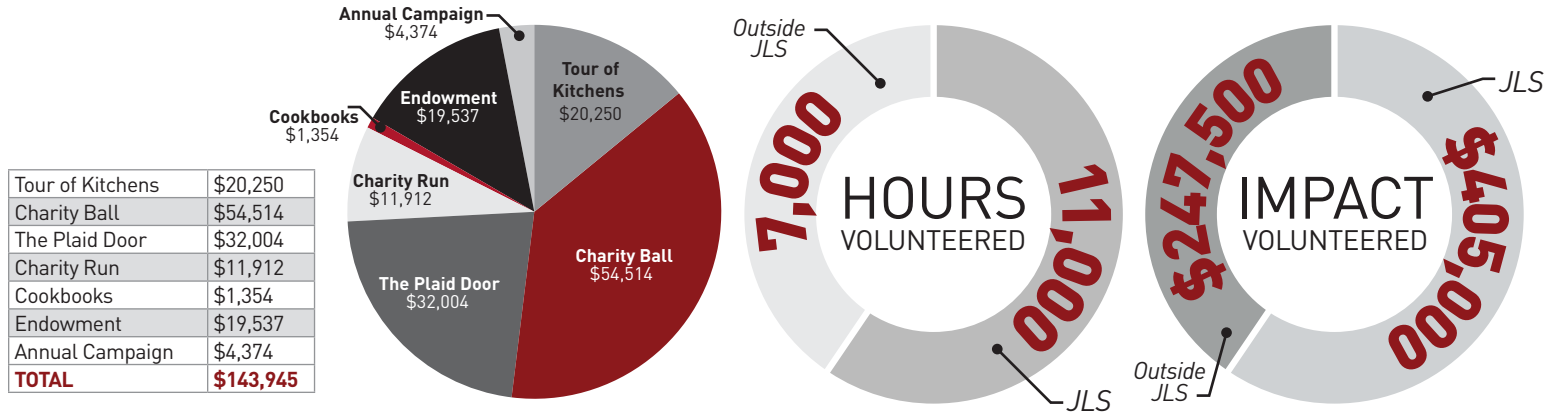


Isabel's House  
Hooray for Hollywood



Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World  
Robberson Community School Collaboration

# JLS Financial Statement



## Membership Statistics



# DIAY Projects 2016-2017

## Safe Place Program

JLS will assist:

- updating the signage at all Safe Place designated places
- educating the employees about the program
- educating youth to know there is a place to go that is safe and out of harm's way

## Beyond the Brochure

JLS will support the annual event, whose goal is to bring agencies, varying in services provided for Homeless Youth, to learn more about one another.

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