Annual Report 2015



WOMEN BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES



Dear friends,

The Junior League of Springfield continued its longstanding work in the community during the 2014-15 year. The mission of the JLS, promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers, and our focus of the prevention of child abuse and neglect, served as guideposts for all of our decisions. Through actively living out the mission, JLS members gave over 17,500 hours of service to Springfield and the surrounding communities.

JLS members were recognized by many community organizations and won awards throughout the year such as: the Gift of Time, Humanitarian of the Year, SBJ Most Influential Women, 417 Most Beautiful Women, and Leadership Springfield class 30 to name a few.

Members had many opportunities to develop their potential through leadership and learning. Our board, committee chairs and other leadership positions total 35 women. Additionally JLS sent 11 members to the Association of Junior Leagues International leadership conferences for current and emerging leaders. JLS hosted 2 board retreats, ELEVATE, OACAC Poverty Simulation training experience, marketing/pr training, fundraising training and several other personally engaging trainings. Members also served on the board of Isabel's House, the Impacting Poverty Commission, and Community Focus Report.

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As a result of ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of our efforts, the JLS made some exciting changes during the year. Membership voted to add a new fundraising event, the Tour of Kitchens. In the first year over 250 attendees took part in an all day event featuring six of Springfield's premiere kitchens and homes. The second annual Tour of Kitchens recently took place. The Plaid Door, one of our longest running fundraisers and community outreach opportunities, has experienced a decline over the past several years. The decision was made to change the look and feel of the store and to relocate the Plaid Door to our headquarters. The store will now be staffed by volunteers and will be open one Saturday a month.

The Junior League partnered with Habitat for Humanity for the Women Build Project. The project consisted of assisting with the Tools for Life program on a monthly basis and building a home from start to finish. On May 21 st we celebrated the completion of the build and a partner family became proud first time home owners. Our Project Review and Development committee worked hard to determine future opportunities for JLS members to participate in personally meaningful volunteer experiences needed by the community. The result of their research was to recommend a year long project with Robberson Community School offering the Getting Ahead curriculum. This curriculum was developed by Dr. Ruby Payne who visited Springfield in 2014 as part of a joint effort with Care to Learn, JLS and other organizations in Springfield. Additionally a research committee was formed for the 2015-16 league year to explore the services available and gaps existing with homeless youth and at risk mothers. The JLS is proud to continue our support of Isabel's House, Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks, through monetary and volunteer service.

I was honored to serve as the President of the Junior League of Springfield and am proud of the many accomplishments that we achieved together this year.

Best wishes, Katie

2014-2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- Nikki Holden: Recording Secretary*
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JLS Staff

- Elizabeth Davis: Executive Administrator
- Leah Peebles: Financial Administrator



2014-2015 LEADERSHIP

- Lisa Edwards: Administration
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- Emily Coulter: Plaid Door
- Alyea Alldredge: Charity Run
- Stephanie Hesser: Resource & Development
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- Angi Blevins: Placement
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- Allison Jackson: VP Elect Membership



2014-2015 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Holly Beadle: Isabel's House, Executive Director
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- Melissa Haddow: Community Volunteer
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- Christian Mechlin: Robberson Community School, Coordinator
- Mary Beth O'Reilly: Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks, Founder and Chairman
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- Jamie Presley: KY3, Inc., Community Relations Manager
- Missy Riley: Parents as Teachers, Director
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- Mark Struckhoff: Council of Churches of the Ozarks, Executive Director
- Joan Whitaker: 417 Magazine, General Manager
- Paul Williams: Springfield Police Department, Chief of Police
- Jennifer Jackson: Springfield Business Journal, Publisher
- Dr. John Jungmann: Springfield Public Schools, Superintendent



MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

The Junior League is honored to have over 650 outstanding women investing their time, talent, and treasure to support our mission.

"Each year, members are recognized within the league and in the greater community for outstanding accomplishments. JLS is proud to announce the recognition of these members." **Katie Moore, JLS President**

2015 Cheri Clark Bouquet of Enthusiasm Award

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



Logan Aguirre

2015 Lifetime Achievement Award

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



Beth Raidel

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.

> Kim Garwitz Leslie Gloe Krista Adams Jen Welton

Allison Jackson Erin Malloy Ariana Calvert Lori Rook

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

2014 Springfield Business Journal's Most Influential Women

Dot Atkinson Jenn Growcock

Leadership Springfield Class 30

Mandy Anthes Nikki Holden Holly Beadle

417 Magazine's 10 Most Beautiful Women

Shallina Goodnight

417 Magazine's Best Dressed

Stephanie Jernigan Jessie Tindall

2014 Springfield Business Journal's 40 Under 40

Carrie Brown Angie Burlison Mary Kromrey Amanda Tummons

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.



Julianne Ankrom Bolivar High School



Telyse Masaoay Central High School

Community Foundation of the Ozark's 2014 Humanitarian Award

Pictured here with Jewell Thompson Schweitzer, the founder of the award created to honor individuals in our region who excel at serving others in a humanitarian capacity.



Morey Mechlin, Sustainer and Past President

JLS ATTENDS LOBBY DAY



SUSTAINER FASHION SHOW



"Attending Lobby Day opened my eyes to the impact Junior League of Springfield has on our local legislation. Each delegate thanked us for our work and talked with us about the ongoing efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in southwest Missouri."

Logan Aguirre, VP Community



PAST PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

Front Row (L to R): Lezah Stenger, Nancy Knauer, Peg Carolla, Jan Horton, Linda McAllister, Joyce Blades, Fay Ollis, Sharon Nahon, Karen Sweeney Back Row: Susie Turner, Crista Hogan, Sherri Cook, Lynn Tynes, Karen Shannon, Lagena Scott, Mary Kay Ross, Morey Mechlin, Pam Leggett Lutes, Kathy Steinberg, Mary Craven, Heather Trinca, Stephanie Montgomery, Cindy Waites, Andrea McKinney, Katie Moore

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

"I would like to extend a special thank you to our generous sponsors and the 2015 Charity Ball Committee for the hours of hard work and fundraising to make this year's event such an incredible success!"

Melissa Bade, Charity Ball Chair











JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPRINGFIELD, MO

"It was so exciting to be such a big part of bringing a new fundraiser to the Junior League of Springfield. We hoped to attract a new group of attendees and extend our donor base with a completely new style of event. In our first year we had more than 250 attendees and have massive momentum on our second annual tour as well. It's been fun to see not only the Junior League of Springfield members but the whole community embracing this new event. I'm confident that it will be around for years to come."

Megan Johnson, Committee Chair











"Our committee worked hard to make meaningful changes to give Charity Run more longevity in the community as an event that stands for all that the Junior League is, trying to make healthier communities all while raising money for our signature projects."

Alyea Alldredge, Charity Run Chair



Charity Run Committee



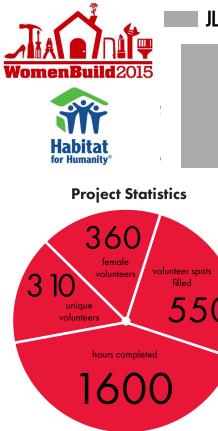
Committee Members stuffing race bags



"I am so proud of what our committee accomplished! We made big changes, and we learned so much. It will be rewarding to see all that the future holds for the Plaid Door as a result of the hard work invested this year."

Emily Coulter, Plaid Door Chair

Plaid Door is located at 2574 E. Bennett Street in Springfield, inside the Junior League Headquarters. Open the 2nd Saturday of each month 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



| JLS PARTNERS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR YEAR LONG PROJECT

"This was an amazing experience from working with the wonderful women of the League to the awesome staff at Habitat for Humanity as well as getting to know the family that would benefit from the home! JLS's partnership with HFHS in Women Build was part of our ongoing focus on the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Home ownership can be a powerful tool in improving the lives of our children in our community. Having the opportunity to help a deserving family right here in our community achieve the stability and dignity that comes with home ownership was so great! Actually seeing the house come together piece by piece made the work that we were doing so real. It was great to be a part of a project that fit in so well with our mission and what the Junior League is all about. It was also so fun to see all the women out there working hard together and having fun! This was a wonderful experience and I hope we see another women build in our community soon!"

Jessie Tindall, Committee Chair







JLS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Homeless Youth Research Task Force

The committee is researching the awareness of the homeless youth population in our community. Through meetings, discussions and training with various field experts in the community, the committee will continue doing research throughout this league year; ultimately forming plans and ideas that will be implemented in a Homeless Youth DIAY project next league year.

In Response to Ruby Payne visit, JLS Launches A New Year-Long Project

This year the Junior League of Springfield and Robberson Community School have a joint venture, through strategic partnerships with Robberson families and a group of dedicated Junior League volunteers, we work to teach families how to "Get ahead in a 'just gettin by' world".

SAVE THE DATE:

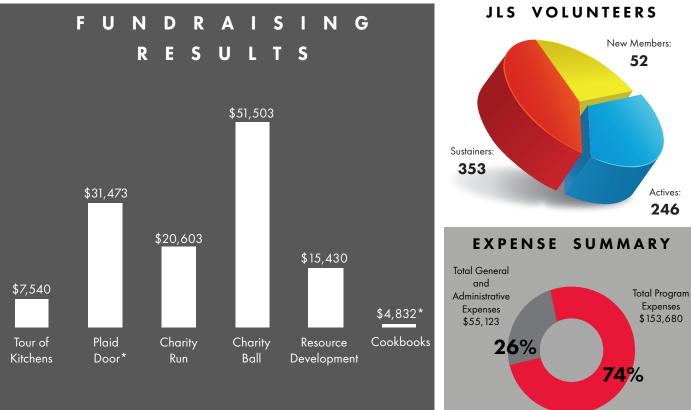
Charity Ball February 20, 2016

Charity Run April 30, 2016

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*Number does not include cost of goods

JLS PARTICIPATES IN THE FIRST GIVE OZARKS DAY

Thank you to our supporters!

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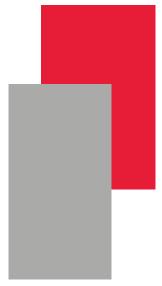
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