



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
SPRINGFIELD, MO
Women building better communities™

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018



Mary Kromrey, President

As our fifth decade draws to a close, I look back at the year and realize 365 days couldn't have gone by any quicker. We kicked off our year with lots of laughs and insight into the history of women's leadership with the community wide event, Get Wild! and the passionate servant leader, Vicki Clark. We then co-led the release of the Community Focus Report with long time partners at Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Springfield Chamber of Commerce, & the Springfield Greene County Library by celebrating the stories of success and hope from our neighbors.

Tour of Kitchens, Shop, Savor, Bid, the Little Black Dress Initiative, The Plaid Door, and Charity Ball allowed us to raise vital funds to reinvest into our community through both partner projects and helping women develop, explore, and enhance their leadership abilities and civic engagement. This year was also bittersweet as we paused to reflect on the lives of two of our members who passed away, Kitty Lipscomb and Shelly Sachs.

Our Annual Report hits the highlights of our year, but it cannot fully convey the heart and soul of our members. Read it with a smile on your face, and know that each number, each picture, and each story is made possible by extraordinary women who showed up with eyes wide open and hearts full of gratitude to learn about and serve our community.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to have served as the 59th President of the Junior League of Springfield. As the Junior League of Springfield ushers in our 60th year, take a moment to celebrate our rich history, dream about our future, and most importantly-enjoy each other's company.

Sincerely,

Mary Kromrey



2017-2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MANAGEMENT TEAM



Mary Kromrey – *President*

Tammy Dixon – *President-Elect*

Meredith Bosso – *Treasurer*

Nikki Hutson – *Parliamentarian*

Michelle Nahon Moudler – *Sustainer Director*

Caitlin Kisse – *Nominating*

Angela Blevins – *Immediate Past President*

Talyia Leeper – *Recording Secretary*

Kim Garwitz – *Management Director*

Angela Blevins, Jennifer Growcock,

Catherine Bass Black, Lori Murawski – *Active At-Large*

Susie Turner, Heather Goller – *Sustainer At-Large*



Kim Garwitz – *Management Director*

Casey Chasteen – *Management Director-Elect*

Rachel Fuhrman – *Manager of Communications*

Kellie Revoir – *Manager-Elect of Communications*

Allison Robertson – *Manager of Community Impact*

Mary Graham – *Manager-Elect of Community Impact*

Jacqui Coones – *Manager of Membership*

Emily Dunn – *Manager-Elect of Membership*

Nikki Holden – *Manager of Finance*

Stephanie Hesser – *Manager-Elect of Finance*

Courtney Hayes – *Treasurer Elect*

Shelia Lundberg – *Sustainer Director-Elect*

2017-2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Ashley Clair – *Public Relations/Marketing*

Kylie Wright – *Digital Media*

Bridget Lovelle – *Publications*

Dana Holt – *Administration*

Amy Steele – *Arrangements*

Amanda Hake – *Charity Ball*

Brandi Delleville & Maria Stockton – *Plaid Door*

Cris Swaters – *Fund Development*

Brittany Waugh – *Donor Relations*

Stephanie Hoeman – *Education & Development*

Dena Dill – *Homeless Youth*

Clarissa Young – *Tour of Kitchens*

Amie Squibb – *Done in a Day*

Trysta Herzog – *Public Affairs*

Allison Anbari – *Placement*

Kristin Riedy – *Kids Count*

Liz Conner – *Scholarship*

Heather Marshall – *Provisional Members*

Project Review & Development – *Stavia Boatman-Sloan*

60th Anniversary – *Mandy Anthes & Stacy Forbis*



2017-2018 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Holly Beadle – *Isabel's House, Executive Director*

Dana Carrol – *Every Child Promise, Springfield's Child Advocate*

Janet Dankert – *Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Executive Director*

Don Chenevert Jr. Esq. – *SRC Holdings Corporation, Deputy General Counsel*

Jamie Dopp – *City Utilities, Community Relations Director*

Dr. John Jungmann – *Springfield Public Schools, Superintendent*

Yolanda Lorge – *Grupo Latinoamericano, President*

Matt Morrow – *Springfield Chamber of Commerce, President*

Richard Ollis – *Ollis, Akers, & Arney, President*

Missy Riley – *Parents as Teachers, Director*

Gail Smart – *Impacting Poverty Commission, Co-Chair*

Mark Struckhoff – *Council of Churches of the Ozarks, Executive Director*

Paul Williams – *Springfield Police Dept, Chief of Police*

COMMUNITY GRANTS

2017-2018

\$638

Convoy of Hope Disaster Relief

\$500

Missouri State University

Victim Center

Strafford Middle School

\$250

FosterAdopt Connect

SE Springfield Rotary: "Don't Meth With Us!"

Nightlight Christian Adoptions

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION



Cheri Clark Bouquet of Enthusiasm

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

Courtney Hayes



Lifetime Achievement Award

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

Jane McElvaine

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.

Trysta Herzog, Lori Murawski, Allison Robertson, Ashley Clair - *ODI February 2018 (Orlando)*

Brandi Delleville, Millie Schuchmann, Jennifer Colwell, Carrie Brown - *ODI November 2017 (Dallas)*

Jami Hulse, Bridget Lovelle, Rachel Snow, Sarah Rogers - *ODI May 2018 (Memphis)*

Rachel Fuhrman, Nikki Holden - *AJLI Winter Leadership Conference April 2018 (Long Beach)*

Tammy Dixon, Casey Chasteen, Nikki Holden, Rachel Fuhrman - *AJLI Annual Conference May 2018 (Memphis)*

Tammy Dixon - *Fall Leadership Conference (Salt Lake City, UT)*

Leadership Springfield 2017-2018

Dana Ausburn

Megan Johnson

Tammy Dixon

Stacy Schneider

Casey Chasteen

Republican of the Year

Sharon Nahon

SBJ Most Influential Women

Susie Turner

Amanda Tummons

MSU 2018 Staff Excellence in Community Service Award

Tara Benson

Young Entrepreneur Award, Minorities in Business

Monica Horton

Take the Leads 'Leading Woman' Award Recipient

Dr. Nancy O'Reilly

SBJ 40 Under 40 2017

Catherine Bass Black Rachael Mhire

Sarah Russell Lindsey Lund

Crystal Mapp Mary Bozarth

Mandy Anthes

Biz 417's 10 For the Next 10

Catherine Bass Black



SCHOLARSHIPS

Building Better Communities

The following 3 women were each selected to receive a \$500 Building Better Communities Scholarship which was established to assist non-traditional female students pursue their education.

Kristine Borneman,
Behavioral Health Program at OTC

Tami Griffith Dental,
Hygiene program at OTC

Amanda Stewart,
Dental Assistant program at OTC

Mary Riley Wolfe 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.



Akila Anandarajah
Central High School



Grace Fairchild
Aurora High School



**LOBBY DAY
MARCH 7, 2017**



**GET WILD WITH
VICKI CLARK
AUGUST 22, 2017**



COMMUNITY FOCUS RELEASE EVENT OCTOBER 24, 2017



SUSTAINER LUNCH



EVENTS



Tour of Kitchens



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Junior League of Springfield proudly hosted its 4th annual Tour of Kitchens on September 9, 2017 featuring a glimpse into six of Springfield's finest residential kitchens in Highland Springs. More than 200 attendees enjoyed the crisp fall weather, amazing cooking demos, and beautiful decor at each home.





Our second annual Little Black Dress Initiative (LBDI) was held Feb. 26-March 2. LBDI is a global initiative started by the Junior League of London to raise awareness of the impact of generational poverty. During this week, 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. By wearing a button that read "Ask me About my Dress," members invited and welcomed dialogue among colleagues, friends, and strangers to raise awareness about generational poverty. In addition to a strong social media campaign, this year saw the introduction of events throughout the week such as a hot barre class and lunch speaker. Our members raised \$26,500 for our mission!





Junior League of Springfield hosted the 59TH 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. A Black & White 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.





the plaid door
the resale boutique with a heart

The Junior League is proud to have owned and operated the Plaid Door Resale Boutique since 1976. This year marked the second year of transformational changes made to ensure its continued success for years to come. The Plaid Door is now 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. We also have our own cookbooks, plus exclusive cookbooks from other Junior Leagues available for purchase at the store. 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.





SHOP SAVOR BID *a boutique soirée*

The Junior League held its inaugural Shop. Savor. Bid. A Boutique Soiree paddle party fundraiser on November 2, 2017. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and drinks while bidding on boutique items provided by our vendors. A fun time of quarter bidding was had by all and raised \$5,125 for our mission.

COMMUNITY PROJECT PARTNERS

Laura's Home

OTC Middle College

LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home

Springfield Regional Arts Council

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks

Care to Learn

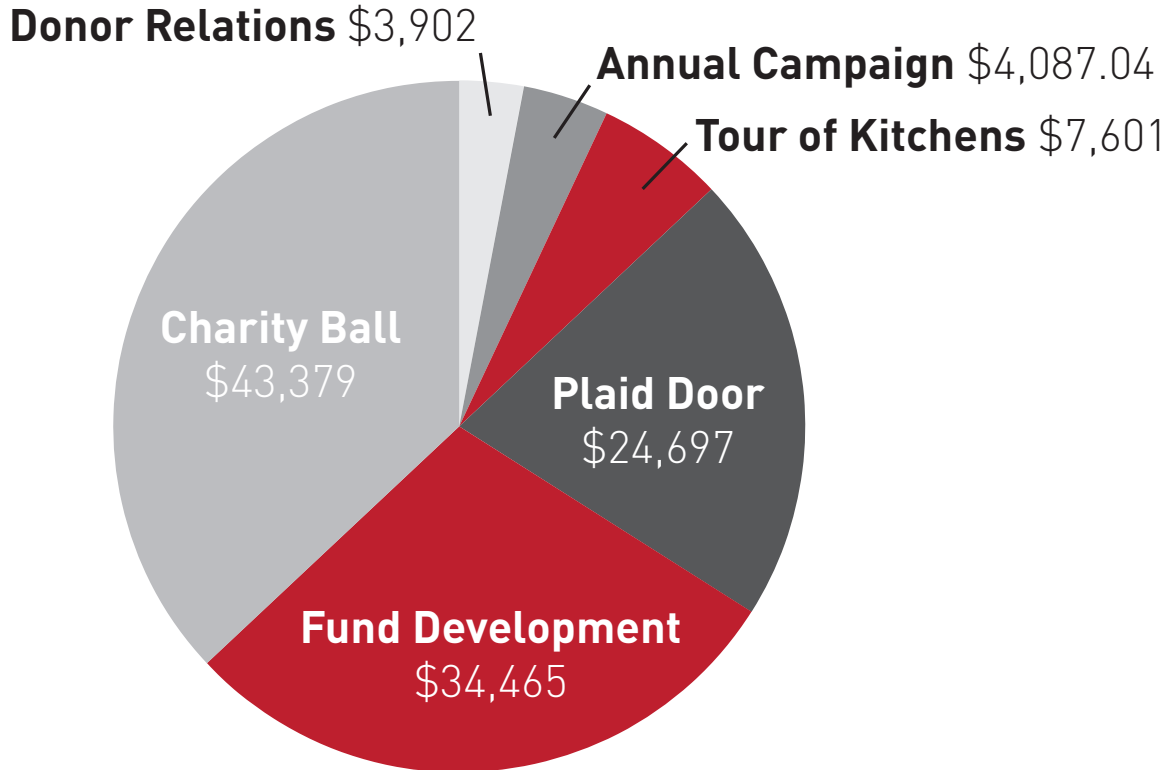
Diaper Bank of the Ozarks

I Pour Life

Isabel's House



FUNDRAISING SUMMARY



TRAINING SUMMARY

EXTERNAL TRAINING

384



Training
Hours

16



Women
Trained

\$12,100



Money
Spent

INTERNAL TRAINING

623

181

\$11,961.19

226 Active
Members

33 New
Members

350 Sustaining
Members

612 Total
Members



Each figure= 10 members

DONORS

\$5,000+

Thompson Sales
Arvest Bank

\$2500-4999

Johnston Supply
BP Builders
McCallister Coaching
Scrivener Oil Company
Ron & Janice Penny
HM Risk Management
Elite Mercedes Benz

DONORS

\$1,000-2499

Pioneer Outdoor
Neal & Newman
Mary Kromrey
Custom Metalcraft
Harem & Co.
BKD
KS Wood Products
Cox Health
Central Bank & Trust
Sally Milligan & Bart Bowe
Women Connect for Good
Kim Garwitz
Karen Shannon
Legacy Bank & Trust

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Brittany Waugh
Rosalie Wooten
Oak Star Bank
Wild Horse Development
Modern Motor Cars
Doug Pitts Construction
Stoneridge Carpets
Cabinet Concepts
Youngblood Motors
Amanda Hake
Stephanie Hesser
Ron & Leza Stenger
Jeff and Lynn Tynes

\$500-999

Springfield Family Vision
Allison Jackson
The Thicket
Arvest Bank
Swann Dermatology
UMB Bank
Grove Spa
Ollis/Akers/Arney
Pillar Insurance
Erin Malloy
Hogan Land & Title
Meeks Lumber
Nikki Holden
Stephanie Hohenshell
Melissa Bade

\$250-499

Dan Cobb
Stephanie Jernigan
Walnut Lawn Funeral Home
Tammy Dixon
Caitlin Kisse
Allison Kist

Jeff Houghton
Maxon's
Clarissa Young
Catherine Bass Black
Oak Star Bank
Ruby's Market



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