

# BETTER TOGETHER

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
SPRINGFIELD, MO  
*Women building better communities®*

ANNUAL REPORT  
2020-2021



Courtney Hayes, President

**T**he Junior League of Springfield continues a journey we began in 1959 to be innovative and strategic in building a better community. We are not alone on this journey. Rather, we are accompanied by our countless community partners who join us in this great endeavor. The journey may have looked a little different this year, but with patience, perseverance and teamwork, not even a pandemic could stop JLS!

As we committed the year to be “Better Together”, we continued to be solidly grounded in our mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Management Team along with our dedicated committee chairs were quick to make decisions as our world was changing daily. Together, we rallied together to keep our members safe while offering alternative ways to meet, have a little fun and continue to raise funds for the League. The Board of Directors continued to focus on the development and implementation of a strategic plan that creates a significant, inspiring and sustaining impact in our community.

I am truly humbled and grateful to have served as president of the greatest organization in Springfield. Thank you for entrusting the position to me this year. It has been an honor that I will forever cherish.

I want to thank the Board of Directors for their dedication and hard work. I am blessed to be a part of this group of astounding women. I hope each one of you know how truly special and inspiring you have been to me this year. I also want to thank Mary Bozarth and the Management Team for the countless hours they have contributed to the League this year. Your loyalty and dedication are appreciated more than you will ever know. I hope each of you feel proud of what you have accomplished this year. I want to give a special thank you to my incredible sustainer advisor, Crista Hogan. Crista has been so encouraging, informative and helpful to me this year. I truly could not have asked for a better advisor. To the incredible group of women who we proudly know as our JLS Sustainers, thank you for your continued service and support of current leadership and the League. Your insight and encouraging words made this year much brighter!

To our members, thank you for being patient, kind and supportive of the leadership as we were forced to make some tough decisions this year. I hope your kindness is repaid to you in abundance. Thank you to each of you for giving your expertise, passion, talent, and experience to the League this year. We all come from varying walks of life, which contributes to the uniqueness of JLS and creates the opportunity for us to have a greater impact in our community. This year’s successes would not have been possible without you.

Our journey as a League continues and is a work in progress, but we are committed for the long run. As our leadership time comes to an end, we leave you in the hands of some extraordinary women to lead the next chapter of JLS. You will not want to miss what next league year holds! Always remember to be kind, spread joy, love one another, encourage one another, help one another, counsel one another, support one another and let your light shine. After all, we are always “Better Together”.



# JOINT LEADERSHIP RETREAT



# JLS STAFF MEMBERS

Elizabeth Schlueter-Davis – *Executive Administrator*

Leah Peebles – *Financial Administrator*



# 2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Courtney Hayes – *President*

Allison Robertson – *President-Elect*

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Andrea McKinney, Michelle Moulder – *Sustainer Advisors*

# 2020-2021 MANAGEMENT TEAM



- Mary Bozarth – *Management Director*  
Brandi Delleville – *Management Director-Elect*  
Rebecca Barrientos – *Treasurer Elect*  
Amie Squibb – *Sustainer Director-Elect*  
Emily Letterman – *Manager of Communications*  
Bridget Lovelle – *Manager of Community Impact*  
Amanda Hake – *Manager of Finance*  
Millie Schuchmann – *Manager of Membership*  
Katie Cosby – *Manager-Elect of Communications*  
Samantha Williams – *Manager-Elect of Community Impact*  
Lacey Blunt – *Manager-Elect of Finance*  
Christy Howell – *Manager-Elect of Membership*  
Susie Turner, Stephanie Montgomery,  
Camille Lockhart, Catherine Goodnight, Carol Wooten,  
Krystal Russell, Morey Mechlin – *Sustainer Advisors*

# 2020-2021 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ADVISORS



## Communications Council

*Publications:* **Andrea Gill**, Chair; **Amanda Johnson**, Assistant Chair;  
**Martha Crise**, Sustainer Advisor

*Public Relations/Marketing:* **Kimberly Maddox**, Chair;  
**Ashley Cross**, Assistant Chair; **Jennifer Murphy**, Sustainer Advisor

*Webmaster:* **Olivia Young**, Chair; **Lisa Longwell**, Assistant Chair

## Community Impact Council

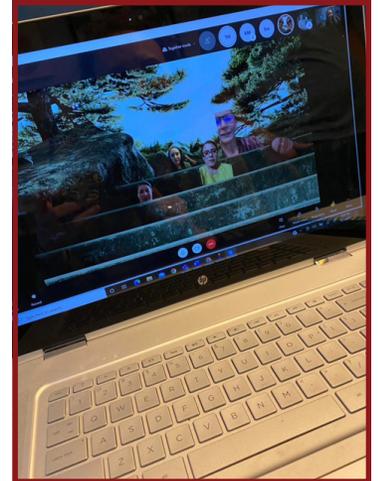
*Done In A Day:* **Elizabeth Fax**, Chair; **Megan Evans**, Assistant Chair;  
**Susy Barr**, Sustainer Advisor

*Project Review & Development:* **Ashley Silva**, Chair;  
**Victoria Sprenger**, Assistant Chair; **Jane Patterson**, Sustainer Advisor

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**Marisa Vasquez**, Assistant Chair;  
**Jan Fisk**, Sustainer Advisor

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**Bethany Talley**, Assistant Chair;  
**Darlene Rea**, Sustainer Advisor

*Scholarship:* **Lori Rook**, Chair;  
**Stephanie Hohenshell**, Assistant Chair



# 2020-2021 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ADVISORS



## Finance Council

*Administration:* Jenny Owen, Chair; Hannah Patterson, Assistant Chair; Mary Keyes, Sustainer Advisor

*Charity Ball:* Rebecca Perkins, Chair; Sharesa Parker, Assistant Chair; Stephanie Weiss, Sustainer Advisor

*Donor Relations:* Rachel Fortenberry, Chair; Marci Bowling, Sustainer Advisor

*Fund Development:* Ashley Felio, Chair; Bridget Barclay Sudol, Assistant Chair; Lori Murawski, Sustainer Advisor

*Fall Home Tour:* Terri Copeland, Chair; Emily Hertzog, Assistant Chair

*Plaid Door:* Morgan Brock, Sebra Butler, Carie Calvery, Chairs; Kendal Bengsch, Tanner Lantz, Julia McGuire, Assistant Chairs; Mary Lou Foss, Sustainer Advisor



## Membership Council

*Arrangements:* Christy Howell, Chair; Alison Wiland, Assistant Chair; Susan Gelner, Sustainer Advisor

*Education & Development:* Brittany Zachary, Chair; Tiffany Nichols, Assistant Chair; Sheila Lundberg, Sustainer Advisor

*Provisional Member:* Elyse Hartley, Chair; Laine Scholz, Assistant Chair; Dena Dill, Sustainer Advisor

*Placement:* Stephanie Hoeman, Chair; Jamie Wilcox, Assistant Chair; Jane McElvaine, Sustainer Advisor



# 2019-2022 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Holly Beadle *Executive Director, Isabel's House*

Brian Fogle

*President and CEO, Community Foundation of the Ozarks*

Matt Morrow *President, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce*

Richard Ollis *Ollis/Akers/Arney*

Missy Riley *Director, Parent as Teachers*

Mark Struckhoff

*Executive Director, Council of Churches of the Ozarks*

Dana Carroll: *Child Advocate, Every Child Promise*

Jason Gage: *City Manager, City of Springfield*

Don Chenevert, Jr., Esq.:

*Deputy General Counsel, SRC Holdings Corporation*

Hal Higdon: *President & Chancellor, OTC*

Meleah Spencer: *CEO, The Kitchen*

Jenny Filmer-Edwards: *Public Information Administrator,  
Springfield Greene-County Park Board*

# DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

## 2020-2021

# \$500

History Museum  
Women's  
Suffrage Exhibit



# \$500

Discovery  
Center



# COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks  
Boys & Girls Club  
Empower Abilities  
Foster Adopt Connect  
Girls on the Run of Southwest Missouri

I Pour Life  
Laura's Home  
OTC Middle College  
Safe to Sleep  
Salvation Army

## 2020-2021



## ***OUR IMPACT:***

**26 DIAD Events, 136 Volunteers, 305 volunteer hours**

**GMM GIVING RECIPIENTS:** Although some GMMs were held remotely, JLS found new ways for members to give tangible items to the Springfield community, implementing an Amazon "wish list" of most needed items that could be shipped directly to the non-profit recipient. GMM Giving recipients for 20-21 include: Springfield Dream Center, Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks, Diaper Bank of the Ozarks, Foster Adopt Connect, OTC Middle College, Girls on the Run of Southwest, MO, Isabel's House, Habitat for Humanity. In addition, prior to the September GMM, JLS donated masks to community partners over the summer.

# COMMUNITY AND SCHOLARSHIPS

## Community Lending Library

Have you seen the cute little library on the League lawn? JLS leadership donated this community lending library and registered it on the Little Free Library world map, with the aim of increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds. You are welcome to stop by and contribute a book to the collection!



## Mary Riley Wolfe 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.



**Elise Duncan**  
*Glendale High School*



**Audrey Davis**  
*Logan-Rogersville High School*

## Building Better Communities

The following woman was 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.

**Sheridan Rose Milford**

# PUBLIC ADVOCACY

## A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

August 18, 2020 marked the centennial of the 19th Amendment's ratification, granting American women the right to vote. JLS partnered with the History Museum on the Square (a JLS project) to bring a Smithsonian exhibit on women's suffrage to Springfield.



# PUBLIC ADVOCACY

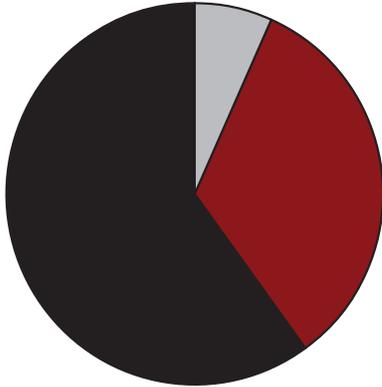


▲ **ADVOCACY  
DAY**

**MEET THE  
CANDIDATES** ▶



# MEMBERSHIP CONNECTION AND RECOGNITION



- Sustainer (305)
- Active (170)
- Provisional (34)

Staying connected was a challenge in 2020-21, but despite the circumstances, JLS found new ways to be #BetterTogether including implementing rolling provisional admissions, integrating online payment plans for member dues, launching a mentorship program, our bi-annual Women's Leadership Institute, quarterly leadership trainings, and monthly League lunches. In addition, JLS offered virtual options for each General Membership Meeting ("GMM") during the year, with the December, February, and March GMMs being held entirely virtual.

Our Communications Council was instrumental in fostering connections between members while physically distant, revamping JLS's internal and external facing websites, utilizing and enhancing content on JLS's YouTube channel, finding additional ways to celebrate members' accomplishments remotely, spotlighting member-owned small businesses, and creating an editorial calendar for internal and external JLS communications.

# MEMBERSHIP CONNECTION AND RECOGNITION



## **Cheri Clark Bouquet of Enthusiasm**

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

**Tammy Dixon**



## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

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

**Crista Hogan**

# MEMBERSHIP CONNECTION AND RECOGNITION

## JLS WOMEN OF WONDER AWARD

Olivia Young, Amanda Hake, Millie Schuchmann, Christy Howell, Becca Hilton, Katie Cosby, Hannah Patterson

## VIRTUAL AJLI CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Courtney Hayes, Allison Robertson, Brandi Delleville, Millie Schuchmann, Stephanie Hesser, Jami Moore, Ashley Silva, Lacey Blunt, Rachel Fuhrman, Casey Chasteen

## COMMUNITY HONORS

- Brandi Delleville, Amy Henson, Samantha Williams – Leadership Springfield Class 39
- Allison Gregory, Carrie Calvery, Elyse Hartley, Kristen Wannemacher Bright, Michelle Vespa – Leadership Springfield Class 40
- Dana Ausburn, Bethany Parsons - Springfield Business Journal “40 Under 40”



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## BOARD PLACEMENTS

JLS members have historically been instrumental in non-profit and government board leadership across our community, and this year was no exception. Indeed, the Fall Women’s Leadership Institute “Women on Board”, featured JLS members Angi Blevins, Caitlin Pierce Kissee, as well as Rachel Anderson and & Paige Oxendine as facilitators. In just this year alone, the following JLS members were appointed to Boards or promoted to Board Leadership:

- Courtney Pinkham-Martin, Board of Equalization for the City of Springfield
- Brianna Warner and Emily Hertzog, Diaper Bank of the Ozarks Board of Directors
- Bethany Parsons and Tanner Lantz, Foster Adopt Connect Advisory Board
- Samantha Williams, Greene County Domestic Violence Shelter Board
- Mary Bozarth, Appointed Vice Chair of the Greene County Domestic Violence Shelter Board
- Susie Turner, Springfield-Greene County Park Board

# MEMBERSHIP CONNECTION AND RECOGNITION

## DIVERSITY & INCLUSION TASK FORCE

The Diversity and Inclusion Task Force had a busy and productive year with a goal of creating a more equitable and inclusive league. The Junior League of Springfield continued its work with Francine Pratt for the journey towards Inclusive Excellence. Several trainings were offered to JLS members including Language Lingo and a conversation with the Chief of the Springfield Police Department. Members also engaged in external Diversity, Equity and Inclusion trainings, including the Association of Junior League International (AJLI) and United Way's Equity Challenges. Grants were secured from AJLI and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks for DEI specific projects. JLS held its first DEI specific training open to the community and brought both local and national speaker in a virtual setting. The task force will continue into the 2021-2022 league year to continue embedding DEI efforts throughout the league and increase community involvement.



## LEAGUE LUNCHES

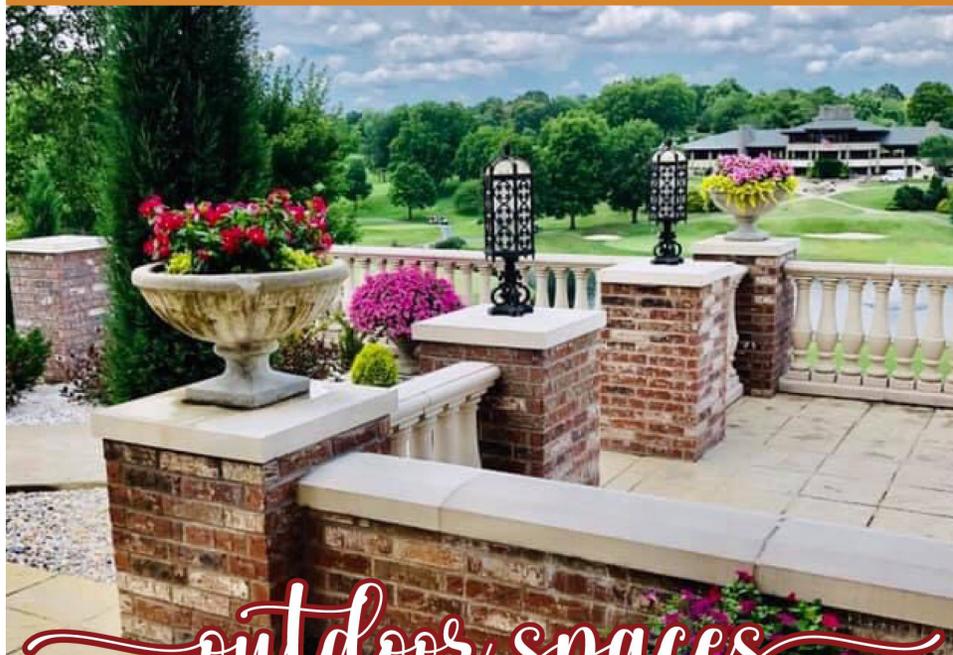


## MENTOR PROGRAM





SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 26  
10AM TO 2PM



*outdoor spaces*

Neighbor's Mill  
BAKERY & CAFE  
BREAK BREAD WITH NEIGHBORS

AR  
WORKSHOP

Junior League of Springfield switched things up for its 5th Annual Fall Home Tour on September 26, 2020, transforming the event into an outdoor-only feature of the most beautiful spaces in the Springfield area. In addition to taking the event outside, all attendees were masked, social distanced, and contact traced for COVID safety. VIP ticket purchasers were treated to individual boxed lunches from Neighbor's Mill and an adorable fall pumpkin craft from AR Workshop. Over 100 attendees enjoyed the crisp fall weather, amazing vendors, and beautiful patios and landscaping at each home. **TOTAL RAISED: \$5,799.00**





## SHOP SAVOR BID *a boutique soirée*

The Junior League held its fourth annual “Shop. Savor. Bid. A Boutique Soiree” fundraiser in-person and virtually on November 12, 2021. Over 60 guests had the opportunity to shop with local vendors and participate in an evening paddle party where individual charcuterie and drinks were served. A fun time of quarter bidding was had by all and raised **\$6,614.86** for our mission.



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# Little Black Dress Initiative



FEBRUARY 15TH - 19TH

Our fifth annual Little Black Dress Initiative (LBDI) was held during the month of February, and featured a community education as well as a fundraising component. LBDI is a global initiative started by the Junior League of London to raise awareness of the impact of generational poverty. LBDI participants wear 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 featured virtual events such as a charcuterie board making class, an educational seminar on generational poverty, and a "Give it Up" Campaign, encouraging participants to donate funds they would have normally spent on breakfast/coffee/lunch out. JLS also partnered with businesses in our community to raise poverty awareness in our community. Our members and community partners raised **\$3,885** for our mission!



# VIRTUAL CHARITY BALL: BLACK & WHITE CASINO NIGHT

Junior League of Springfield's 62nd Annual Charity Ball – Black & White Casino – was held virtually on April 17, 2021. Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, JLS Management Team and Board of Directors made the difficult decision to make the event virtual-only. This decision 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 and Finance Council members and leadership for pivoting to take this event virtual. Despite the unprecedented circumstances we faced this year, Charity Ball raised approximately **\$21,101.90** for our mission.





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 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 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.

**TOTAL RAISED: \$17,071.83**



# ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Without the option of holding in-person events for several months of 2020-21, JLS leadership pivoted to find innovative virtual methods of fundraising, including virtual charcuterie and cookie decorating classes, as well as a holiday light tour. **TOTAL RAISED: \$19,442.22**

**\$1,480**



**\$377.86**



**\$90**



**\$861**



**\$325**



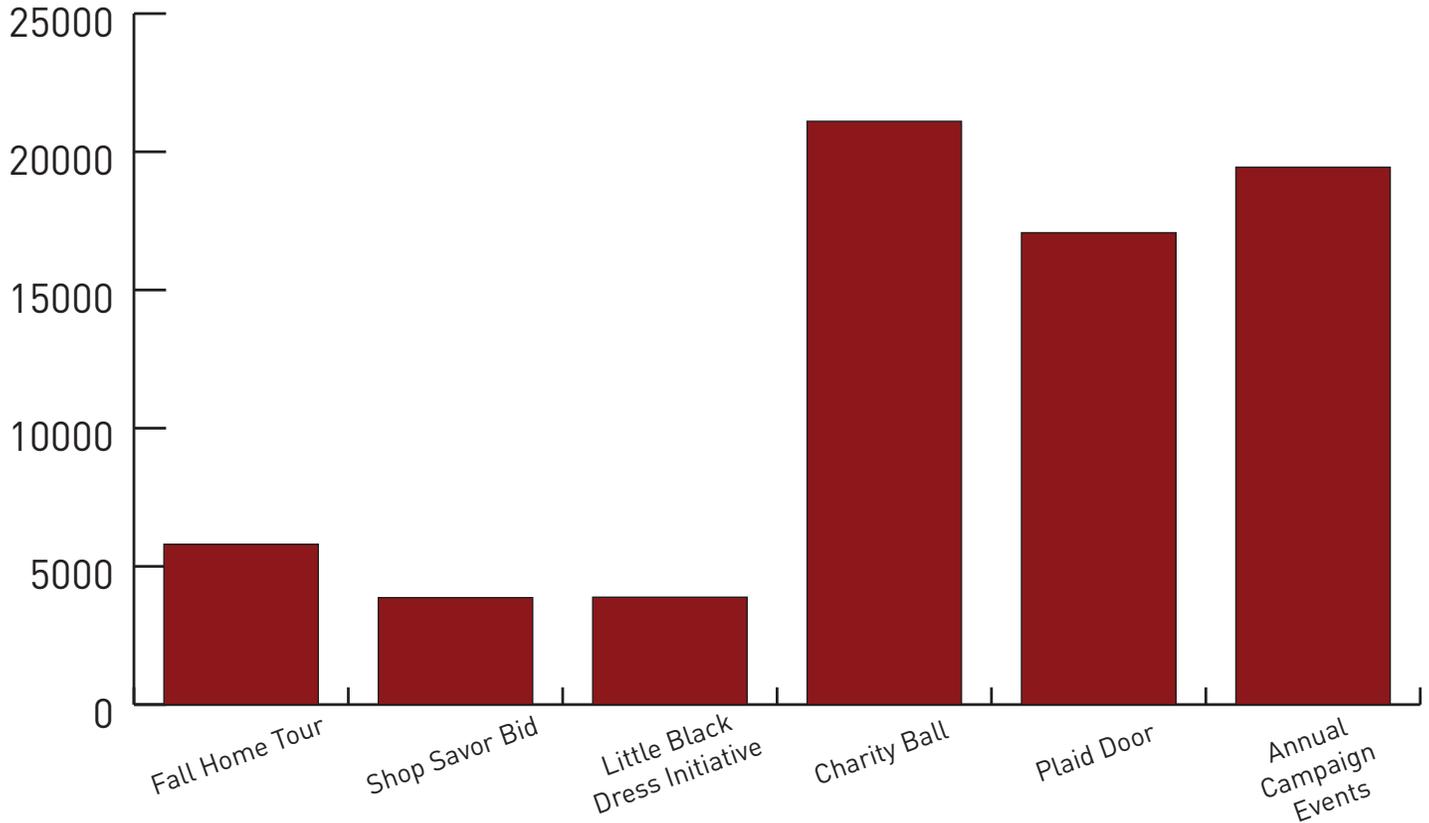
**\$1,355.25**



**\$720**



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT



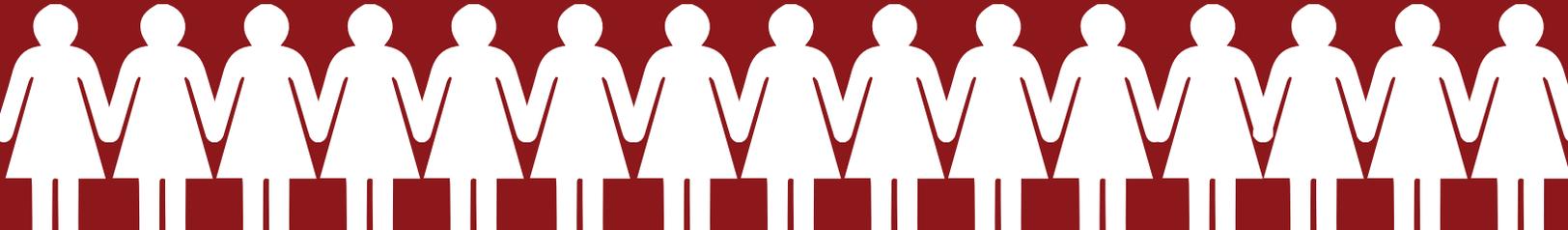
# **ANNUAL PARTNERS**

**Nikki Holden & Joe Lutomske**

**At Home Real Estate Services of Southwest, MO**

**Commerce Bank**

**SGC Foodservice**



# DONORS

**\$5,000+**

At Home Real Estate Services  
of Southwest, MO

Sam's Club

David Redfern

**\$2,500-4,999**

Central Bank of the Ozarks

SGC Food Service

The Lezah & Ron Stenger Family



# DONORS

## \$1,000-2,499

The Flower Merchant  
Face Masks by Rebekah  
The Deck Company  
Court Probationary Services, Inc.  
Mary Bozarth  
Stephanie & Tyler Hesser  
Nikki Holden and Joe Lutomske  
Dr. Marcelo Mantala  
Bob McBride  
Jon Wessel  
Tal and Rosalie O'Reilly Wooten

## \$500-999

417 Pet Sitting  
Commerce Bank  
Bethani Cunningham  
Brandi Delleville  
Tammy Dixon  
Sally Hargis  
Courtney Hayes  
Cynthia Hollander  
Christy Howell  
Catherine Moore  
Michelle Nahon Moulder  
Marguerite Spilde  
Jeanne Toombs  
Heather Trinca

## \$250-499

417 Peach Team Realtors, LLC  
Adam McGrath Team -  
Liberty Mutual Insurance  
Class 101  
ESC Inc.  
Integrity Home Care + Hospice  
Maxon's Diamond Merchants  
Network for Good  
Russell Cellular  
Spring Valley Veterinary  
Hospital East & West  
Sutton In-Home Senior Care  
Tweedle & The Dee  
Allison Anbari  
Rebecca Barrientos  
Mary Blair  
Laura Blakey  
Angela Blevins  
Rachel Fuhrman  
Jerra Gillespie  
Laurie Goslee  
Amanda Hake  
Michaela Halwachs  
Nancy Hoedl  
Sarah Johnson  
Dana Johnston  
Amanda Jones  
Rebekah Jones  
Jean Kalapathy  
Brittney Mickelson  
Kim Mossberger  
Hannah Patterson  
Jessica Rice  
Allison Robertson  
Millie Schuchmann  
Amie Squibb  
Tina Stillwell  
Christina Swaters  
Katie Tonarely  
Lauren Troy  
Brianna Warner  
Cindy Waites

# DONORS

## \$100-250

The Amerisource  
Bergen Foundation  
CamiKarco, LLC  
Celebrity Car Museum  
Cincinnati  
Insurance Co  
Crossfit Springfield  
Dena the Balloon Lady  
Hy-Vee  
Lantz & Lady  
Rods Giant Hamburg  
Spring Valley Vet West  
Krista Adams  
Mary Allen  
Raylene Appleby  
Jill Baker  
Holly Beadle  
Tara Benson  
Andrea  
Bishop-Hopper  
Lacey Blunt  
Marcy Bowling  
Gloria Brown  
Rebakah Bruning  
Rochelle Buckner  
Kay Burk

Lynn Burk  
Sebra Butler  
Marie Carmichael  
Tara Caudle  
Jennifer Chastain  
Casey Chasteen  
Betty Christiansen  
Catherine Cojocar  
Elizabeth Collins  
Jennifer Congdon  
Elizabeth Conner  
Jennifer  
Cooper-Lewis  
Anne Cox  
Erin Coulter  
Ashley Cross  
Amanda Delahay  
Shawna Diggett  
Dena Dill  
Alexandria Dool  
Gwendolyn Dressler  
Jackie Eoff  
Melissa Erkiletian  
Elaine Esselman  
Sharon Faulkner  
Michelle Feldman

Phoebe Freeman  
Kim Garwitz  
Martha Gaska  
Mary Galaska  
Melissa Gelner  
Andrea Gill  
Donna Gibson  
Julie Gipson  
Leslie Gloe  
Shallina Goodnight  
Rachel Gore  
Debbie Grega  
Ashley Feliu Rivera  
Alexis Ferreir  
Rachel Fortenberry  
Barbara Hall  
Tonya Hammons  
Jean Harmison  
Joan Harrell  
Hailey Hasek  
Sara Haynes  
Emily Hertzog  
Stacy Hicks  
Nancy Hoeman  
Susan Holliday

Angela  
Holloway-Payne  
Robyn Horton  
Barbara Hover  
Deborah Howell  
Megan Hubbard  
Jessica Ingram  
Terri Johnson  
Ginger Jones  
Hannah Jones  
Sarah Jones  
Mary Keyes  
Kristie Kienstra  
Mary Kromrey  
Heather Lanning  
Tanner Kathleen Lantz  
Alexandria Lauver  
Cindy Lipscomb  
Sam Logue  
Bridgette Lovelle  
Melissa Lowe  
Sheila Lundberg  
Brigitte Marrs  
Blanca Martinez  
Courtney Matthews  
Linda McAllister

Austen McGranahan  
Julia McGuire  
Kathleen Meek  
Cheryl Meniffee  
Rachael Mhire  
Susan Mihalevich  
Susan Milne  
Jami Moore  
Marcia Morgan  
Leslie Nelson  
Marcia Nelson  
Sharesa Parker  
Courtney Parsel  
Rebecca Perkins  
Myra Pessina  
Sue Phillips  
Susan Powell  
Elizabeth Raidel  
Edwin Rice  
Joy Richardson  
Denise  
Roche-Caldwell  
Lori Rook  
Holly Scheer  
Jane Schneider  
Kristen Schneider

Stacy Schneider  
Bonnie  
Shackter-Thompson  
Aishwarya Shrestha  
Julie Short  
Ashley Silva  
Patricia Jo Squires  
Stephanie Stenger  
Kristen Stranckmeyer  
Melissa Sutherland  
Merri Sutherland  
Linda Thomas  
Constance Tyndall  
Lynn Tynes  
Lori Umbaugh  
Elizabeth VanMetre  
Michelle Vespa  
Stephanie Weiss  
Shyra Whalon  
Nancy White  
Alison Wiland  
Carol S Wooten  
Rosalie Wooten  
Martha Wright  
Mia Young

# IN MEMORIAM



## JAN HORTON

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Junior League of Springfield co-founder, our dear friend and mentor Jan Horton passed away April 18. Jan was a Past President of JLS and the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Jan lived a remarkably generous life, always giving of her time and talent to the Springfield community. She will be greatly missed.

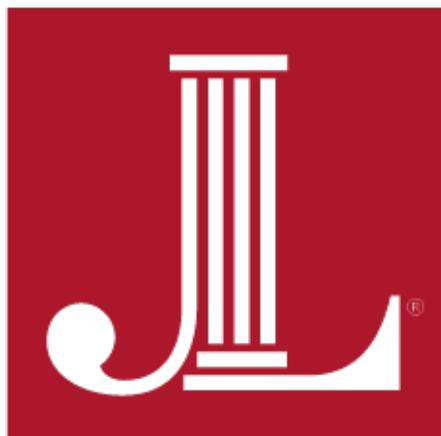


## MARIE PRATER

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Our dear friend and mentor passed away Jan. 24. Marie was a Past President of the Junior League of Springfield and spearheaded the establishment of the JLS Endowment Fund. She was a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2003. Marie lived a generous life – always giving of her time and talent.

She will be missed, but her spirit of caring lives on in those who were fortunate enough to know her.



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