

2013-2014 Annual Report

Train leaders. Serve community. Change lives.



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THE ASSOCIATION OF
JUNIOR LEAGUES INTERNATIONAL INC.
Women building better communities®

Our Mission

The Junior League of Chicago, Inc. is a metropolitan organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League of Chicago, Inc. reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI)

AJLI Mission

The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc., is an organization of women, committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Annual Report Team

Jennifer Waryjas and
Jessica Ebersberger



Dear Members and Friends

What a wonderful year we had pursuing our mission to train leaders, serve community and change lives! We joined the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) in exploring solutions to three key issues facing Leagues around the

world: The need to increase membership numbers, strengthen community impact and lessen burnout among leaders. For the past three years, the JLC has been actively participating in the AJLI's Action Learning Teams. In recognition of our contributions to seeking innovative solutions to these universal challenges, AJLI presented the JLC with an award honoring our "Commitment to securing the future of the Junior League Movement."

At a local level, we addressed the need to increase membership numbers in a variety of ways, including by launching an important pilot program: JLCConnect. A mentoring program, JLCConnect provided members the opportunity for meaningful, small-group format engagement with fellow members and experienced leaders. In a year-end survey, 100% of participants said that they would recommend JLCConnect to a friend.

The JLC also made great strides in to strengthen our impact in the community. More than 100 volunteers worked side-by-side to build a playground for the Chicago Preschool Academy in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood, a community with which the JLC did not have an existing relationship. Like all of our outstanding community projects, this project exemplifies our focus on healthy lifestyles.

To address the concern of burnout among leaders, we launched an advanced leadership training program: Get On Boards. Led by experts in nonprofit management, the two-day course educated aspiring leaders about best practices for effective board service and offered tips for how to get on boards of directors in our community.

Effectively addressing the high-level issues as outlined by AJLI requires the dedication of every member. Among the members who made a big difference in the life of the JLC this past year were the leaders who served on our 2013-2014 Board of Directors and Management Committee. The generous contribution of time and expertise from these women was remarkable, as was the extraordinary leadership of Executive Vice President Chrissie Bonaguidi Russell. We were also delighted to end our year with a full complement of colleagues on our administrative staff team, led by Operations Director Mary Ann Lillie. I am deeply grateful to all of the leaders, members, staff, family and friends who make up the Junior League of Chicago. It is your passion and commitment that brings our mission to life every day.

All the best,

Michelle M Burns

Michelle Miller Burns, President, 2012-2014

Financial Statements

Letter from the Treasurer

Throughout the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year, the Junior League of Chicago continued to employ its many resources to serve and educate the Chicago community. Guided by our mission to train leaders, serve community, and change lives, the JLC deployed over \$200,000 in support of our programming, including thirteen community projects and a wide range of training opportunities for our members. We continued to reinforce our long-term commitment to our mission by designating additional funds to our Community Project Development Fund. We also designated significant funds to our Headquarters Fund, which has

allowed us to enhance our infrastructure through the implementation of the Digital Cheetah volunteer software solution, allowing our members better access to the tools they need to serve the community. With \$1.81 million in cash and investments as of May 31, 2014, the JLC is well-positioned to continue in our service to the community. Thank you for your generous contributions and support of the JLC and its mission.

Elizabeth Hammer
2013 – 2014 Treasurer

Statement of Financial Position

May 31, 2014

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,019,279
Board-designated cash	\$120,794
Investments (Note 3)	\$670,949
Inventory	\$44,797
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$33,046
Total current assets	\$1,888,865
Property and Equipment (Note 2)	\$245,813
Total Assets	\$2,134,678
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$24,361
Accrued liabilities	\$12,313
Deferred membership dues	\$228,005
Total Liabilities	\$239,431
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	
Undesignated	\$485,424
Board designated (Note 5)	\$1,361,195
Temporarily restricted net assets (Note 4)	\$23,380
Total Net Assets	\$1,869,999
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,134,678

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended May 31, 2014

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Increase in net assets	\$59,612
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities:	
Depreciation	\$14,948
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	(\$25,443)
Contributions restricted for the Sustainer Gift Project	(\$23,380)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities which provided (used) cash:	
Accounts receivable	\$792
Prepaid expenses and other	(\$12,042)
Inventory	\$5,776
Accounts payable	\$6,882
Accrued liabilities	\$8,828
Deferred revenue	\$9,537
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$45,510
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Purchase of property and equipment	(\$104,681)
Purchase of Investments	(\$203,774)
Proceeds from the sale of maturities of investments	\$157,483
Increase to board-designated cash	(\$27,573)
Net cash used in investing activities	(\$178,545)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	
Collections of contributions restricted for the Sustainer's Gift Project	\$23,380
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(\$109,655)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of year	\$1,128,934
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of year	\$1,019,279

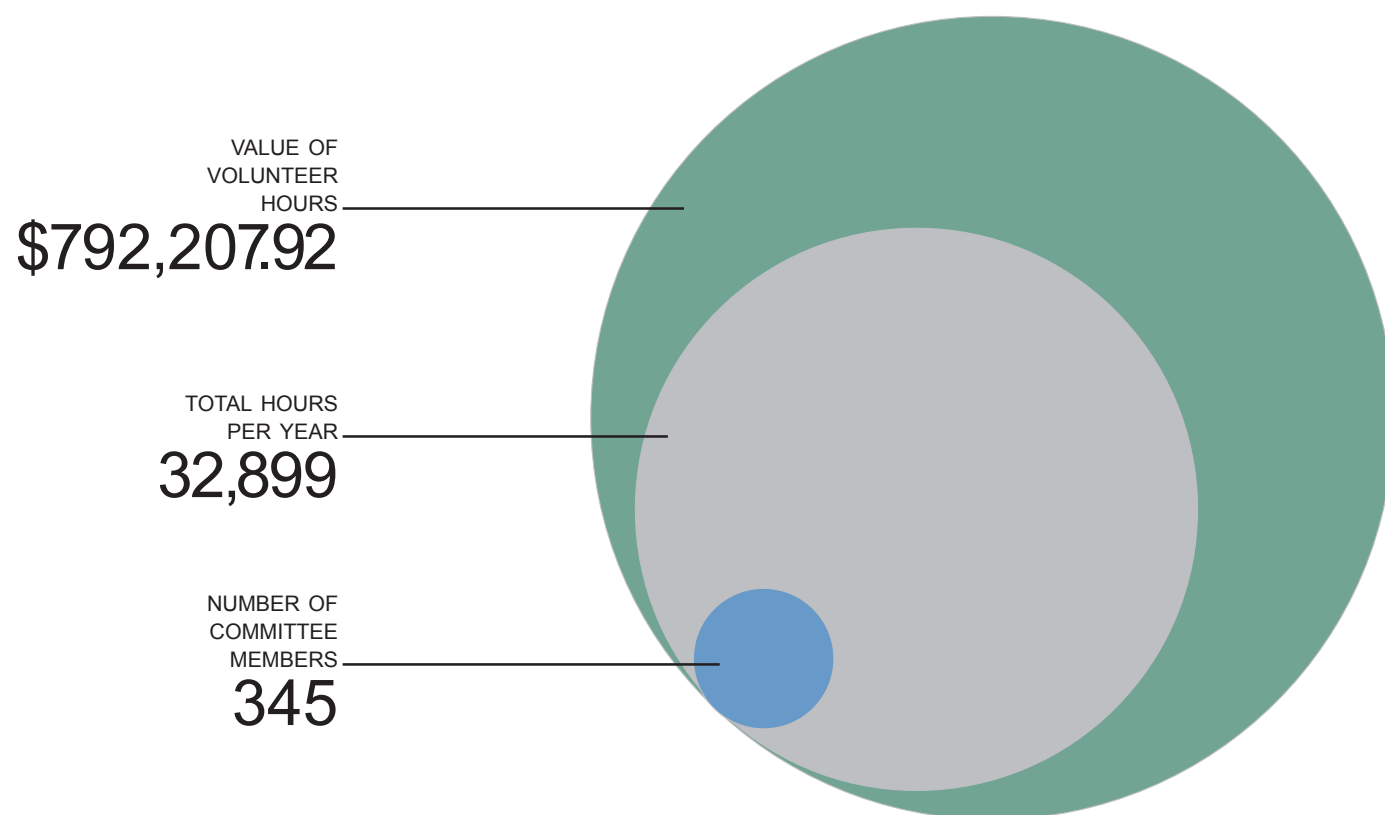
Hours to Dollars. How our time measures up!

Education & Training

One hour of volunteer work was valued at \$24.08 in the state of Illinois in 2013.

Council	Committee	Hours Per Year Per Individual	No. of Committee Members	Total Hours Per Year	Value of Volunteer Hours
Board of Directors	Board of Directors	156	15	2,340	\$56,347.20
Management Committee	Management Committee	156	25	3,900	\$93,912.00
Development	A Family Affair	18	17	306	\$7,368.48
Development	Annual Fund	30	4	120	\$2,889.60
Development	Beverage	90	3	270	\$6,501.60
Development	Book Author series	60	7	420	\$10,113.60
Development	Cookbook	165	13	2,145	\$51,651.60
Development	Comprehensive Campaign	156	8	1,248	\$30,051.84
Development	Gazebo Holiday Market	66	19	1,254	\$30,196.32
Development	Special Events	90	25	2,250	\$54,180.00
Development	Summer Soiree	50	20	1,000	\$24,080.00
Development	Windy City Nights	120	38	4,560	\$109,804.80
Education & Training	Associate Course	156	18	2,808	\$67,616.64
Education & Training	Event & Meeting Planning	18	7	126	\$3,034.08
Education & Training	JLCU	24	16	384	\$9,246.72
Marketing	Marketing Communications	90	7	630	\$15,170.40
Marketing	Media Relations	156	5	780	\$18,782.40
Marketing	Topics	84	21	1,764	\$42,477.12
Membership	Membership Responsibilities	30	5	150	\$3,612.00
Membership	Membership Satisfaction	60	12	720	\$17,337.60
Membership	Placement	48	3	144	\$3,467.52
Membership	Prospective Member	66	14	924	\$22,249.92
Membership	Transfer	48	18	864	\$20,805.12
Standing Committees	Facilities	120	3	360	\$8,668.80
Standing Committees	Diversification	156	13	2,028	\$48,834.24
Standing Committees	Nominating	156	9	1,404	\$33,808.32
Total			345	32,899	\$792,207.92

*Total hours are not exact but the product of the average number of attendees multiplied by the average number of hours worked.



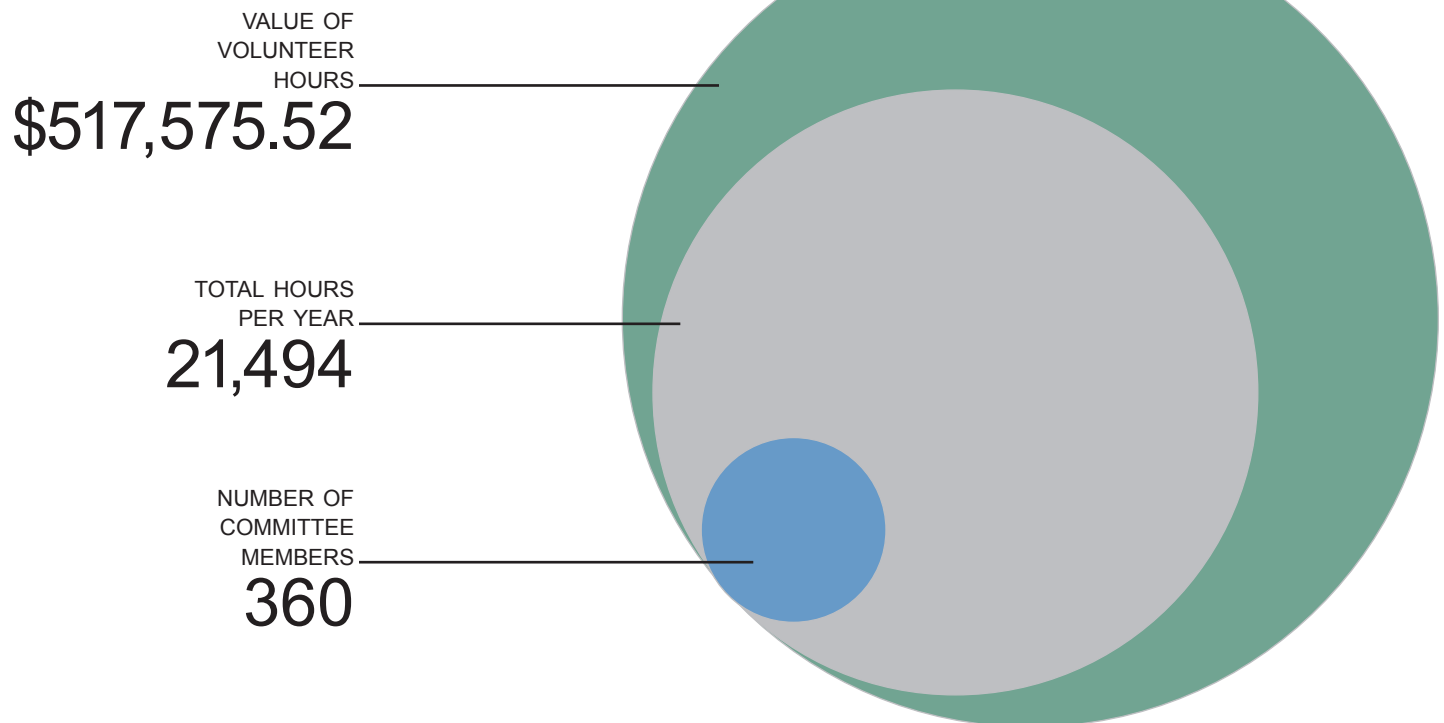
Hours to Dollars. How our time measures up!

Advocacy & Community

One hour of volunteer work was valued at \$24.08 in the state of Illinois in 2013.

Council	Committee	Hours Per Year Per Individual	No. of Committee Members	Total Hours Per Year	Value of Volunteer Hours
Advocacy	Advocacy	60	25	1,500	\$36,120.00
Advocacy	External Advocacy	60	10	600	\$14,448.00
Community	Members At Large	156	2	312	\$7,512.96
Community	Connecting Kids to the Arts	42	31	1,302	\$31,352.16
Community	Done in a Day	60	50	3,000	\$72,240.00
Community	Girls All Star Club/HomeworkHero	36	24	864	\$20,805.12
Community	Health Train	48	31	1,488	\$35,831.04
Community	Health STARRS	66	35	2,310	\$55,624.80
Community	Journey to Healthy Living	156	11	1,716	\$41,321.28
Community	Kids in the Kitchen	90	26	2,340	\$56,347.20
Community	Mad Hatters	50	25	1,250	\$30,100.00
Community	Project CON:CERN	42	9	378	\$9,102.24
Community	Project Development	78	23	1,794	\$43,199.52
Community	Teen Exodus	60	21	1,260	\$30,340.80
Community	Women's Treatment Center	30	22	660	\$15,892.80
Community	Women to Women - North	48	15	720	\$17,337.60
Total			360	21,494	\$517,575.52

*Total hours are not exact but the product of the average number of attendees multiplied by the average number of hours worked.



2013-2014 Leadership



Board (from front to back): Catherine Pesek Bird, Michelle Miller Burns, Chrissie Bonaguidi Russell, Kathryn Gillman, Kim Belton, Adrienne Chan, Katie Anthony, Alexis Bettis, Lynn Brens, Kathryn Mischka Cibulsky, and Elizabeth Hammer. Not pictured: Mercedes Vega, Kasey Folk, April Brooks, Anne Forman.

Board of Directors Officers

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Michelle Miller Burns

Executive Vice President

Chrissie Bonaguidi Russell

Recording Secretary

Catherine Pesek Bird

Treasurer

Elizabeth Hammer

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Advisory Council Liaison
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Katie Anthony

Fundraising Director
Anne Forman

Strategic Planning Director
Kathryn Gillman

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Alexis Bettis

Member-at-Large
Lynn Brens

Award Winners

Founders Award
Julie Pfeiffer

Outstanding Service Award
Mary Lee Montague

Starburst Award
Katie Mischka Cibulsky

Torch Award
Elisabeth Logman

Outstanding Sustainer Award
Jennifer King

Outstanding Associate Award
Robyn Pearson



Management Committee (from front to back): Beth Stone Bentley, Stephanie Manning, Alexis Bettis, Katheryn Meagher, Alyssa Kim, Catherine Pesek Bird, Brandi Lipton, Lindsey Woerther, Kristin Healey, Timnetra Burruss, Erika VanDam, Kelly McClure, Laura Beth Wolfe, Nicole Simon, and Sara Kornaus. Not pictured: Chrissie Russell, Ashley Kain, Mackay Gunn, Alexis Morris, Kathleen Walania, Katherine Klement, Julie Lissner, Delane Heldt, Shannon Castle, and Elisabeth Logman

Management Committee

Advocacy Co-Vice Presidents

Mackay Gunn, Ashley Kain

Budget Vice President

Alyssa Kim

Community Co-Vice Presidents

Kristin Healey, Nicole Simon

Development Co-Vice Presidents

Beth Stone Bentley,
Stephanie Manning

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Executive Vice President

Chrissie Bonaguidi Russell

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Director-Elect

Sara Kornaus

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Strategic Planning Chair-Elect

Erika VanDam

Sustainer Co-Vice Presidents

Brandi Lipton, Kelly McClure



TRAIN LEADERS

Get on Boards

The Junior League of Chicago prides its self on training leaders. It's what sets us apart from other organizations. One of the ways the JLC lives its mission statement is by offering a premier, nonprofit board leadership-training program for our League members. This program was designed by the Junior League of Chicago by serving the League as well as other organizations in leadership positions. Participants complete a two-day, expert-led training program that includes sessions on nonprofit financials, legal issues, strategic planning, public relations, and fundraising. The program aims to connect graduates with nonprofit organization boards in our community.

2013-2014 Corporate Sponsorship & Matching Gifts

The Junior League of Chicago would like to thank the corporations that contributed to our 2013-2014 fundraising efforts.

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Ruth Gallagher Nelson, Mark Nelson, Jennifer King, Adrienne Chan, and Michelle Miller Burns enjoying Gazebo.



Michelle Miller Burns speaks to members at Spring Annual Meeting.

Christine Pendleton

I decided to participate in the Get on Boards program to become a better-trained volunteer and to be of better service to the board of which I am a director. I was in my first year of sitting on the board of D'Estee, Inc., and was the youngest person ever elected to the board. I knew that the training that Get on Boards would provide would assist me in becoming the type of board member the organization needed to continue to fulfill its mission and to provide strategic leadership for the future. Since completing the Get on Boards program, I have been elected Secretary of the D'Estee, Inc. board and have been working with the President to develop a board training program using the skills and information I gained from Get on Boards. I would highly recommend the Get on Boards program to any League member who is interested in taking her service a step further by serving on a board of directors for a non-profit. You will leave the program with a better understanding of the responsibilities for serving on a board and equipped with the tools to be a dynamic board member for any non-profit, large or small.

2013-2014 Annual Fund Donors

The Junior League of Chicago would like to thank the individuals who contributed to our 2013-2014 fundraising efforts.

\$2500+

Michelle Miller Burns
River City Foundation
Cynthia Sargent

\$1000+

Casey Boll
Shannon Castle
Bridget Dalton
Kathryn Gillman
Ann Grube
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Tal Litvin
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\$100+

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Mary Ayers
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Lynn Daniel
Amy Daniels



SERVE COMMUNITY

1 year Anniversary. Playground Build

As part of the JLC Centennial celebration, the Junior League conducted Centennial Days of Service for over two years and ended with a culminating event. On June 15, 2013 the JLC partnered with KaBOOM! and built a beautiful playground at the Chicago Preschool Academy (CPA) in the Chatham neighborhood. KaBOOM! Playground for CPA served as both a culminating event for the centennial celebration and a pivot point leading us to future opportunities in the community. The partnership is consistent with our focus on healthy lifestyles and our longstanding advocacy commitment to early childhood development. One year later we were honored to celebrate that relationship and event with CPA.

2013-2014 Annual Fund Donors *continued*

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Victoria Tribbett
Mercedes Tsai
Ashley Vega
Tracy Wahome
Lakevon Walter
Jennifer Ward
Kimberly Waryjas
Christina Watson

Fran Dukala

We celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Chicago Preschool Academy playground build. The playground was built in the Chatham neighborhood by JLC volunteers and designed by the children of the Chicago Preschool Academy. This gave the kids an opportunity to think big, use their creativity and feel part of an important day in their community. The kids designed a super exciting, visually pleasing playground, with a lot of outdoor space to run around in and play, which is something we don't see enough of in many urban settings. Not only was the day fun for the kids but it was enjoyable for the volunteers too. We cleaned up the playground and spruced up the inside of the school with fresh paint. At the end of the day, everyone was rewarded with a big piece of celebratory cake!"

2013-2014 Annual Fund Donors *continued*

Nancy Weber
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Nancy White
Katie Whitney
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Elizabeth Wirtz
Sarah Worthington
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Less than \$100

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Junior League members smile for the camera at Perfect Pairings.

CHANGE LIVES

Mentor Program, JLCConnect

The JLC can be a daunting organization. To a newcomer, it can appear that everyone knows everyone. We needed to help women foster connections within our organization. So during the 2013 year, we launched JLCConnect, a mentor program. JLCConnect matches women within the JLC with more veteran, active members. This is determined by a questionnaire given to the mentees, the selection of their top mentor choices based on biographies provided, and a mixer for mentees and mentors to meet. Once the groups are determined, they meet on a regular schedule to discuss ideas, problem solve, creates paths for leadership within the League of simply to socialize and develop friendships.

2013-2014 Tribute Gifts

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Dr. W. Gene Corley
Lynd Corley

In Memory of Dorothy Adams Eschweiler and Gabriele Anna Eschweiler
Caroline Lavery

In Memory of Jill Hutchison's Father
Kasey Folk
Michelle Miller Burns

In Memory of Nel Kelders
Kristin Carlson

In Memory of Dr. Joseph P. Musci
Anna Musci

In Memory of Ivah Totino
Lisa Totino

Honor Gifts

In Honor of Allison Siragusa
John and Allison Siragusa

In Honor of Allison Youngblood's Birthday
Michelle Miller Burns

In Honor of Ann Brinkman Carstensen
Michelle Miller Burns

In Honor of Michelle Miller Burns
Ann Brinkman Carstensen
Cynthia Hunt Rudolph

In Honor of Anna Musci
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In Honor of Karen Leese Miller
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Michelle Miller Burns

In Honor of the Management Committee
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In Honor of Lorna Allen
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In Honor of Julie Pfeiffer
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In Honor of Jennifer King and Michelle Miller Burns
Kathryn Gillman

In Honor of Michelle Miller Burns and Chrissie Russell
Kathryn Gillman

In Honor of Christa Arite and Maya James
Kathryn Gillman

In Honor of Chris and Meredith Shields
Lauren Thompson

In Honor of Elizabeth Vastine
Michelle Miller Burns

In Honor of Jan Schumacher
Melissa Schumacher

In Honor of Rachel Sasser
Nancy Weber

In Honor of Sally McFadyen
Robyn Pearson

In Honor of Annual Fund Award Winners
Nina Gardner

In Honor of Amy Sutherland
Beth Stoneburner

In Honor of Sarah Larson
Joe Schneider

In Honor of the Women of the Junior League of Chicago
John Grossi

In Honor of the Annual Awards Committee
Elizabeth Vastine

In Honor of the JLConnect Pilot Program
Elizabeth Vastine

In Honor of Ryan Edlefsen
Julia Lissner

In Honor of Mary Ann Lillie
Dan Kanter

Every effort has been made to report all 2013-2014 contributions fully and accurately. We apologize for any errors or omissions and ask donors to forward corrections to the Operations Director of the Junior League of Chicago. Thank you for your understanding and for your generosity to the Junior League of Chicago.



JLC members dressed up for a Halloween party at Zellas.



Advocacy Council traveled to Springfield and met the Governor of Illinois.

Maya James

I joined the Mentor Program wanting a deeper JLC experience. I'd had some great volunteering opportunities in my hometown of Chicago I didn't know previously existed and have met some great women, but I lacked that sense of connection with the others in the League. JLConnect provided me the opportunity to be connected with a more veteran active member. Typically the groups are made up of like-minded women. I was partnered with Gillman. As a leader in the JLC, Katie felt a personal responsibility to further our mission to develop the potential of women and change lives. My year as a mentee with Katie was fun and inspiring. She was patient, informative, and very thoughtful as my mentor. She even encouraged me in my professional life. It was my mentor Katie, who urged me to take on the role as a mentor this year. I was nervous. After talking to Katie about my fears, I knew that somewhere in the JLC, there was someone just like me. I decided to step up and be that wind moving in the right direction.



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