

# EMPOWERED WOMEN EMPOWER WOMEN

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

THE ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES INERNATIOAL, INC.



## OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Chicago 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 JLC belongs to the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), an organization which has inspired generations of women to become catalysts for change. By empowering women, we strengthen all of Chicago.

# COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Junior League of Chicago donates volunteer hours and fundraises for community agencies and programs that support at risk women and children in our community.

Our community, advocacy, and fundraising efforts support women and children in alignment with our three signature issues.

### JLC SIGNATURE ISSUES

- Education
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Human Trafficking

### **OUR CURRENT COMMUNITY** PARTNERS AND PROGRAMS

- Associate Community Experience
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Chicago Children's Advocacy Center
- Connecting Kids to the Arts
- Done In A Day
- Girls' All Star Club
- Freeing Individuals from Human Trafficking

# • Journey to Healthy Living

- Kids in the Kitchen
- LaunchU
- Logan Square Neighborhood Association
- Mad Hatters
- Teen Exodus
- Women's Treatment Center

### ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

- Drafting policy recommendations and white papers on signature issues
- Hosting town hall events with local politicians
- Educating league members on key issues from city, state and federal legislation

## OUR COMMITMENT TO **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.

### WHAT WE DO

- Addressing timely issues facing women and children in Chicago
- Establishing trusted partnerships that address unmet community needs
- Empowering female leaders to achieve their potential through our heritage in volunteer development

## SIGNATURE **FUNDRAISING** EVENTS

The Junior League of Chicago hosts a variety of signature fundraiser each year, from casual events, to a black-tie Gala. All funds raised from these events benefit the JLC's community programs and initiatives.

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LEADERSHIP 2016-2017



Ruth Gallagher Nelson 2016-2017 President

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## 2016-2017 Award Winners

Betsy Whitlow Farrell Founders Award

Heather Gardner Outstanding Service Award

Beth Stone Bentley Outstanding Sustainer Award

Ellen Sawyer Outstanding Associate Award

Cristina Galvan Outstanding Transfer Award

Sara Hurless Community Spirit Award





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### ACHIEVEMENTS OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

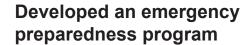


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Launched 4 new community

**projects:** Blessings in a Backpack for Agassizi Elementary; FIHT–Freeing Individuals from Human Trafficking - working with several agencies to educate people about the issue and support women escaping trafficking; Launch U – mentoring high school seniors and hosting programs for all program participants; Logan Square Neighborhood Association – focusing on family activities with Funston Elementary.



Emergency procedures for several kinds of disruptions; built in alignment with www.ready.gov will help guide actions and communications – just in case.



### Welcomed 342 new associates

Two strong classes received training in history, structure, finances, community and advocacy. They joined committees and built relationships.



Built a social media campaign

Highlighting our community engagement through infographics – a true collaboration among many committees, Marketing, Annual Fund & Community.





"Tutoring with GALS at Second Presbyterian is something that I look forward to every week. The kids are so excited to see all the tutors and we have really gotten to know each of the kids throughout the school year. Second Presbyterian has been a fantastic community partner to work with. Pastor David is our liaison at the church and he has been so dedicated to helping our program take off over these past few years. We're at capacity almost every Wednesday – the energy this program has is amazing."

-Maggie Johnson, GALS committee Co-Chair















# WOMEN BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

For the fiscal year ending May 31, 2017, the audited financial statements reflect an overall increase in net assets (\$48,532 or 2.7%). This increase was driven by the investment earnings on our investment portfolio resulting from market performance and a slight change to our investing strategy in the preceding year. With the increase in annual investment earnings, our investment portfolio and cash position remains strong at \$1,030,540 and \$766,485, respectively.

Our special events revenue increased again this year by \$4,517 (1.6%). This continued growth in our fundraising efforts was also seen in our contribution revenue which increased by \$6,021 (6.2%). Furthermore, with additional funding through dues income in connection with a larger membership, we saw spending increase in our community programs, and education and training by \$25,778 (12.4%). This additional spending was motivated by the addition of four new projects in the preceding year as well as continued support of our previous existing programs.

This deepened commitment to the community will also be seen by new funding for the Children's Advocacy Council and the Associate Community Experience (ACE).

In 2017, we continued to monitor our management and general expenses. These expenses are key to the success of the JLC but we remain diligent in keeping them reasonable so we can focus our expenditures on our fundraising efforts and community outreach. These expenses decreased from the previous year by \$15,285 (4.5%).

This year highlighted our members' commitment to supporting the JLC mission through time, dedication and financial support. This success will build into 2018 and the league will continue to train leaders, serve the community and change lives.



Past Presidents at Junior League of Chicago Annual Meeting Photo Credit: Kathleen Virginia Photography

Caroline Linton 2016-2017 Treasurer

Condensed Statement of Financial Position May 31, 2017		Condensed Statement of Activities and Changes in Net As Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2017	sets
Current Assets:		Revenue	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 527,439	Membership dues and fees	\$ 329,865
Board designated cash	239,046	Contributions	102,465
Investments	1,030,540	Special event revenue	282,111
Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	28,279	Net gains and losses on Investments	59,718
Total Current Assets	1,825,304	Investment income	16,316
Property and equipment (net)	319,556	Miscellaneous income	370
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,144,860</u>	Total Revenue	790,845
Liabilities and Net Assets		Expenses	
Current Liabilities:		Program services - Community	57,250
Accounts payable	\$ 13,699	Membership Development	28,562
Accrued liabilities	10,568	Special events	165,787
Deferred membership dues	243,275	Membership Expense	57,503
Other deferred revenue	-	Management and General	356,374
Total Liabilities	267,542	Fundraising Expense	76,837
Net Assets:	,	Total Expenses	742,313
Unrestricted:			
Undesignated	490,966	(Decrease) Increase In Net Assets	48,532
Board Designated:	1,386,352	Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	1,828,786
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$ 1,877,318</u>
Total Net Assets	1,877,318		
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 2,144,860</u>		

# THANK YOU !

As a volunteer-based organization, our work in the Chicago community would not be possible without the support of those who share our commitment to volunteerism. Thank you to our individual and corporate donors who have allowed us to increase our impact on families and children in Chicago through their contributions.

You make our work in the community possible!

Vanessa Kosloski

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### GIVE

- Donate to a specific program or to the general fund
- Honor a friend or family member with a gift
- Secure a matching gift, sponsorship, or in-kind gift from your company
- Plan a gift for the future

### VOLUNTEER

- Join and make positive changes in the Chicago community
- Attend a Prospective Member Information Session
- Visit jlchicago.org for more information

### ATTEND

- Our four key fundraising events
- The Junior League of Chicago hosts a variety of signature fundraiser each year, from casual events, to a black-tie Gala.
- All funds raised from these events benefit the JLC's community programs and initiatives.

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