

# WHEN WOMEN SUPPORT EACH OTHER **INCREDIBLE THINGS HAPPEN**



JUNIOR LEAGUE  
*of* CHICAGO

  
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JUNIOR LEAGUES INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
*Women building better communities*

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2017-2018**



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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Community and Members,

2017-2018 was a great year for the Junior League of Chicago.

Our financial performance was, as you can see, strong due to outstanding fundraisers and Annual Fund, detailed expense management and oversight by staff and volunteers alongside smart investments.

Financial wellness laid the foundation for us to move forward with the evolution of our governance structure. This three-year process wouldn't have been possible without the Boards who overhauled every one of the JLC's governing documents. We are all indebted to 2017-2018 Executive Vice President Annie Person who drove the policies, procedures and standing rules to completion. This work is already producing member value and it is enabling agile responses to a changing environment.

After deep analysis and consultation with dozens of current and sustaining leaders, we made the difficult decision to sunset our Annual Holiday Gazebo. Our fundraising leaders simultaneously developed a multi-year plan to combine members' interest in healthy/lifestyle events featuring lower price points and higher interaction.

2018 saw another major change with the retirement of our longtime operations director, Mary Ann Lillie. We used every minute of her generous notice to ready the transition. We are truly grateful for her dedication, patience, support, innovation, and leadership since 2012.

The board made a strategic and thoughtful decision to engage an HR firm to make recommendations on our long-term staffing needs. This will continue to pay dividends as the League changes.

Overall, the year has been a great success. As you will see, our Annual Report hits the highlights of our year, but it cannot fully capture all the hard work and dedication from our members.

I am thankful for the opportunity to have served as the President of the Junior League of Chicago. I am so grateful for the past two years working, laughing, learning with the most amazing women in the city of Chicago.

We cannot do this work alone. Thank you for all you do each and every day for the Junior League of Chicago and our community.

Sincerely,

Ruth Gallagher Nelson  
President 2017-2018



## WHO ARE WE

# OUR MISSION

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 a commitment to voluntarism.

## WHAT WE ASPIRE TO BE

# OUR VISION

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:

- Education
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Human Trafficking

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

# OUR VALUES

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

**Commitment to the Community:** The Junior League of Chicago is passionate about the causes we support. Our commitment includes advocacy, development, collaboration and service.

**Respect for Individuals:** Junior League of Chicago members treat each other, those with whom we work and those we serve, with respect and dignity.

**Welcoming:** The Junior League of Chicago welcomes all women who wish to serve the community, embracing their ideas, differences and contributions.

**Mentoring:** Junior League of Chicago members share their experiences and expertise with one another, and with those we work with and serve.

**Thoughtful Risk-Taking:** The Junior League of Chicago provides training and a safe environment for responsible and thoughtful risk-taking.

**Camaraderie:** The Junior League of Chicago is an organization where members enjoy their experience, developing personally and professionally.

# WHAT WE DO

## COMMUNITY

For more than a century, the JLC has diligently worked to empower at-risk families—especially women and girls—through hands-on mentoring, advocacy and education.

### 2017-2018 COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND PARTNERS INCLUDE:

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, and Women's Treatment Center. The JLC has 14 community partners across the City of Chicago.

## ADVOCACY

The Junior League of Chicago's Advocacy Council encourages Junior League members to be informed and active citizens, and address public issues which affect our community.

### ADVOCACY IN ACTION:

This year our Advocacy Council members updated our Advocacy position papers on Health & Wellness, Education, and Human Trafficking.

The Advocacy Committee held an event called Meet Your Alderman. This event provided JLC members an opportunity to meet a local representative, learn more about policies and engagement opportunities at the local level, leadership, local government, current events in Chicago, and the JLC's signature issues - Education, Health & Wellness, and Human Trafficking.

## LEADERSHIP

The Junior League of Chicago offers Leadership Training events designed to help our members develop their leadership potential. Central to the mission of the Junior League is developing the potential of women to be civic and community leaders.

### DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL OF WOMEN:

JLC held multiple leadership training events. Some of the events we held were: Sharpening Your Leadership Skills, Breast Cancer Awareness - Brighten Up Workshop, Living in Recovery - Learn About The Women's Treatment Center, Financial Planning 101, Restoring the Heart: A Conversation With a Survivor of Human Trafficking, How to Effectively Use Networking in your Professional and Volunteer Life, Elevating Diversity in the JLC, How to Have Difficult Conversations as a JLC Leader.

# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CHICAGO

## IN NUMBERS



Provided more than  
**130,000**  
hours of volunteer service.

**1,200**

Total Members.



Impacted the lives of nearly  
**90,000**  
at-risk women and children.

Involved in

**14**

Community Projects.



Managed a record-setting

**135**

Done-in-a-Day projects.



**4**

Signature fundraiser events.



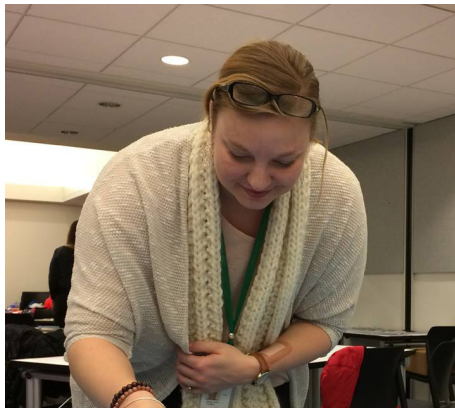
Junior League of Chicago University (JLCU) held

**30**

Leadership Trainings.









## JUNIOR LEAGUE of CHICAGO

For the fiscal year ending May 31, 2018, the audited financial statements of the Junior League of Chicago (JLC) reflect an overall increase in net assets (\$71,281 or 3.8%). This is reflective of a significant increase in contributions and special event revenues throughout the year. As a result, our investment portfolio and cash position remain strong at \$1,068,134 and \$798,063, respectively.

Our fundraising efforts garnered impressive results this year. Contributions revenue increased by \$29,321 (28.6%) over prior year and special events revenue was notable as we saw an increase of \$34,804 (12.3%). These increases highlight the contributions of our members and partners to support the mission of the JLC. Our investment portfolio garnered strong results with combined net gains and investment income of \$49,001.

We continued to exhibit sound expense management within the JLC as noted by a small increase in total expenses of \$10,723 (1.4%) over prior year. Fundraising expenses were managed effectively with a decrease from prior year by \$28,430 (-17.1%), evidence of the commitment by our members to contain costs. In addition, we were able to increase the spend for our community projects by 4%, as evidenced by new projects for the Associate Community Experience and the Children's Advocacy Council this year, allowing us to further contribute to community outreach.

This year's results demonstrate the enthusiasm of our members to give both their time and financial support. The league is well positioned heading into 2019 to further our mission of training leaders, serving the community, and change lives.

Becca Nall, 2017-2018 Treasurer

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2018

#### Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$570,312
Board Designated Cash	227,751
Investments	1,068,134
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges	7,155
Total Current Assets	<u>1,903,352</u>
Property and Equipment (net)	304,932
Total Assets	<u>\$2,208,284</u>

#### Liabilities and Net Assets:

##### Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$15,206
Accrued Liabilities	6,439
Deferred Membership Dues	<u>238,040</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$259,685</u>

##### Net Assets:

Unrestricted:	
Undesignated	508,745
Board Designated	<u>1,439,854</u>
Total Net Assets	1,948,599
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$2,208,284</u>

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION MAY 31, 2018

#### Revenue:

Membership Dues and Fees	\$325,072.00
Contributions	131,786.00
Special Event Contributions	12,731.00
Special Event Revenue	304,184.00
Net Gains and Losses on Investments	29,814.00
Investment Income	19,187.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>1,543.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$824,317.00</u>

#### Expenses:

Program Services - Community	59,598.00
Membership Development	14,166.00
Special Events	137,357.00
Membership Expense	62,456.00
Management and General	356,549.00
Fundraising Expense	<u>122,910.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$753,036.00</u>

(Decrease) Increase In Net Assets	71,281.00
Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	<u>1,877,318.00</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$ 1,948,599.00</u>



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!

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