



JUNIOR LEAGUE
of CHICAGO

2021-2022 Annual Report



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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Melissa Schumacher



Melissa Schumacher
2021-2022 President

The 2021-2022 year marked the completion of The Junior League of Chicago's (JLC) 109th year of service in the Chicago community. This year, like the last, brought uncertainty due to the global pandemic and continued disruption both here in the U.S. and abroad, making the JLC's work more important than ever before. Our 900 members - driven, passionate and philanthropic women came together this year to help advance our mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving our community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

The JLC's legacy is a powerful one, and the work done this year certainly contributed significantly to that history of service. Throughout this year's Annual Report, you will read about the highlights from the 2021-2022 League year, which include:

- Ratified three new signature issues - Meeting Essential Needs, Literacy, and Violence Prevention and Awareness
- Increased programming, training, and recruitment in the areas of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, including the addition of Belonging as a key pillar and the formation of a five-year DEIB plan
- Realigned efforts to serve women and children through our eight community projects
- Honored the life of Colleen Gleason, a former JLC member who tragically passed away in 2021 but whose giving spirit lives on with us and in our work
- Formed a partnership with Digs with Dignity, which seeks to elevate the lives of those transitioning by providing them with a beautiful, dignified home

I am incredibly proud of the work we've done at the local level, but the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) also operates at the national level and helps increase our impact. The AJLI was incorporated in 1921 by a group of 30 leagues, including the Junior League of Chicago, and celebrated its 100th anniversary in October 2021. Alongside that milestone, the AJLI also spearheaded the development of an updated mission statement, which was approved by all Junior Leagues. The new and simplified mission, which better explains why the Junior League exists, will be adopted on July 1, 2024. It reads:

The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

While what we do has not changed, how we talk about it is now wrapped in language that is more accessible, inviting, and collaborative. It has taken us back to the heart of Junior League founder Mary Harriman's vision while also setting us up for the next 100 years.

And while we've already started thinking about our next century, the JLC is also celebrating another important milestone: Our 110th year of service. Leading up to the celebration in June 2022, we shared content that revisited each decade of our history, starting in 1912. Due to the unwavering support of members and donors throughout the years and the present day, we have lived out our mission every day.

As you read the following report, I hope you will share in the pride I feel about the work we did this year, because our success is only possible because we've all worked together. Each Junior League of Chicago member and community partner has a role in our ongoing story, and I am grateful for the women who came together to inspire and empower positive change in our community.

As we close out the 2021-2022 year, I want to thank you for entrusting me to steward the legacy of the Junior League of Chicago! I am passing the leadership baton, but I will continue to be a great supporter of the JLC and will always cheer for the organization and its members! Lastly, thank you for your continued support of the Junior League of Chicago.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Schumacher". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

Melissa Schumacher

OUR MISSION, VALUES AND SIGNATURE ISSUES

OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Chicago (JLC) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League of Chicago welcomes all women who value our mission. We are committed to inclusive environments comprised of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.

OUR VALUES

Commitment to Community: The Junior League of Chicago is passionate about the causes we support. We are deeply committed to advocacy, development, collaboration, and community service.

Respect for Individuals: The 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 with their unique ideas, differences, and contributions.

Mentoring: Members of the Junior League of Chicago share their experiences and skills with one another, as well as with those we work with and serve.

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

Camaraderie: The Junior League of Chicago is an organization where members enjoy their experience and are able to develop personally and professionally.

OUR SIGNATURE ISSUES

The Junior League of Chicago donates volunteer hours and holds fundraisers for community organizations and programs that support underserved women and children throughout Chicagoland.

Our Community, Advocacy, and Fundraising efforts support women and children in alignment with our three new signature issues. We transitioned our focus to these new signature issues based on meetings with government leaders and legislators, extensive online research, and input from various committees & the Board. This transition ensures our efforts are in line with the most pressing issues facing our community and enables us to help address the evolving needs of women, children, and families across Chicagoland. Our new signature issues were officially ratified in August 2022.

- [Meeting Essential Needs](#)
- [Literacy](#)
- [Violence Prevention & Awareness](#)

Our work across these three pillars helped address the evolving needs of women, children and families in our community, exasperated by COVID-19. Each one of our community projects addresses at least one of these issues. The Community Projects section later in this report details the specific activities that each of our Community Placements undertook to address these issues in Chicago.

2021-2022 LEADERSHIP

Board of Directors

Officers

Melissa Schumacher, **President**
Jacqueline Zimmerman, **Executive Vice President**
Taylor Trovillion Sinclair, **Senior Vice President of Strategy**
Kate Major, **Treasurer**
Bridgette Lobdell, **Recording Secretary**

Directors

Lisa Allen, **Board Member at Large**
Rebekah Bueschel, **Advocacy Director**
Colleen Carrillo, **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director**
Courtney Cooke, **Fundraising Director**
Kara Goodbrand, **Board Member at Large**
Rebecca Hogan, **Executive Vice President-Elect**
Beckley Maggio, **Board Member at Large**
Kristin Olson, **Board Member at Large**
Jane Heistand Workman, **Nominating Director**

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Rebecca Hogan, **Executive Vice President-Elect**
Kristin Bernhard, **Advocacy Vice President**
Erika Kowall, **Advocacy Vice President**
Jessica Bonham, **Budget Vice President**
Lacey Ehrlich, **Communications Vice President**
Maya Serkin, **Communications Vice President**
Cristina Galvan, **Community Vice President**
Genevieve Fabisch, **Community Vice President**
Cara Stern, **Education & Training Vice President**
Sarah Kimmer, **Education & Training Vice President**
Hayley Feeley (Rawers), **Event Development Vice President**
Jacqueline (Jax) Turyna Fetters, **Event Development Vice President**
Damaris Aquino, **Facilities Chair**
Kathleen Jenkins, **Fund Development Vice President**
Danielle Powers (Protexter), **Fundraising Director-Elect**
Carly Rose McGuire, **Membership Vice President**
Michelle Jones, **Membership Vice President**
Patrice Gramberg, **Nominating Director-Elect**
Amy Marchlen, **Personnel Vice President**
Elizabeth Kennedy, **Project Development Vice President**
Kristen Grisius, **Project Development Vice President**
Bridgette Lobdell, **Recording Secretary**
Margaret Devlin, **Senior Vice President of Strategy-Elect**
Jen Luby, **Sustainer Vice President**
Melissa Cherbak, **Sustainer Vice President**
Jenessa Tabba, **Technology Vice President**
Kamaria Campbell, **Technology Vice President**
Julia Byers, **Treasurer-Elect**

Headquarters Staff

JaCee Burnes, **Operations Director**
Lydia Hawthorne, **Membership Manager**
Leah LaDuke, **Communications and Development Coordinator****
Lupe Villegas, **Housekeeper**

Award Winners

Erika Kowall, **Colleen Gleason Community Spirit Award**
Kellan Turcy, **Founders Award**
Jessica Cipolla, **Outstanding New Member Award**
Cristina Galvin, **Outstanding Service Award**
Annie Logue, **Outstanding Sustainer Award**
Lauren Finnis, **Outstanding Transfer Award**
Kamaria Campbell, **Starburst Award**
Sarah Kimmer, **Torch Award**

HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

LEADERSHIP

The JLC provides leadership training events designed to help our members hone in on their leadership potential. Central to the mission of the Junior League is developing the potential of women to be civic and community leaders.

In the 2021-2022 year, JLC Leadership:

- Participated in the AJLI 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge, offering an intensive learning experience with other league members across the country in a small group setting to discuss racism and their role in achieving racial equity in their communities.
- Hosted Summer and Winter Leadership Retreats for our 121 leaders.
- Attended AJLI's 2021 Winter Leadership Event: Critical Resources for Success!
- Continued to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic by offering the "Dues Support Program," assisting members that encountered significant financial hardships due to the pandemic.
- Participated in multiple AJLI's Candid Conversations sessions about creating diverse and inclusive Leagues and facilitated follow-up session for feedback within our own League.
- Held a 2-part "All Member Retreat" to help members maximize their JLC membership experience.
- Finalized a 5-year DEIB plan to help us operationalize our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging throughout our League operations; rolled out plan at three 5-year town hall sessions.
- Hosted skills-based leadership training sessions covering topics such as "Negotiations 101" and "Navigating difficult conversations."
- Hosted a training and workshop on Leadership Readiness and two Leadership panels to increase our leadership pipeline.
- Issued a survey to members from Leadership Readiness to recruit topics of leadership interest.
- Hosted Advocacy 101 trainings.

ADVOCACY

The JLC's Advocacy Council encourages members to be informed and active citizens who address the public issues that impact our community.

In the 2021-2022 year, the Advocacy Council:

- Officially ratified our three new signature issues: Meeting Essential Needs, Violence Prevention & Awareness, and Literacy.
- Raised over \$17,000 through the second-annual Little Black Dress Initiative Campaign, where members signed up to wear a single black dress or outfit for five straight days to bring awareness to the impacts that poverty has on access to resources. Members have conversations in their day to day lives and post on social media in an effort to raise money to support the JLC's community projects.
- Hosted the second-annual virtual Advocacy Week. This year's programming included two virtual meet & greet sessions, one with Illinois State Senator Sara Feigenholtz and another with IL State Representative Margaret Croke; a training for members on how to connect with their elected officials; and a "Women in Government" panel event.
- Developed an Elected Official Outreach Toolkit to equip members with resources for having meetings with elected officials and empowered council members to schedule meetings with a number of elected officials in order to build relationships between the JLC and elected officials.
- Partnered with Education & Training to host Neighborhood Meetings to hear from members about how they have experienced or observed the JLC's signature issues or their impact in the community.

EXPANDING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN WITH A NEW DEIB 5-YEAR PLAN

STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVATED

The Junior League of Chicago's Strategic Plan captures our vision and goals as an organization; it outlines the initiatives the JLC will undertake to advance our legacy of service, leadership, and community impact and continue to build better communities in Chicago.

The Board of Directors revisited the JLC's Strategic Plan to move the organization into the next five years. The approved plan creates a roadmap to ensure that our membership's energy, resources, and time focus on impacting the community and that our members have a meaningful and engaging experience with the JLC.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING (DEIB) STRATEGY

The Strategic Planning Committee made significant updates to include a concentrated effort in increasing programming, training, and recruitment in the areas of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, which includes the addition of Belonging as a key pillar, which also embraces AJLI guidance. The team also met with and surveyed Diverse Members of the Junior League of Chicago about their experience to guide the formation of a five-year DEIB plan that will work in tandem with the Strategic Plan. The plan became effective June 1, 2022. This plan, led by a 5-year Plan Task Force aims to make JLC a more welcoming organization to any woman who embraces our mission while also laying the groundwork to more proactively recruit women leaders that will help us advance our mission in the years to come.

The 5-year DEIB Plan works off a phased approach:

- [Research - FY '21-'22](#)
 - Created new DEIB structure and leadership opportunities
 - Created DEIB function and strategic plan
 - Facilitated second annual diverse member survey
- [Operationalize DEIB, which we will enter in FY 2022 - 2023](#)
- [Outside the JLC](#)

The Strategic Plan continues to include benchmarks and goals in the following areas:

1. [Community Engagement](#)
2. [Membership Engagement](#)
3. [Organizational & Financial Engagement](#)
4. [Brand Sustainability](#)

Strategic Plan milestones achieved in 2021 - 2022 included identifying a short list of civic organizations to begin partnering with for recruitment and community engagement purposes beginning in fiscal year 2023-2024, reaching a new threshold of annual fund giving, and building the framework for a new community partner evaluation system to ensure we're satisfying the needs of our partners.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Note: In response to a changing Community landscape, the JLC re-organized from eleven Community Projects to eight Community Projects at the start of the 2021-2022 League Year.

Community Projects were combined as explained below.

FIRST YEAR PLACEMENT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS ASSOCIATE COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE)

The women who serve on First Year Placement partner with community organizations and committees within JLC throughout the year to address the ever-evolving needs of women and children in Chicagoland. FYP is unique in that the placement is staffed solely by JLC's new members to foster strong ties among new JLC members while volunteering. At one period packing event, members packed menstrual kits for over 200 menstruating individuals served by Pilsen Food Pantry.

This year the efforts of our Journey to Healthy Living committee were rolled into First Year Placement - one such event includes a group adult fitness class for our partner.

CHILD ENRICHMENT

Child Enrichment partnered with Chicago Children's Advocacy Center to hold in-person family fun events at the center and with Big Shoulders to hold family craft sessions. Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC) is a front-line responder in Chicago to reports of child sexual abuse, as well as reports of physical abuse of children under age three. CCAC is the city's only not-for-profit organization that coordinates the efforts of child protection staff, law enforcement professionals, family advocates, medical experts, and mental health clinicians under one roof.

This year our Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC) and Connecting Kids to the Arts (CKTA) committees were combined to form the Child Enrichment Community Project. CKTA partners historically included partners who work with immunocompromised individuals such as Shirley Ryan AbilityLab which paused in person volunteering due to Covid-19. In order to address the decrease in CKTA volunteer opportunities, we strategically combined CCAC and CKTA into one community project as they both offered similar programming and worked with similar age groups.

DONE IN A DAY (DIAD)

Done in a Day (DIAD) organizes service projects throughout the year targeted at helping women and children in the community. The committee creates opportunities for its members and the League at large to volunteer and has relationships with dozens of partners throughout the city such as Lincoln Park Community Services, Lakeview Pantry (now Nourishing Hope), Share our Spare, Night Ministry, Period Project, and Ravenswood Community Services (RCS). Through DIAD, the Junior League of Chicago purchased all remaining items off RCS's Kitchen wish list and stocked its School Pantry for a combined total of \$7,800.

This year DIAD also planned the monthly family events at McAuliffe Elementary previously planned by our Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA) Community Project.



FREEING INDIVIDUALS FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING (FIHT)

FIHT works to stop human trafficking in the Chicagoland area by increasing community awareness and providing support to survivors of human trafficking and local anti-trafficking organizations. Members of FIHT provide support directly to survivors by volunteering at local drop-in centers for trafficked individuals and managing the local anti-trafficking telephone hotline.

HOMEWORK HEROES (FORMERLY KNOWN AS GIRLS ALL-STAR)

Homework Heroes' focus is to support elementary and middle school children by assisting with homework, reinforcing study skills, and mentoring children in an engaging environment. The JLC partners with Second Presbyterian Church in Chicago's South Loop to tutor neighborhood children and assist them with their homework during the school year. Sessions also include substantial snacks or dinner. Homework Heroes was able to transition back to in-person programming this year.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Kids in the Kitchen (KITK) is an AJLI nationally recognized health education program that empowers youth and their families to make healthy lifestyle choices through hands-on events throughout the year. KITK partners with The Michaels Organization to hold events in their communities - one such event this year was in partnership with the Chicago Bulls and Blackhawks organizations. KITK also partners with other Community Projects such as DIAD and Teen Mentoring.

MAD HATTERS

The Mad Hatters promote literacy throughout Chicagoland by providing high-energy, interactive, storytelling-based performances geared toward children ages 3-9 and their parents. Primarily held in branches of the Chicago Public Library, these fun-filled storytime shows feature children's books, poems, and songs which demonstrate to children how much fun reading can be while encouraging parents to read to their children at home. Originally founded by the Junior League of Chicago in 1921 as a children's theater, the Mad Hatters have been promoting children's literacy for 100 years. After each performance, children receive a book and bookmark to take home to encourage reading.

TEEN MENTORING (FORMERLY KNOWN AS TEEN EXODUS)

In Fall 2021, Teen Mentoring began a new collaboration with Cristo Rey Jesuit High School's Las Chicas group. Las Chicas is open to all teen girls at the school and is committed to inspiring self-confidence, building sisterhood, learning, providing avenues for creating and new experiences, and giving back to the community. JLC members structure each monthly event around these pillars.

COLLEEN CARES DONATION

ABOUT COLLEEN:

Colleen Gleason was a dedicated member of the JLC who tragically passed away in July 2020 after a life-long battle with heart problems. Colleen was born with heart failure and received her first heart transplant at three years old. Despite these challenges, she did not let her health difficulties hold her back and lived a whole life: graduating college, traveling abroad, and even skydiving, all while maintaining a positive and generous spirit.

COLLEEN'S LEGACY:

In her memory, Colleen's parents, Christine and Michael, created the non-profit organization Colleen Cares to continue Colleen's philanthropic mission. Through Colleen Cares, the Gleasons generously donated \$10,000 to the Junior League of Chicago in the Fall of 2021, supporting the organization to which Colleen dedicated her time and passion.

The JLC is deeply grateful to Christine and Michael and their commitment to continuing their daughter's mission of giving back and helping others.

The donation will be used to continue the JLC's work on its signature issues of Meeting Essential Needs, Literacy, and Violence Prevention & Awareness, and Colleen's memory will live on forever in our hearts.

The Junior League of Chicago's Community Spirit Award—recognizing a member who goes above and beyond in her commitment to the JLC mission in the community—has been renamed the Colleen Gleason Community Spirit Award to honor JLC member Colleen Gleason, who passed away in 2020.

THE AWARD:

The Community Spirit Award is awarded each Spring to a member who demonstrates her passion for helping others and represents the JLC as an organization that makes a difference in the Chicago community.

The JLC leadership chose to rename the award in Colleen's name based on her commitment to giving back and her example for other members.

"Colleen embodied the League's values of camaraderie, community service, and respect to all. This award will keep her memory alive while honoring other outstanding JLC members," JLC President Melissa Schumacher said.



DIGS WITH DIGNITY DONATION

ABOUT DIGS WITH DIGNITY:

The JLC's Project Development committee focused this year on exploring new community partners that expanded the JLC's impact into neighborhoods underserved by the JLC in Chicago, as well as that aligned with one of the JLC's three pillars. Digs with Dignity, a Chicago non-profit started in 2019 and located on the west side in McKinley Park, met that criteria.

Digs with Dignity is an organization committed to elevating the lives of those transitioning from homeless by filling their houses with everything that makes a comfortable, dignified home. Digs with Dignity works with Chicago-based social service agencies to identify those in need and utilizes a warehouse of donated and refurbished furniture and home goods to outfit the homes. Almost every Friday, Digs with Dignity hosts one "dig", the outfitting of a home, with everything from couches to mattresses to wall decor to kitchen items, all shopped from their McKinley Park warehouse. In 2022, Digs with Dignity expects to have done a dig 50 out of 52 weeks, taking off only the week of their annual fundraising gala and the week of Christmas. Clients include individuals and families that are domestic abuse survivors, veterans, those who have experienced a sudden job loss, or are dealing with health situations.

THE DONATION:

As a result of the positive feedback from JLC members regarding the pilot program with Digs with Dignity, the JLC was pleased to make a donation of \$10,000 to Digs with Dignity in order to sponsor two digs. Each dig has a sponsorship donation of \$5,000, which is used to cover the costs associated with the dig such as personnel time, including the designer's salary, warehouse rent and utilities, office and warehouse expenses, and day of expenses such as security, moving truck, and moving supplies. The first such dig sponsored by JLC was held in May 2022. Five JLC members worked with Digs with Dignity staff to outfit the home of a single mom who is a domestic violence survivor and that of her two children. When the dig started, the apartment was completely empty. When the dig was finished, the entire home was outfitted with all the furniture, bedding and supplies the family needed and more.

The JLC will be doing another dig with Digs with Dignity this next JLC year, along with continuing Saturday warehouse shifts and sponsoring a community drive for Digs with Dignity, and Digs with Dignity will be providing workshops to teach JLC members skills that will be useful for volunteering in the warehouse and on digs, such as how to sand, paint, and mount hardware.



CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY DONATION

THE JLC MAD HATTERS AND CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Mad Hatters celebrated 100 years of service this League year. Our Mad Hatters Community Project holds high-energy, interactive, story-telling based performance for children and their families. Behind the name Mad Hatters is a tradition of The Chicago Public Library is a longstanding partner of Mad Hatters, with Mad Hatters holding most of their performances in public libraries across Chicagoland. With Literacy as one of our main pillars, our two organizations share a passion for literacy and encouraging and supporting reading in the community.

THE DONATION:

In honor of 100 years of Mad Hatters, the Junior League of Chicago was pleased to make a donation in the amount of \$10,000 to the Chicago Public Library Foundation. This donation went towards the following two causes:

Early Learning Books

The Library's early learning programming supports child development, enhances school-readiness, and helps nurture life-long learning. As one of the city's largest providers of free early learning programming, the Library creates programs and resources for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children (up to age 8). Reading together from day one is key to stimulating early brain development and helping to build key language, literacy, and social skills. This year, outreach to neighborhood childcare centers and family engagement and distribution of early learning books will be a major part of the Library's early learning work.

Books in Ukrainian

With the arrival of Ukrainian refugees, the Library received requests from the Rogers Park, West Town, and Northtown neighborhood as well as Chicago Public Schools for books in Ukrainian. Our donation was key in the new initiative to purchase children's books in Ukrainian to support the population of newly arrived families.



MEMBER STORIES

Kamaria Campbell, Technology Vice President



I was originally drawn to the Junior League of Chicago due to its mission and impact on the city. In addition to participating in our tradition of service, I've gained new skills and relationships by serving in leadership roles and connecting with a diverse group of women. I'm incredibly thankful to be a member of an organization that adds so much to its members' lives as well as the community.

Alexandra Goodman, Done In A Day (DIAD) Committee Member

As a young professional entering the workforce in 2019, I was frankly nervous about leaving my college bubble. Although ready for my next adventure, the thought of leaving behind clubs and extracurriculars, focused daily routine with classes, and my friends just down the street was daunting. Joining the Junior League helped propel me into adulthood, offering some security in this next phase of life. I have met some new lifelong friends that I can build new relationships and routine with, and have found camaraderie with women who are passionate about service and philanthropy. The JLC is more than an occasional get together; it's a group of like-minded women who are bettering not only my life, but the lives of others, with every step we take.



Laurie Jobe, Mad Hatters Committee Member



Being new to Chicago from Houston, joining the Junior League was a very uplifting decision for me- one I will never regret! I was confident that I wanted to be part of a respected organization that shows kindness to others, makes contributions to society, and uplifts so many in our community. Volunteering throughout Chicago for the past 5 years as a Mad Hatter has truly been rewarding to me. Not only have I given back to the city that I love and now call home, but I have also made strong, deep friendships with amazing women who value the same missions. I am proud to be a member of the JLC!

MEMBER STORIES

Erika Teitz, Annual Fund Committee Chair



I joined the JLC in 2016 because I was searching for a way to be involved in my community and my personal values closely aligned with the mission of the League. Over the past six years, I have been able to grow as a leader, strengthen my involvement within our community and meet many wonderful women. I am proud to be a member of the JLC and promote it any chance I get!

Brittany Price, New Member Program Chair

I originally joined the JLC in hopes of making new friends in a new city and making an impact in the community, and didn't realize I would be able to do both of those things and also so much more. And since rejoining after a brief hiatus to attend business school, I've also challenged myself to take on leadership roles both within Membership and the MLM groups and the experience has been both personally and professionally rewarding! The JLC provides the unique opportunity to cultivate your own path and get as much out of the experience as you want and I feel extremely lucky to be a part of it.

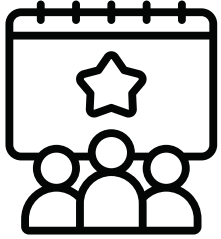


Lauren Wilkins, Recruitment and Prospective Member Committee Member

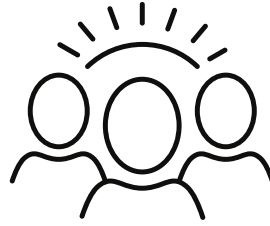


After joining the Junior League of Chicago in 2016, I unexpectedly became a serial Junior League transfer. I'm so lucky to have had Junior League in each of the cities I've lived in because it made my experience in each city so much more fulfilling. I've helped equip women with the practical tools they need to transition back into the workforce by volunteering with Smart Works in London, I was able to find an instant community in NYC as a member of one of NYJL's newest affinity groups and I've solidified lasting friendships and community connections now that I'm back in Chicago. I appreciate the Junior League for being a reliable resource to keep me connected and involved throughout my journey.

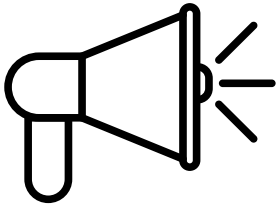
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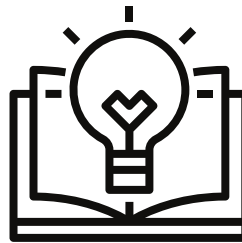
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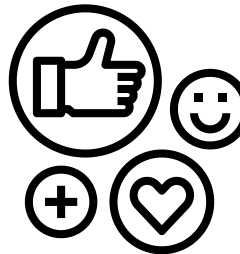
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9
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87
MEMBERSHIP
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440
OPPORTUNITIES TO
MAKE AN IMPACT



50,000
HOURS OF
VOLUNTEER SERVICE
(Valued at \$1.5 million)

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



LETTER FROM THE TREASURER

Kate Major

For the fiscal year ending May 31, 2022, the audited financial statements of the Junior League Chicago (JLC) reflect an overall decrease in net assets of \$81,592 (-4%). The key drivers on the Revenue side were (1) Total Other Revenues (Loss), net, (2) Special Events Revenue and (3) Donated Goods and Services. The key drivers on the Expense side were (1) Program Expenses, (2) Management and General Expenses and (3) Direct Expenses for Special Events.

Two of the three key Revenue drivers were down while one was up from F2021. Total Other Revenues (Loss), net was down \$235,667 (-129%) from F2021. This category includes Interest and Dividends (net of Fees), Realized/Unrealized Net Gain (Loss) on Investments and Misc. Income. Realized/Unrealized Net Gain (Loss) on Investments had the biggest contribution to reduced Revenue from a year ago. F2021 recognized a Net Gain of \$169,234 while F2022 recognized a Net Loss of \$72,486 which is a delta of \$241,720 between the two years. Special Events Revenue was a positive driver to Revenue increasing by \$99,039 (+121%) from F2021 due in large part to the ability to host all three of our Signature Events (Fall Fest, Gala, and Derby) in person. Finally, Donated Goods and Services were down \$33,938 (-50%) from F2021 due to the difference in donated legal services from year to year.

During the previous year (2020-2021), the JLC's spend on its community programming was significantly less than prior years due to the pandemic as many of our community partners were closed. Once restrictions were lifted, the JLC immediately jumped into action and began working with our community partners. We spent \$192,125 on programming during 2021-2022 compared to \$41,271 during the previous year. We expect our spending in the community to continue to increase as the impacts of the pandemic continue to lessen.

The fiscal year 2022 proved to be equally as challenging as previous pandemic years. The unsteadiness of the post-lockdown world continued to pose challenges for our membership but we, as a League, learned to persevere and find new ways to operate, paving the way for the JLC of tomorrow that is sure to be stronger than ever with so many new lessons learned.

Respectfully,

Kate Major

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Kate Major
2021-2022 Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Statement of Financial Position

As of May 31, 2022

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 744,063
Investments	1,233,201
Other Receivables	161
Prepaid Expenses	<u>25,846</u>
Total Current Assets	2,003,271

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Property & Equipment (Net)	<u>268,582</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,271,853</u>

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 8,583
Accrued Expenses	21,635
Deferred Membership Dues	<u>162,925</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 193,143

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Refundable Advance (PPP Loan)	<u>--</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>193,143</u>

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	
Undesignated	595,540
Board-Designated	<u>1,480,785</u>
	2,076,325

With Donor Restrictions	<u>2,385</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,078,710</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 2,271,853</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Statement of Activities

As of May 31, 2021

REVENUES

Support

Contributions & Grants	\$ 148,057
Donated Goods & Services	33,312
Payroll Protection Program Loan Forgiveness	<u>50,942</u>
	232,311
Special Event Revenue	<u>181,021</u>
Total Support	<u>413,332</u>

Program Services

Membership Dues & Fees	<u>233,912</u>
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Other Revenues and Gains

Interest & Dividends, net of Fees	16,949
Net Gains (Losses) on Investments	(72,486)
Miscellaneous Income	<u>3,022</u>
Total Other Revenues, net	(52,515)

Total Support & Revenue	<u>594,029</u>
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EXPENSES

Program	<u>192,125</u>
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Supporting Services

Management & General	217,076
Fundraising	<u>227,133</u>
Total Supporting Services	<u>444,209</u>

Other Expenses

National Dues - Unallocated	<u>39,287</u>
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Total Expenses	<u>675,621</u>
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CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$ (81,592)</u>
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NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,160,302</u>
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NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 2,078,710</u>
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