



JUNIOR LEAGUE
of CHICAGO

Proudly Serving Our Community for More Than 100 Years

Junior League of Chicago
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What is the Junior League?

The Association of Junior Leagues International (Junior League), one of the oldest, largest and most effective women's volunteer organizations in the world, has matured and evolved since it was founded by social activism pioneer Mary Harriman in 1901. Our mandate, however, has remained unwavering: to develop exceptionally qualified civic leaders who collaborate with community partners to identify a community's most urgent and pressing needs and address them with meaningful and relevant programs and initiatives that not only improve lives, but also change the way people think. This type of work has won us dedicated community and corporate partners and loyal supporters for more than 114 years. For more information, please visit www.ajli.org.

What is the mission of the Junior League of Chicago?

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. We train leaders, serve community, and change lives.

Train Leaders

Training is central to the Junior League experience. It is educational in focus and aimed at improving our volunteer efforts. Each member's training starts with their Associate-term course and for many continues within their placement programs during their active years. In addition to the routine training received in their placements, members take advantage of these additional training opportunities.

Serve Community

The Junior League of Chicago donates over 50,000 volunteer hours to community agencies and programs that support child welfare and education. In addition, the JLC raises thousands of dollars each year to fund our 10 community projects. 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.

Change Lives

The Junior League of Chicago was founded in 1912 by Lucy McCormick Blair Linn. The initial focus was to interest young women in the industrial and social issues of the city, research ways to effectively address those issues and to bring about positive change, and to set an example for

others about the importance of civic welfare. The objectives of the founding members have remained constant throughout the years and to this day include:

- Developing projects in response to the ever-changing needs of the community
- Developing, funding, and staffing projects and ultimately turning them over to the community as independent organizations

Throughout our history we have created major projects that are leading edge and leave a legacy to the city of Chicago.

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