



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
COLUMBUS

Annual Community Report 2016-2017

MISSION

The Junior League of Columbus is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

VISION

The Junior League of Columbus is the community's leading resource for trained volunteers. Through our programs and the Kelton House Museum and Garden, we educate the community, preserve the past and build for the future of Columbus.

REACHING OUT STATEMENT

The Junior League of Columbus reaches out to women of all races, colors, religions, and national origins, 22 years of age and older, who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism.

HISTORY

Founded in 1923 with 11 members, the Junior League of Columbus has grown to 535 members. Since its inception, the JLC has been actively improving our community and training volunteers who make a difference in the lives of others. The JLC is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, comprised of 292 Junior Leagues in four countries.

Junior League of Columbus Makes an Impact in Central Ohio

The Junior League of Columbus donated \$367,000 in financial support and 5,700 hours in volunteer time to grant programs, collaborative efforts and community projects. Through direct outreach, the JLC impacts many lives in Central Ohio. What follows are highlights of the many ways the JLC is making a difference:

Kelton House 40th Anniversary Celebration

Established by the Junior League in 1976, the Kelton House Museum & Garden, located in the Town Street Historic District, provides compelling experiences that make history come alive. In the late 1970s, the JLC volunteers consulted with local, regional, and national authorities on historic preservation. Learning that Savannah, GA was one of the first communities to undertake the challenges of restoring its historic district, they decided to visit and consult with Jim Williams whose home bore a striking resemblance to the Kelton House. The trip proved so successful that Mr. Williams visited Columbus where he advised the Junior League on appropriate approaches to preservation.

As part of the 40 year celebration, the Anniversary Committee organized a return trip to Savannah, touring sites that helped to inspire the original restoration. The committee also organized a luncheon to celebrate the birth of Grace Kelton (the last owner of Kelton House and the person responsible for bequeathing the entire property as a designated museum), created new educational displays about Grace and brought a spotlight to increasing the endowment fund to help support the mission of the Kelton House Museum and Garden.

For more information on the Junior League of Columbus and membership opportunities visit www.jlccolumbus.org

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The Junior League of Columbus has been actively improving our community since 1923 with a commitment to improving the lives of others.

We celebrated 40 years of the Kelton House's rich history by hosting a birthday luncheon to celebrate Grace Kelton's legacy and to commemorate the years of service the Junior League of Columbus has dedicated to ensure the Kelton House Museum and Garden is vibrant for generations to come. We are

A Message from Amy Deverson Roberts, JLC President 2016-17

the Underground Railroad Learning Station. With the financial support of our sponsors, private and public donors and membership, our organization is able to serve the community with programs Columbus and the greater-Central Ohio area has come to rely on.

Our Adopt a Backpack for Children Project, which donates more than 2,000 backpacks a year to students eager to learn, provides local school children everything they need to inspire success. We continued to strengthen our community ties with organizations that relied on our volunteers to engage with children and their parents on a meaningful level. We achieved this with our Kids in the Kitchen project at Broad Street Presbyterian Church and through our Quick Impact projects at SON Ministries.

On behalf of the Junior League of Columbus, thank you so very much for your confidence. It's with your support we are able to fulfill our mission of developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. We appreciate the opportunity to remain a pillar in the community by continuing to serve others and the opportunity to give to those in need.

2016 -17 Financial Statement

UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT AND REVENUE		UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES	
Special events	\$114,343	Program expenses:	
Membership dues	\$56,093	Junior League Activities:	
Program income	\$52,380	Membership activities	\$72,346
Rental income	\$31,302	Community projects	\$167,728
Grants and Contributions	\$17,692	Kelton House Activities	\$126,711
Investment income	\$65,946	Management and general expenses:	
In-kind income	\$150,036	Support	\$105,797
Other income	-	Fundraising	\$70,104
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION		TOTAL UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES	
Satisfaction of donor restrictions	\$159,382		\$542,686
Use of gifted facilities	\$14,055		
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$661,229	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES	\$542,686
		INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$118,543

CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Grants and contributions	\$17,692
Satisfaction of donor restrictions	(\$159,382)
Use of gifted facilities	(\$14,055)

INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

	\$46,655
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$165,198

NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR \$1,321,074

NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR \$1,486,272

The financials of the JLC are audited annually by Laura J MacDonald CPA, Inc. A copy of the audit may be obtained by calling the JLC at 614-464-2717. The Form 990 is available at www.jlccolumbus.org.

Bargain Box

Bargain Box, Central Ohio's oldest and largest rummage sale, has raised more than \$1.8 million to support the community projects of the Junior League since 1949. Over 5,000 volunteer hours were spent on planning, set up and execution of the event. League members donated items that helped raise over \$16,000.

Bestie Backpack Bash 2016

Our 2nd annual Besties Backpack Bash in November was hosted at Copious and a huge success! This year, women of the league and community gathered for a fun night with their besties to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and participate in a silent auction. As always, this event would not be complete without our favorite gal pal, Dee W. Ivey, who assisted in keeping everyone laughing and bidding! Over \$8,000 were raised for the ABCs project.

Holiday Tour of Homes

The December event took place in Dublin's Tartan Fields as visitors explored several homes decorated in their holiday finest. The tour and kickoff event raised over \$5,000.

The second annual **Leadership and Lattes** January event was held at the Boat House Restaurant at Confluence Park. This event focuses on building women leaders in the Columbus community by bridging established leaders with women of all ages. This year, those in attendance were able to hear from Jane Grote Abell, CEO of Donatos, Kelley Griesmer, Columbus Foundation and founder of Pelantonia, and Elizabeth Brown, Columbus City Council.

A Breakfast with Characters 2017

We were thrilled to hold this Junior League of Columbus inaugural A Breakfast with Characters event in February. The event was a great success with 144 guests in attendance and raising \$3,400 to support the Adopt-a-Backpack for Children Project! The magical morning offered time with several princesses, superheroes, a Minion and even Brutus. In addition to the characters, children enjoyed breakfast and many fun activities!

Reds, Whites, & ABCs 2017

The 16-17 New Member class hosted another fantastic evening raising funds for the Adopt-a-Backpack for Children Project at our 14th Annual Reds, Whites & ABCs event. In March, JLC members and friends joined together to raise more than \$4,500 towards this wonderful cause.

2017 Spring Fashion Show

In April, the Junior League of Columbus hosted a Spring Fashion Show at the Franklin Park Conservatory. The fashion show consisted of spring fashions from local boutiques, Vernacular, Cheesecake Boutique, Le Flair, The Boutique Truck and Ladybird. The wonderful students from Paul Mitchell School provided all hair and makeup services for the event and the models looked beautiful. Columbus' own, Alissa Henry, served as emcee and brought a fresh and dynamic perspective to the fashion show.

Kelton House Gala 2017

The 2017 Kelton House gala raised approximately \$18,500 for continuing the Kelton House's mission of providing historical education and preserving decorative arts in Central Ohio. The Secret Garden theme was enhanced by the donation of greenery by Dean's Greenhouse, spirit-lifting big band music from Brian Michael Smith and the John Vermeulen Octet, and a taste bud tingling menu from Bleu & Fig and Nothing Bundt Cake.



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