



## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBUS

# Annual Report 2021-2022

### MISSION

The Junior League of Columbus is an organization of women whose Mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

### 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.

### VALUES

- **Collaboration:** We believe lasting societal change is achieved through both collaboration and meaningful disagreement. Living the value of collaboration inspires us to accomplish more together.
- **Community:** We believe a strong sense of community is essential to human well-being. Living the value of community provides a foundation of inclusion, which allows us to make a greater impact on the world around us.
- **Empowerment:** We believe that the empowerment of women is a necessary requirement to create positive, lasting societal change. Living the value of empowerment fosters trust and confidence in each other.
- **Leadership:** We believe in the unique power of women's leadership abilities to transform communities for the better. Living the value of leadership allows us to make a collective difference.
- **Respect:** We believe respect is a fundamental human right. Living the value of respect instills in us an unconditional positive regard for others.
- **Service:** We believe it is through service that we build core relationships with others. Service is the lens through which we decide how we will invest our time and resources. Living the value of service empowers us as catalysts for lasting community change.

### Our Commitment to Diversity & Inclusion

IN DIVERSITY THERE IS BEAUTY AND STRENGTH.

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

### HISTORY

Founded in 1923 with 11 members, the Junior League of Columbus has nearly 400 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 295 Junior Leagues in four countries.

For more information on the Junior League of Columbus and membership opportunities visit [www.jlcolumbus.org](http://www.jlcolumbus.org)

## Junior League of Columbus (JLC) makes an impact in Central Ohio

*The Junior League of Columbus donated over \$75,000 in financial support and 3,482 hours in volunteer time to grant programs, collaborative efforts and community projects in the 2021-2022 League year. 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:*



In 2020, the Junior League of Columbus narrowed down our focus to find a true need in the Columbus area where our members can make a big impact. The Junior League of Columbus' new project, Bridging the G.A.P. (Guide, Advocate, Provide.), supports youth aging out of foster care.

As a part of the Bridging the G.A.P. Initiative, the Project Guide team partnered with Franklin County Children Services to provide educational courses called Life Skills Classes to youth in foster care in Central Ohio. The classes occurred three times this year, once in the fall, winter and spring. Courses occurred every Tuesday evening during the seven week course and covered topics from housing and employment to interviewing skills and money management. Junior League members were given the opportunity to participate in the classes and share their professional and personal experiences in the specific topic areas. Youth were able to ask questions and learn from the members' mistakes and triumphs.

Another important part of Bridging the G.A.P. is advocating on behalf of our foster youth. Project Advocate focuses on educating members and the community about transitional-age foster youth. In May, during National Foster Care Month, Project Advocate does a social media campaign called "Fostering Change by Bridging the G.A.P." The social media campaign raises awareness for all of our foster youths' needs.

Project Provide is where the Junior League physically gives back to foster youth. In the 2019-2020 League year, we formed a partnership with Star House and have been supporting the youth living in Carol Stewart Village through providing them with household necessities to start their new life in their very own studio apartment. Additionally, this League year we partnered with Huckleberry House on their Holiday Drive and gave many holiday gifts to youth and kids in foster care. Lastly, we utilized our connections with Franklin County Children Services to provide 51 youth in foster care that are graduating high school with graduations gifts. Since the beginning of Bridging the G.A.P., the Junior League of Columbus has donated over \$13,000 back to foster youth.



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## A Message from Christin Smith, JLC President 2021-2022

We've come through a year that has been filled with both challenges and victories. The pandemic challenged us with its unpredictable behavior and societal impact. Although the year brought us these inconsistencies, the Junior League of Columbus pushed through and adjusted to the ever-changing world we are living in.

Right before the pandemic started in 2020, we launched a new community project, Bridging the G.A.P. (Guide. Advocate. Provide.) and through the challenging time, we have been able to accomplish so much in supporting our youth who have aged out of foster care. We were also able to maintain our Adopt-a-Backpack for Children Project by supplying children in our community with supply filled backpacks. Additionally, we have seen enormous growth with our Kelton House Museum and Garden operations.

With the financial support of our sponsors and partners, private and public donors and membership, our organization is able to serve the community with programs that Greater-Central Ohio has come to rely on. On behalf of the Junior League of Columbus, thank you so very much. It's with your support we are able to fulfill our mission of advancing women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. We are humbled to remain a pillar in the community by continuing to serve others and possessing the opportunity to give back.

In 2023, the Junior League of Columbus will celebrate 100 years of service to Central Ohio and we hope you will join us in our next 100 years!

## 2021-2022 Profit and Loss

	Total
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Contributions</b>	
Total Contributions	\$ 122,539
<b>Fundraising</b>	
Total Fundraising	\$ 23,839
<b>Grants</b>	
Total Grants	\$ 59,701
<b>Membership</b>	
Total Membership	\$ 61,588
<b>Program Income</b>	
Total Program Income	\$ 36,326
<b>Rental Income</b>	
Total Rental Income	\$ 26,663
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 330,655
<b>Gross Profit</b>	\$ 330,655
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ 10,801
<b>JL Community Projects</b>	
Total JL Community Projects	\$ 25,177
<b>JL Membership Activities</b>	
Total JL Membership Activities	\$ 36,592
<b>KH Activities</b>	
Total KH Activities	\$ 14,322
<b>Support Expenses</b>	
Total Support Expenses	\$ 184,553
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 271,446
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	\$ 59,209
<b>Other Income</b>	
<b>Investment Income</b>	
Total Investment Income	\$ (122,263)
<b>Total Other Income</b>	\$ (122,263)
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Total Other Expenses	\$ 25,503
<b>Net Other Income</b>	\$ (147,767)
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ (88,557)

### **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging Speaker Series**

The Junior League of Columbus' Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Committee worked tirelessly throughout the 2021-2022 League year to bring DEIB topics to the forefront. The Committee identified an opportunity to have a speaker series where they would bring in leaders within the Columbus community to educate JLC and community members about these important topics and work that is being done to advance DEIB. The Committee applied for a grant through the Small Leagues Big Impact affinity group through AJLI and were awarded \$100 for this initiative. The first event in the Speaker Series featured Fran Frazier from Black Girl Rising. This was an extremely successful event and a strong start for the Speaker Series that will continue in the following League year.

### **Quick Impacts**

During the earlier stages of COVID-19 as restrictions on in-person events continued in Columbus, Quick Impact events were limited. However, the Community Impact Council was able to think creatively and came up with several opportunities for members to volunteer in the community safely. Quick Impacts are fully or partially funded projects and/or volunteer assistance given to selected Community Partners to make a positive and lasting impact in the lives of individuals in our community. Some of these Quick Impact events included helping to sort prom dresses for Fairy Goodmothers, putting together care packages for the youth at Huckleberry House, sorting donations and organizing the youth drop-in center at Kaleidoscope, and preparing blankets for My Very Own Blanket. Quick Impact events give members the chance to learn more about the Central Ohio community and provide direct assistance to organizations serving those most in need.

### **Kelton House Museum & Garden**

The Kelton House Museum & Garden (KH) revamped certain programs like the Girl Scout: HER Story and Underground Railroad to adapt to the new way of operating and relevancy of today's age, explored and executed new programs such as "A Literary Christmas", reinvented events that were postponed like the Second Sunday Series and Fernando's Funeral, and experienced many new visitors from all over. The KH is proud to share as of June 1, 2022, they had 1561 museum guests, 2066 participants in educational programs, and 2284 attendees at events and meetings. Additionally, the KH received more than \$80,000 in grants and donations throughout the League year.

### **Juneteenth Celebration**

A Juneteenth event, Celebrating Freedom, was held at the Kelton House Museum and Garden on June 19, 2022. Over 100 people attended this thoughtful and joyous event. Julialynne Walker, urban agriculture leader, was the featured speaker and a joyous performance by the Columbus State Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Emma Easton was part of this joyous event. Sarah Richardt, Kelton House Executive Director, began the event by speaking about the story of freedom seeker Rosetta Armistead. 5 Star Planning donated food for the event which

included traditional fare enjoyed at Juneteenth events. The Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Belonging and the Kelton House Council committees assisted in the preparations of the day. This is the second annual Juneteenth event held at the Kelton House.

### **Adopt-a-Backpack for Children**

Since 1999, the Junior League of Columbus has worked to meet the needs of economically challenged children and families by providing a total of over 65,000 school supply-filled backpacks through the Adopt-a-Backpack for Children (ABC) Project. This League year we raised \$17,350 for the Project through the American Electric Power Foundation Grant and other restricted donations. With these funds we were able to distribute 1,006 supply filled backpacks for kids in Central Ohio.

### **Friends' Night Out**

The Junior League of Columbus' (JLC) Leadership team hosted a "Friends' Night Out" fundraiser on May 5, 2022, at Seventh Son Brewing. This fun event featured a cookie decorating workshop led by drag queen, Plenty O'Smiles, who owns Plenty O'Cookies. The fun evening allowed for two workshops; however guests were able to come early or stay late to socialize and enjoy the beverages at Seventh Son Brewing. For every drink that sold, Seventh Son Brewing donated \$1 back to JLC. We welcomed over 60 guests and raised \$1,390 to support the JLC's three community projects.

### **A Breakfast with Characters**

We were thrilled to hold the 6th Annual A Breakfast with Characters fundraiser on March 12, 2022 at Whetstone Park of Roses Shelter House. This year we welcomed nearly 200 guests and raised over \$4,400 to support Bridging the G.A.P. (Guide.Advocate.Provide) Project. We hosted two opportunities for guests to enjoy fun breakfast food by partners like IHOP and Bob Evans and sweet treats by Sugar Rush Bakery, crafts, entertainment by 3M Media, and, of course, children of all ages met and mingled with their favorite characters brought to us by Amy's Princess Parties and Adam's Mascots. Both sessions also included a silent auction showcasing items from in-demand local businesses.

### **Kelton House Garden Party and Gala**

The 2022 Kelton House Garden Party and Gala raised just over \$9,700 for continuing the Kelton House's mission of providing historical education and preserving decorative arts in Central Ohio. The two day event opportunity allowed guests to enjoy beautiful evenings in the garden and museum. The Bubbles, Bourbons and Brews theme was enhanced by 3M Media playing catchy tunes and The Flowerman centerpieces filled the air with fresh floral scents. Guests enjoyed bites from local establishments like Cameron Mitchell's Hudson 29, Smith and Wollensky, 5 Star Planning and sweets from Sadie Baby Sweets.



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