



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBUS

Annual Community Report 2017-2018

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 nearly 500 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.

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

Junior League of Columbus Makes an Impact in Central Ohio

The Junior League of Columbus donated \$275,000 in financial support and 3,644 hours in volunteer time to grant programs, collaborative efforts and community projects. Through direct outreach, the JLC impacts many lives in Central Ohio.

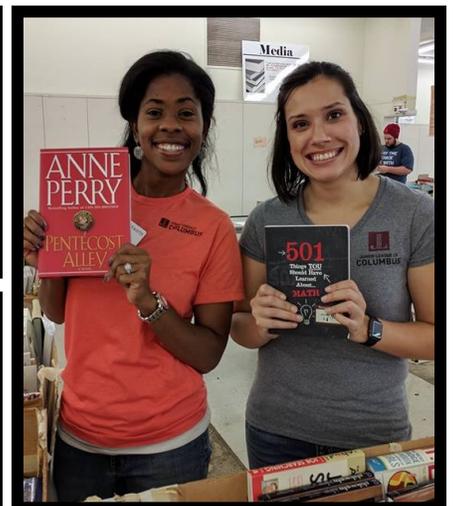
What follows are highlights of the many ways the JLC is making a difference:



JLC celebrates 70 years of Bargain Box!

As the reign of Bargain Box came to a celebrated close, Junior League of Columbus celebrated memories of this 70 year old project; one of the longest-run fundraisers in Columbus. Bargain Box became an annual event known by the masses for its extensive departments and treasured finds. After the 65th Bargain Box, Vets Memorial (the venue where the most Bargain Boxes have been held) closed its doors. Since that time, it has been an ongoing struggle for the League to find adequate space to store items and hold a sale. Further, the event itself takes a significant volunteer

count, one of which is sizably larger than the League today. In 2017, the Junior League Board of Directors and Management Council made the decision to sunset Bargain Box after its 70th Sale, which was scheduled September 28-29, 2018. The final sale welcomed over 600 shoppers, up from 200 the prior year. The goal was to send the project off on a high note in a milestone year and then redistribute volunteer efforts to community projects and programs that the Junior League could adequately support and sustain. It is bittersweet that Bargain Box has come to an end, but we realize all good things must come to a close and we are optimistic about what the future holds for our organization. As the Junior League of Columbus celebrates 95 years in the community, we are actively working to strategize on projects and programs that make the largest impact. Staying true to our mission, we continue to find the best ways to develop the potential of women and build the community leaders of tomorrow.



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A Message from Elizabeth A. Daly, 2017-18 JLC President

The Junior League of Columbus has been actively improving our community since 1923 with a commitment to improving the lives of others. During this league year, the members of the Junior League of Columbus refocused their energy to make a larger impact on the community. The Board of Directors and Management Council reshaped our programs and membership experience to ensure that we, as an organization, lives the mission of the Junior League of Columbus:

To be 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.

We continued to celebrate 40 years of the Kelton House's rich history and are proud that the Kelton House Museum and Garden continues to welcome thousands of visitors a year through docent-lead and self-guided audio tours, and signature programming such as the Underground Railroad Learning Station. With the financial support of our sponsors, private and public donors and membership, our organization serves the community with programs the greater-Columbus area has come to rely on.

Our Adopt-a-Backpack for Children Project, which donated over 2,400 backpack this 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.

Finally, the Junior League of Columbus kicked off a community impacted strategy to review the needs in Central Ohio and determine the next area that our members will focus. Members met with city officials and leaders of other local non-profits to find that Junior League size hole that we can start helping to fill. We were excited to announce our next initiative will be in Foster Care.

On behalf of the Junior League of Columbus, thank you so very much for support. It is with you we are able to fulfill our mission. We appreciate the opportunity to remain a pillar in the community by continuing to serve others and give to those in need.

2017-18 Financial Statement

	2018		
	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	REVIEWED TOTAL
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Special events	\$ 81,924	\$ 11,538	\$ 93,462
Membership dues	54,941	-	54,941
Program income	47,960	-	47,960
Rental income	25,876	-	25,876
Grants and contributions	73,494	26,708	100,202
Investment income	54,981	-	54,981
In-kind income	52,805	-	52,805
	<u>391,981</u>	<u>38,246</u>	<u>430,227</u>
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS			
Satisfaction of donor restrictions	68,733	(68,733)	-
Use of gifted facilities	14,055	(14,055)	-
	<u>82,788</u>	<u>(82,788)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	474,769	(44,542)	430,227
EXPENSES			
Program expenses:			
Junior League Activities:			
Membership activities	80,709	-	80,709
Community projects	73,312	-	73,312
Kelton House Activities	120,824	-	120,824
	<u>274,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274,845</u>
Management and general expenses:			
Support	96,740	-	96,740
Fundraising	60,513	-	60,513
	<u>157,253</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,253</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>432,098</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>432,098</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	42,671	(44,542)	(1,871)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,112,528</u>	<u>373,744</u>	<u>1,486,272</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,155,199</u>	<u>\$ 329,202</u>	<u>\$ 1,484,401</u>

2017-18 League Events

Bargain Box

Bargain Box, Central Ohio's oldest and largest rummage sale, has raised more than \$2 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 and community members donated items that helped raise over \$14,000.

Bestie Backpack Bash

Our 3rd 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 quarter 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 \$6,000 was raised for the ABCs project.

Holiday Soiree

In the fall, leaders of the Junior League of Columbus decided to bring back the sustainer party to celebrate the League's annual sustainer honoree. The night before the 2017 Holiday Tour of Homes, members and community friends gathered to celebrate Laurie Schmidt-Moats, the 2017 Junior League of Columbus Sustainer Honoree. 110 guests enjoyed food, music, silent auction and entertainment as they celebrated Laurie's contribution to the community and League over the years. The event was able to raise nearly \$7,000 for the Junior League of Columbus. On top of that, one sustainer chose to make a special \$10,000 gift to the League in Laurie's honor.

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 grew immensely this year with several new corporate sponsors and welcomed nearly 400 attendees, who enjoyed small bites from local eateries while touring homes. The 13th Annual Tour raised almost \$15,000.

Leadership and Lattes

The 3rd Annual event was held again in January 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. Those in attendance were able to hear from Judge Beth Gill (who serves at Franklin County Juvenile Courts), Vickie Bowen Hewes (Executive Director of Dress for Success Columbus) and Lisa Ingram (CEO of White Castle).

A Breakfast with Characters

We were thrilled to hold the 2nd Annual A Breakfast with Characters event again in February, after such a historic inaugural event the year prior. This year we welcomed well over 200 guests and raised over \$5,000 to support the Adopt-a-Backpack for Children Project! The magical morning offered time with several princesses, superheroes, a Minion and even Brutus the Buckeye. In addition to the characters, children enjoyed breakfast and many fun activities. The League was also proud to host a table of local foster children at this year's A Breakfast with Characters!

Backpack Madness

Our first ever Backpack Madness fundraiser was hosted in March; formerly known as Reds, Whites & ABCs. A lively night with games, food, drinks, and (of course) March Madness. With the support from sponsors and over 100 tickets sold, the event raised \$4,622 for the Adopt-a-Backpack for Children Project.

Kelton House Gala

The 2018 Kelton House Gala raised just over \$21,000 for continuing the Kelton House's mission of providing historical education and preserving decorative arts in Central Ohio. The Speakeasy theme was enhanced by OSU Jazz trio playing catchy tunes and the Candle Lab's mahogany scent filled the air from donated candles. Guests enjoyed a summery bruschetta chicken, potatoes and green bean buffet from Two Caterers and the always sweet Nothing Bundt Cakes donated desserts. The signature cocktail, a lime Moscow Mule, featured goods from alcohol partner Middle West Spirits.



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