



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

ANNUAL REPORT

— 2023 - 2024 —

Ericka Duker

I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the unwavering commitment and impact we've made together. Our League's legacy of service, collaboration, and community engagement continues to shine brightly, even in the face of challenges.



Reflecting on Our Journey The past year has been a tapestry of accomplishments, resilience, and unprecedented change. We've navigated uncharted waters through the launch of Member Essentials, hosting our first-ever period poverty summit, as well as the launch of Find the Good Day. We've adapted to shifting expectations in how we continue to service the Kansas City Community and emerged stronger than ever. As we transition into the next League year, I am excited to witness how we will continue to fulfill our mission in new and innovative ways.

Our Unstoppable Impact Our trained volunteers, each a force of nature, have worked hard to continue to make an impact on our beloved Kansas City. From identifying critical needs within our community to collaborating with community partners, we've taken bold action to create positive change. Whether it's addressing sudden funding gaps, providing relief during disasters, or championing essential programs, we've stood tall as advocates for progress.

A Grateful Heart To each member of our League, thank you. Your dedication, passion, and tireless efforts are the bedrock of our success. Together, we've woven a vibrant tapestry of service, compassion, and empowerment. As we move forward, let's celebrate our achievements, learn from our challenges, and continue to uplift one another.

Looking Ahead The road ahead holds promise and possibility. Let's embrace it with open hearts, unwavering determination, and the knowledge that we are part of something extraordinary. Our League's impact reverberates far beyond our meetings and events—it touches lives, transforms communities, and leaves an indelible legacy.

In Unity and Purpose As we march onward, let's remember that we are not just members of an organization; we are catalysts for change. Our collective spirit, resilience, and vision will propel us toward even greater heights. Together, we are committed to our Kansas City Community and committed to each other.

Ericka Duker
President 2023-2024

OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri (JLKC) is a 501 (c)(3) organization of women committed to advancing women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

OUR VISION

The Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri has a vision to be a visible group of active volunteers focused on improving the quality of life in our community.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITMENT

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

REACHING OUT

The Junior League reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins, who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. Our League currently numbers more than 1,100 strong. We are women who work full-time, part-time, and in the home; single women, married women and mothers. We are women who share diverse interests and backgrounds as well as a desire to improve our community through volunteer action and grant-making.

Since 1914, the Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri has been associated with more than 350+ community agencies and organizations. Since the League's inception, our members have raised more than \$19 million for our mission and volunteered over \$2.6 million hours. League members research areas of need in the Kansas City area and educate the membership and the community about those issues. Our current focus area is Women and Children, in the areas of abuse and neglect, childhood development and women's self-sustainability.



JUNIOR LEAGUE
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OUR MISSION IN ACTION



The League offered a total of **44** trainings in **2023-2024**

SAMPLE GENERAL TRAININGS

- Advanced Leadership Certification Series
- Understanding Pink Tax
- Creating with Canva
- Understanding Your Skincare Routine
- Sewing 101
- Crucial Conversation Over Cocktails
- CPR Basics
- Food Accessibility & Urban Farm Tour
- Paint your pet
- A Guide to keeping Volunteers Happy, Engaged & Motivate
- Housing Insecurity in Kansas City
- Private Tour of the Kansas City Public Library
- JLCCMO Zoo Day
- US Fish and Wildlife Service Guided Hike
- Get Out of Your Own Head
- Creating the perfect Charcuterie Board
- Intuitive Eating for better Health
- Fitness Class at Power Life Yoga Barre
- From Casual to White Tie
- Community Based Maternity Care with Uzazi Village
- Happy on Purpose at Work
- Cultural Conversation Italy Pasta Making
- Cultural Conversation India
- Women in Business

Trainings in 2023-2024 were a mix of in-person and virtual thanks to a creative Training Council.

Member Awards

Community Service Award

Lisa Hoffman

AJLI 40 under 40

Abbie Rothermich

Leader of the Year

Anna Thomas-Rios

Advancing the Mission Award

Courtney Lutgen

New Member of the Year

Terri Roberts Munsell

Active Member of the Year

Brenda Poor

Committee of the Year

Community Volunteers & Grants

Above and Beyond Award

Alexis Strauss

Active Achievement Award

Sarah Dempster



ADVANCED LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION SERIES (ALCS)

This year we had four ALCS graduates, those attendees who completed all 12 of the courses the League offers in partnership with the Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership.

Congratulations to these women on completing the certification.

Courtney Karr
Chelsea Chaney

COMMUNITY PARTNERS & PROGRAMMING



COMMUNITY PARTNERS		
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	FUNDING	VOLUNTEERS
Gordon Parks Elementary	\$6,400	7
Kanbe's Market	\$9,000	8
The Farmer's House	\$3,000	6
Wayside Waifs	\$1,997	7

Historical Impact
in the Community
Since 1914

350+



Partnership with Agencies

\$19

MILLION



Raised for our Mission



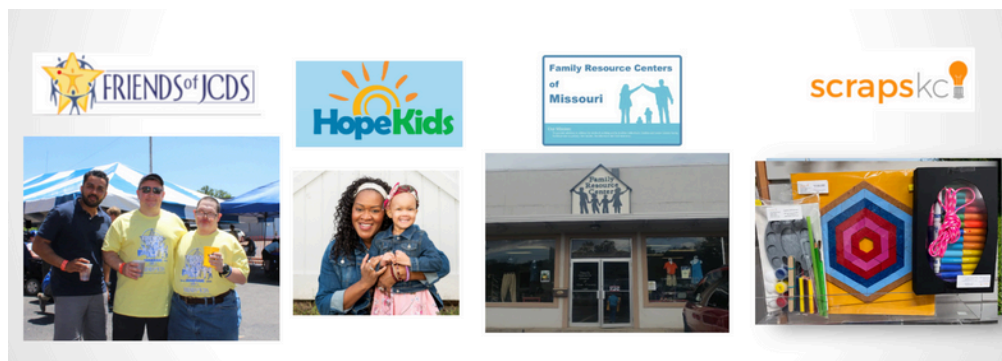
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MILLION



Volunteer Hours Given



FUNDRAISING



Farewell,

Holiday Mart

Holiday Mart is Kansas City's largest nonprofit shopping event, and all proceeds benefit our mission and community projects.

It's been an incredible journey for Holiday Mart, bringing joy and support to our community for 36 wonderful years. The world has evolved, and it's time for us to evolve with it, so we have sunset this beloved fundraiser. The event was a success as shown by the numbers below

32	10k	\$94k	82
retailers	shoppers	raised	volunteer shifts



Funds raised (2024): \$22,441

C3KC

For corporate, civic, and community stakeholders, C3KC is a collaborative conference convened to spark change for a better Kansas City.

In addition, Maurice Alvin Watson was recognized with the 2024 Branton/Hall Community Collaborator Award, named in honor of Mary Shaw "Shawsie" Branton and Adele Hall.

Attendees: 467

Funds raised: \$84,004



Sip & Support

This year, Sip & Support took on a whole new meaning, as we came together to celebrate the Junior League's mission, our incredible members, and a 110-year history of service to the community. The event was hosted at the Guild KC with great turnout from active and sustainers

Attendees: 104

Funds raised: \$17,702



INVESTMENTS

Community Endowment Fund

The Community Endowment Fund provides emergency grants to Kansas City area nonprofit agencies. Each year we provide grants supply, up to \$7,500, per request to organizations in need. Examples of requests funded this year included:

Amount Granted: **\$66,506**



Headquarters Building Fund

The Building Fund was established to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of our headquarters at 9215 Ward Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri.

Major projects funded this year included upgrades to technology in all meeting rooms, establishment of the Ward Parkway meeting space, and updated signage.

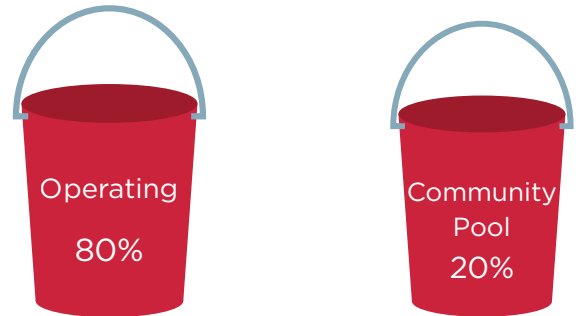
Amount Granted: **\$155,691**

Legacy Training Fund

The Legacy Training Fund provides funding for programs and educational activities that develop the potential of our members. Requests funded this year included...

Amount Granted: **\$26,162**

★ Budget Categories



- Fundraiser Budget
- Administrative cost
- Trainings
- Council Budgets
- Signature Programs
- CV&G
- Community Service Award
- Branton/Hall Award

★ Per Standing Rules, Annual Budget 16.3 section "Eighty (80) percent of the New Fundraisers Revenues are Council and Operating Funds, twenty (20) percent of the Net Fundraisers Revenues are Community Pool Funds.

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Note: This listing includes cash donations made from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024. In-kind gifts and event ticket purchases are not reflected. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

Aperio Philanthropy
Langworthy Family -
Foundation
Creative Planning
Cerner
Evergy
JLKCMO Legacy Training Fund
KPMG Gives
Neighborhood Tourist Dev. -
Fund
The Andersons, Inc.
The Sosland Foundation
Westlund Family Fund
Willie and Sandra Lawrence -
Family Foundation Fund

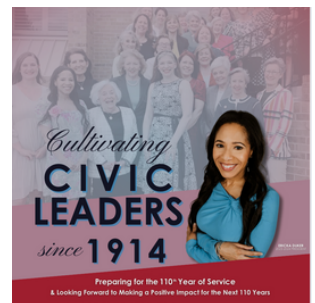


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Kandi McCasland
Lia McIntosh
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Caroline McKnight
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Yvette Miceli
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Abby Moog
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Meg Murphy
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Elliot Olson
Aly Olson
Sally Ott
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Amanda Braun
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Victoria Brokke
Cheridah Davis
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Jill Dean
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Lynn Devins
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Patricia Diego
Jennifer Capps
Shannon DiMaggio
Sandy Castetter
Karolyn Dreiling
Bernita Cauthon
Deborah Dribben
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Valerie Chaloud
Melissa Dusenbery
Andrea Gonzalez
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Jennifer Graves
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Sarah Gravlin
Susanne Hurst
Chris Gray
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Jennifer Isleib
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Celeste Greenlee

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Georgia Lynch
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Teresa Maly
Emily Manahan
Lindsay Martin
Rebecca Martin



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Chelsea Chaney
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Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Anonymous
Sarrah Chapman
Jennifer Chmelka
Sandra Archer
Lauren Cimpl
Elizabeth Arnold
Cathy Ciseti
Cynthia Clark
Janet Baker
Katelyn Clark
Sherrie Balmer
Kristin Clarke
Mary Barlow
Janet Clason
Elizabeth Barnard
Riley Clause
Marque Ann Barton
Melissa Coleman
Tiffany Basinger
Kristina Collins
Jennifer Bass
Sally Cook
Rebecca Baumgartner
Kim Cook
Janet Beall
Mary Cooper
Christine Beck
Debbie Cooper
Mindy Becker
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Susan Belger Angulo
Rita Cortes
Emily Bell
Karen Cox
Jane Ellen Benson
Lillian Coye
Erik Bergrud
Ellen Crabtree

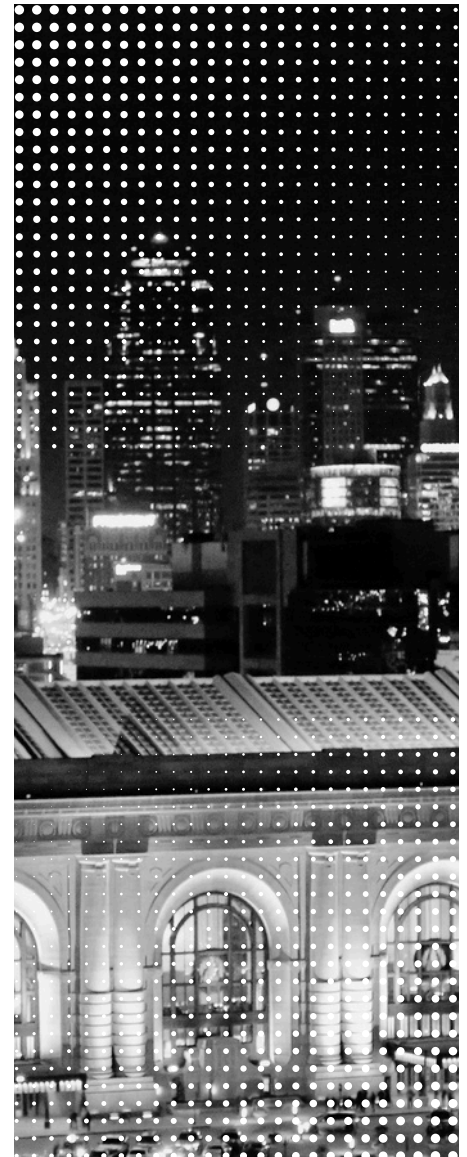
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Kimberly Craig
Ashley Bieck
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Nancy Pinnell
Kyla Pitts-Zevin
Jennifer Poppe
Mary Ann Powell
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Carol Price
Danielle Pringle
Susan Spaulding
Pallavi Sriram
Abigail Pumphrey
Susan Stannard
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Mina Steen
Danielle Puzio
Leslie Stelzer
Julie Randolph
Janet Stevenson
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Courtney Raupp
Julie Stoner
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Stephanie Stratemeier
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Alexis Strauss
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JoAnn Sullivan
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Sidney Sutton
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Amanda Swysgood
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Maegan Tambke-Thomas
Carrie-Lynn Rodenberg
Kemper Tell
Claire Rodgers
Stacy Tew-Lovasz
Kathryn Roeder
Abbie Rothermich
Robin Rowland
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Marina Samples
Qiana Thomason
LaTonya Samuels

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Caitlin Schaefer
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Becky Smith
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Annual Giving Impact

\$37,417





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TO COMMUNITY - TO EACH OTHER