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2024-2025 JLKC ISSUE

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CLOSING OUT JLKC'S 110TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR



2025 REFRESH

JLKC celebrated its 110th anniversary in 2024. Members are hard at work to continue momentum while exploring new ideas to spark change in the community.

**FIRST EVER
SOLD OUT
SIP & SUPPORT !**

Sip & Support Committee is thrilled to report that the event was a huge success, selling out for the first time ever! Read issue for more details.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi, friends! If we haven't had the privilege of meeting yet, I'm Sarah Koci Scheilz. It's my honor to be your 2025-2026 President.



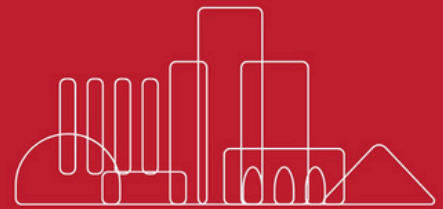
Robert Putnam's groundbreaking research on civic engagement reminds us: "In a community in which people are more connected with one another, the whole community functions better." That's the ripple effect of our League.

When friends and family ask why I'm part of the Junior League, I share stories about life-changing friendships, incredible networking, our unparalleled impact around KC — Union Station, Children's Mercy, the Zoo, Operation Breakthrough, Loose Park, to name a few! — and the generations of inspiring women who've built Kansas City through our League's work.

I talk about how I've grown as a leader and gained both clarity and confidence because the League believed in me (especially in seasons when I didn't believe in myself).

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BUILDING CONNECTIONS.
BUILDING LEADERS.

I never forget to mention our iconic Dinner Clubs! The real magic, however, is the intersection of it all. Nowhere else can you make friends, grow as a leader, volunteer, network, contribute to a legacy, gain priceless training — and have fun doing it.

Earlier this spring, I looked back at my own Junior League membership application, submitted in early 2013, just six months after moving to KC. In my application, I wrote: "Community engagement is a gift I get to give, and a gift I get to receive. I eagerly anticipate building friendships as we build this city and our communities." A lot about me has changed since then, but my heart in that sentiment remains the same.

As we step into this year, our theme says it all: Building Connections. Building Leaders. When we feel connected and we're growing, we stay engaged. Every block matters — and every member! — matters.

This is the honor of a lifetime, and I intend to approach it with gratitude every day. My door and heart are always open. I can't wait to listen, support, and grow with you. Here's to building our city, our connections, and ourselves!

Thank you for being here. And thank you for being part of something bigger than yourself.

Sarah Koci Scheilz
2025-2026 President



LETTER FROM OUR 2024-2025 PRESIDENT



As we bring this incredible League year to a close, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for making it such a meaningful and impactful journey. It has been an absolute honor to serve alongside you, and a privilege to be entrusted with leading this remarkable organization.

Our theme this year, “Inspired Excellence: Embracing Tradition with Momentum,” perfectly captured the spirit of what we accomplished together. We honored our rich legacy while boldly moving forward, discovering new ways to serve, lead, and grow. Your dedication, energy, and unwavering commitment brought this theme to life in ways that far exceeded expectations.

Thank you for saying yes to the League. Your time is truly invaluable, whether it is spent on leadership, committee work, community outreach, or mentorship. Each of you played a vital role in advancing our mission and strengthening our impact across Kansas City

I am deeply grateful for your trust, your support, and your service. I hope that during these summer months, you have found time for rest, reflection, and connection with those you love. May this season bring you joy, peace, and well-deserved renewal.

I look ahead with excitement, knowing that the momentum we’ve built together ensures the best is yet to come.

With gratitude and admiration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Raupp". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Courtney Raupp
2024-2025 President

A collage of six images showing various construction and maintenance workers in safety gear performing tasks. In the center is the DMC SERVICE logo, which consists of a blue and red diamond shape with the text "DMC SERVICE" inside. Below the collage, the text reads "DMC SERVICE PROUDLY SUPPORTS THE JLKCMO MISSION" and "Here for you 24/7 | (913) 481-0505". At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the text "Commercial HVAC + Plumbing" and "Repair | Replace | Maintain | Install".

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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

October 2024 Sip & Support took on a 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 a huge success, selling out for the first time ever!

A Quick Turnaround, Big Results

Despite the condensed timeline, the **Sip & Support Committee** pulled off an event that exceeded all expectations. Starting in late June, the committee worked tirelessly to ensure everything came together perfectly. With the generous sponsorship of **The Guild**, we were able to bypass months of venue hunting, allowing us to focus all our efforts on the event itself. The result? A sold-out event with fantastic energy and engagement from our members and guests.



Fresh Fundraising Ideas

In keeping with the theme of innovation, this year's event embraced a new approach to fundraising. The committee introduced several new and fun ways to raise money, including:

- **Champagne Necklace Drawing:** Guests had the chance to win a stunning diamond necklace from Diamonds Direct with a \$50 entry to the champagne raffle.
- **Wine Pull:** With donated wine from our members, attendees had the opportunity to pull a bottle and take home a surprise selection.
- **Raffle Drawings:** Small raffle prizes were available throughout the evening, keeping excitement high and encouraging participation from start to finish.

The event also saw an incredible turnout of Sustainer members, who were honored with a special Sustainer Happy Hour. Their presence was a beautiful reminder of the long-standing community we've built together.



Celebrating 110 Years: Event Ambassadors

One of the most exciting elements of this year's Sip & Support was the introduction of **Event Ambassadors**. These women, nominated to represent every decade of Junior League's history, embodied the spirit of our League's mission and legacy. Their participation reminded us all of the "why" behind the work we do, and the importance of honoring the past while continuing to build the future.

A Night to Remember

From the **Ambassadors** to the **Sustainers**, and everyone who attended, this year's **Sip & Support** was a true celebration of our **Junior League family**. The event not only raised vital funds but also deepened our community connections and reaffirmed our shared commitment to making a difference in the lives of women and children in our community. The energy was electric, the stories were inspiring, and the memories made will last for years to come.

Thank you to everyone who helped make **Sip & Support 2024** a resounding success. We look forward to another year of making a difference, one sip at a time!



2024-2025 Sip & Support Committee
with Chair Elliot Olson



C3KC 2025: OUR MISSION IN MOTION!



BLUE CARPET EVENT



C3KC and JLKC were recently honored by The Family Conservancy with the Betsy Vander Velde Award. This prestigious recognition highlights the League's leadership in raising awareness on critical issues, particularly in early childhood education and mental health—key areas aligned with The Family Conservancy's mission.

Community members attended the C3KC Conference on April 9, 2025, to spark change for a better Kansas City! This conference brought together the civic, corporate, and community sectors to collaborate on issues of concern to the Kansas City community.

2025 C3KC topics included: Mental Health, Period Poverty, Early Care and Education, and much more.

We were proud to announce **Alvin Brooks** as the **2025 Branton/Hall Community Collaborator Award recipient**. Mr. Brooks's collaborative efforts across the civic, corporate, and community sectors have had a profound impact on the safety of Kansas City communities.

The day also included a keynote address by **Kim Becking**, *New York Times* best-selling author and the driving force behind The Momentum Movement™.



CELEBRATING CONNECTIONS

Krystal Martinez

The **Connections Committee** is a newer initiative for JLKC. The committee is focused on creating inclusive and creative environments for all members.

Often at the committee and council meetings, some members feel we do not truly have a chance to sit and catch up with our League friends and, with the Connections Committee initiative, we are hoping to give everyone an avenue to do just that.

The goal of the Connections Committee is to provide a place for members to come together and exist with no expectations other than to have a good time. We aim to host one event per month at League headquarters.

Last fall, we hosted a Fall Craft Night, Friendsgiving Bingo, and Holiday Hoopla for all members! Be sure to check out the calendar for upcoming events!

Galentine's Event

Love, laughter, and League friendships

The Connections Committee hosted a Galentine's celebration at Junior League HQ in February, bringing together members for an afternoon of celebrating female friendship, the power of women supporting each other, and plenty of sweet treats.



Eastern Jackson & Cass Counties

JL Neighborhoods: Eastern Jackson & Cass Counties group had a blast at Pinot's Palette - Blue Springs, enjoying a fun and creative time together.

Neighborhoods

Last year, the Committee launched our **Neighborhoods Initiative**. Every member of JLKC, regardless of status, was automatically sorted into one of our seven neighborhoods: North KC, Lenexa/Olathe/Shawnee, Overland Park, Brookside/Waldo, Lee's Summit, Downtown/Plaza, and Leawood/Prairie Village. Each neighborhood has one to three leads who are tasked with putting gatherings or events for everyone. All activities are posted on the League calendar and everyone is welcome to attend regardless of what neighborhood you are assigned. Some of the events we've seen happening are: happy hour, in-home brunch, game night, yoga in the park, kayaking, and more.

We hope to see you all soon at one of our many events throughout the metro area. If you are wanting to host or have an idea, send it on over! connections@jlk.org

PLAYBOOK FOR A SUSTAINABLE DINNER CLUB: FROM STRANGERS TO LIFELONG FRIENDS

Four strangers embarked on a journey that would transform their lives forever, cultivating a 15-year strong Dinner Club.

When Katy Watkins first joined the Dinner Club, she was eager to make meaningful connections in her early-post grad years. She sought a deeper bond with people at a similar life stage, and not necessarily tied to situational relationships like work or school colleagues. She wanted "adult" friendships built on shared experiences and mutual interests.

Through the JLKC Dinner Club, she was introduced to a diverse group of women who ultimately sought similar relationships: Ashley Campbell was a new member, Sarah Parrish was a transfer Active member, and Kali Meyer was a seasoned JLKC member. Each member brought their own unique experiences and personality, collectively weaving a rich tapestry of friendship lasting 15 years and counting. Each woman agreed the dynamic felt different and promising, yet their monthly Dinner Club became much more than expected.



Through shared meals and experiences, Katy, Ashley, Sarah, and Kali have created a bond that goes beyond casual friendships. They have built a lifelong connection, proving that a simple Dinner Club can evolve into a cherished community, where every member feels valued and included. Here's how they did it:

1 Welcome New Experiences: They embraced an openness to new experiences, as the club serves as a valuable platform for forming connections and building community within Kansas City. Members joined with similar hopes for friendship and a sense of belonging, but can recall the nervous feeling related to the unknown and meeting new people. Over time, the Dinner Club evolved into a safe space where members could share life's ups and downs, celebrating weddings, welcoming new births, and supporting each other through losses. For many, like Ashley, it became a vital connection after relocating, fostering deep friendships without the need for specific situational ties.

2 Home Dinners for Deeper Bonds: Choosing to dine in each other's homes brought an intimacy that restaurants simply couldn't match. Each dinner became a canvas for laughter and stories, as members contributed their unique dishes. Hosting at home brought shared responsibility, creating a rhythm that encouraged everyone to show up, share, and support one another.

3 Embrace Culinary Adventures: Openness to trying new recipes and exploring diverse restaurants became a cornerstone of their club. They cherished the opportunity to try new recipes and expand their culinary skills. One memorable dinner at Ashley's featured a delicious lamb rack—something Katy wouldn't have dared to cook on a typical day. The Dinner Club encouraged everyone to step out of their comfort zones, exploring new flavors and cuisines together.

Tip!

Host with Delight:

Each member took turns hosting, with the host responsible for only dessert in order to appreciate the effort behind the beautifully set tablescapes. This became a cherished tradition, infusing fun and creativity into every gathering, not to mention a good excuse to break out the holiday and event-specific dining sets that wouldn't get used otherwise!

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4 Intertwining Personal Lives: The group eventually organized get-togethers outside of their regular meetings, fostering a sense of family and continuity. The husbands became friends, often enjoying bike rides together. Their kids have also become friends and, currently, the group has a combined ten kids, adding another layer to their friendships.

Food is not just sustenance; it is a powerful connector. This foursome's story is a testament to the power of food, friendship, and the commitment to nurturing meaningful relationships while embracing the joy of culinary discovery.



JLKC DINNER CLUB: WHAT IT'S ABOUT

Allie Smith & Heather Peña

As Dinner Club Co-Chairs this year, we are excited to peruse Junior League cookbooks from around the country, highlight standout local restaurants, and ultimately offer a great excuse to get together and get to know new (and old!) League friends. Dinner Club has been an important piece of both our League experiences, and the friends made and meals shared have helped us stay connected to the League over the years.

We plan to offer some smaller seasonal suggestions in between our main menus and would love to connect with any members who have suggestions or stories of their Dinner Club experiences.

We can't wait to enjoy a delicious year together!

COMFORT CORNERS: FOSTERING CALM AND BELONGING AT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Sara Harrison

At our General Membership Meetings, we've introduced the "Comfort Corners" program, designed to promote a sense of calm and belonging for all League members. These quiet, calming spaces, located on the periphery of the GMM venue, offer a designated area where members can retreat when feeling overwhelmed. Whether you are an introvert in need of some solitude or simply need a moment to collect your thoughts, Comfort Corners provide a place to relax and recharge.

The idea for Comfort Corners came from a JLKC member's personal experience at the Kansas City MCI airport and usage of their sensory room. The airport's sensory room is an interactive space designed to help travelers who are neurodivergent and may become overwhelmed by a bustling and unfamiliar place. Comfort Corners aims to accomplish a similar concept within the GMM environment.

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By creating these spaces, we aim to enhance the League experience, especially for introverted or neurodivergent members. Everyone can benefit from a quiet space to regroup, which ultimately helps foster a more inclusive and supportive environment. Comfort Corners aligns with our League's values of leadership and inclusivity, showing that even small changes can make a big difference. We want to ensure that all members feel heard, supported, and comfortable, making our community even stronger.

NEW! LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS

Rachel Kortkamp

Leadership Education presents a new training series called **Leadership Essentials**, consisting of seven core trainings offered to all League members. These training sessions, which are led by other League members, include: Robert's Rules, Facilitation Training, Effective Collaboration, communication skills, presentation skills, and much more.

The goal of these sessions is to provide quality training and empowerment for our members to become great leaders. Offering these trainings will allow JLKC to stay steadfast to the commitment of our mission. In addition, it gives members clear next steps to grow and succeed as leaders.

These training sessions are offered to all League members, current leaders, members who want to be a leader in the future, and those who want to learn a new skill. There is a training for everyone, a seat at the table, and a place to grow. Keep your eye out for upcoming offerings on the League calendar. As the Leadership Education Chair and a new League leader, I hope to see you at a future session!



FIND THE GOOD DAY

Sarah Glaser

Find the Good Day was not only a success, but also very impactful to our community on September 19, 2024. What is Find the Good Day? This day, created by AJLI, is dedicated to finding the good in yourself, your community, and the world around you. Be the good. Do the good. Find the good. Over 30 Junior League volunteers contributed acts of goodwill throughout seven different shifts with community partners that day. We partnered with CV&G organizations Scraps KC, Family Resource Center of Cass County, and Friends of JCDS. After a day of making positive impacts in our community, the Done In A Day Committee partnered with Training for an educational and celebratory evening at Headquarters. We had a wonderful time learning from Junior League members as well as community partners about ways to utilize our League skills within the community!

The fun doesn't stop there! In addition to Find the Good Day, we've had several other events, including a kickoff at Headquarters, an evening at HappyBottoms, and time spent packing kits with Love Fund for Children. Done In A Day will continue to make a positive impact in the community. We hope you will join us!





MAH JONGG & MIMOSAS

On February 22nd, the League hosted an incredible turnout at the JLKC Headquarters for the Mah Jongg & Mimosas event. Participants enjoyed a morning filled with friendly competition, community connection, and delicious mimosas.

Beginner lessons started at 9:30 a.m., followed by social play thereafter until 2pm. All the while, attendees participated in a raffle full of exciting prizes.



REAL LIFE, REAL CHOICES

Dr. Shelley Cooper

Recently, I attended the Real Life, Real Choices workshop, a poverty simulation that turned out to be a truly eye-opening experience. Each participant was assigned a character with a backstory, a family, and limited resources, and our goal was to make it through a month while meeting our basic needs. I thought it would be straightforward, but quickly realized just how challenging and stressful it is to balance essential expenses on a limited income.

In my role as a couple with two kids, I had to make tough choices between paying bills or buying groceries, and every decision felt heavy. I was constantly on edge, trying to stay afloat but always falling behind because of unexpected costs and time constraints. This experience made me see poverty from a new perspective: it's not about a lack of motivation, but about navigating limited resources, setbacks, and the constant stress of barely making it by.

Connecting with fellow participants during the workshop was powerful as we shared our experiences and emotions, realizing that poverty is not only financial, but also impacts health, relationships, and mental well-being. We saw how easy it is to fall into cycles of debt and stress that are hard to break, and how these everyday struggles affect so many in our community.

I left the workshop with a renewed sense of empathy and purpose. The experience showed me the importance of community support and effective policies to help those facing poverty. I now feel more inspired to get involved with local services and advocate for long-term solutions. For anyone who hasn't attended Real Life, Real Choices, I highly recommend it. It's an unforgettable experience that builds compassion and understanding.



Suggestions for Advocacy Day at the Capitol

When participating in an advocacy day at the State Capitol, community members should first prepare thoroughly to make the most of their time. Start by researching the key issues you'll be discussing, the policies you support or oppose, and any specific bills related to your cause. For Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri, Period Poverty is our current initiative.

Knowing the background of the issue and the potential impact on the community will help you speak confidently. Review the list of legislators you'll meet and take note of their stances or past voting records on similar issues. Bringing any helpful documents, fact sheets, or data to support your points can also add credibility to your conversation.

Once at the Capitol, remember that respectful and concise communication is essential. Begin meetings with a quick introduction about who you are, where you're from, and the organization you represent. Share personal stories and experiences to illustrate how the issues affect your community, as these often resonate more than just facts or statistics. When discussing your stance, be clear and stay on point, focusing on one or two primary messages to avoid overwhelming your audience. Be sure to listen actively, too, and show openness to any questions or feedback legislators might have, as this can foster a more productive, memorable dialogue.

Finally, follow up with gratitude and a reminder of your visit. After each meeting, send a thank-you email to the legislators and their staff, reiterating the key points discussed and expressing appreciation for their time. Staying engaged strengthens the relationship and helps keep your cause on their radar. Regular, respectful contact shows you're committed and can make your advocacy more effective in the long run. Participating in an advocacy day is a powerful way to make your voice heard, so make it count with preparation, professionalism, and ongoing engagement.

LEGACY TRAINING FUND

Kim Kushner

Do you have a training you'd like to attend, but cost is holding you back? Are you ready to take your League leadership and volunteer skills to the next level? The Legacy Training Fund is here to support you.

The Legacy Training Fund provides an ongoing source for member development, striving to support and enhance the Junior League of Kansas City's (JLKC) mission to train our volunteers. Through promoting extraordinary or aspirational learning opportunities, the Legacy Training Fund aims to strengthen members' skills, knowledge, and leadership capabilities. The fund's vision is to create a more robust and impactful League experience by fostering a culture of continuous learning and growth.

JLKC established the Legacy Training Fund in 2014, in honor and celebration of our 100th anniversary. Robin Rowland, Legacy Training Fund Sustainer Committee member, describes the origin of this fund, stating, "Supporting League members throughout their journey of becoming trained volunteers has been an important League value since our founding. To honor this value, invest in our current and future members, and to celebrate our 100th anniversary, we created the Legacy Training Fund. Endowed through funds from the League and private donations from League members, we created this fund as a gift to support, train, and inspire our League members in perpetuity."

The corpus of the Legacy Training Fund is 1 million dollars; each year, a distribution is made to fund approved grant requests. For the 2024-2025 League year, our goal was to distribute \$76,453.08 to our members.

How can members take advantage of this funding opportunity? Apply to receive a grant! [Visit the Legacy Training Fund application website](#) for more information and additional guidelines for applications.

Application requirements are simple—we seek mission-focused, member development opportunities that enhance the JLKC member experience and benefit our League community as it relates to developing the potential of women. The fund holds three request buckets to choose from in applying:

1. Individual Grants: These funds directly impact the individual member's League volunteer role
2. Training Funds: These funds account for League-role specific training opportunities for Council and committee members. These funds also support member training opportunities, and events with a training component
3. Board-Designated Funds: These funds account for Board of Directors training requests. These funds can support individual, Council, committee, and director-level training needs.

Examples of past Legacy Training Fund-sponsored events include, but are not limited to: DEI certificate program attendance (individual), Nonprofit Connect courses/trainings (individual/training); C3KC Conference sponsorship (training/board-designated); CliftonStrengths assessment (training); and Advanced Leadership Certification Series (ALCS) individual training sponsorship and program funding (individual/training). Sara Harrison, Director of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging Council (DEIB) shared her experience using the Legacy Training Fund for the Organizational Development Institute (ODI), "ODI was an incredibly valuable conference. My favorite part of the conference was learning about cultivating belonging from a neuroscience frame. I am thankful the Legacy Training Fund allowed me to attend. I hope to see both new and experienced League members attend in future years with support from this fund."

Amanda Wagner, Step-Up Chair of the Community Volunteers and Grants Committee, used the Legacy Training Fund for the ALCS Basics in the Art and Science of Fundraising training. She reflected on her training experience, sharing that this training helped her "feel more confident in approaching potential donors for support to causes that matter to me."

Monica Curls, Nominating Committee Member, called the fund a “wonderful asset to League members.” Monica champions the fund through reflecting on her personal experience using it, “I have benefited personally and professionally with the trainings funded through this fund. More importantly, I have been able to bring those learnings back to the League. I hope more League members will take advantage of this great benefit.”

Megan Gunnels, Legacy Training Fund Step-Up Chair, sees the future of the Legacy Training Fund as a true investment in our member potential. She states, “By using the Legacy Training Fund, we are investing in the future of the League and empowering members to make a positive impact in their League community and within our Greater Kansas City communities. By investing in us as leaders, we’ll invest in the League as a whole, helping the League advance community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.”

Reminder: To apply for a grant, from your member homepage, go to the “My League” tab and choose “Legacy Training Fund” from the dropdown list. The website provides detailed information about the application process, eligibility requirements, and guidelines. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Legacy Training Fund directly at legacy@jlk.org.



Sara Harrison and Amanda Braun at the 2024 ODI Conference



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WHERE YOUR DUES GO: A LOOK AT JLKC'S FINANCES

Melissa Coleman

As a member of the Junior League of Kansas City (JLKC), your dues play a vital role in supporting our mission to develop women leaders and improve our community. Your contributions are carefully allocated to ensure that your membership dollars are used effectively and efficiently.

A portion of your dues is directed to the Association of Junior League International (AJLI), the governing body for Junior Leagues worldwide (note: numbers shown here are for Active dues; Sustainer and New Member numbers vary). These funds, \$43 per Active member, support AJLI's efforts to provide training, resources, and guidance to Junior Leagues across the globe. AJLI has great resources for all of us including online training and webinars, mini MBA, networking, conferences, member discounts, and more. Learn more by going to the AJLI tab of the member portal on Member Essentials.

The second portion of your dues, used to fund the operations of JLKC, is \$122 per Active member. This includes the costs of member trainings, general membership meetings, our dedicated staff, and more. These investments enable us to provide you with valuable opportunities for personal and professional growth while also supporting our community projects. An important point to remember is that dues alone are not enough to support the function of the League. Member dues cover less than 25% of our operating costs, reinforcing the importance of supporting our fundraisers.

In recent years, we have made some changes to how the third portion of your dues, the \$25 fundraising credit, are allocated. The \$15 member discount for Sip & Support or C3KC remains. Historically, \$10 of Active membership dues provided members with Holiday Mart tickets. This \$10 is now directed toward the Headquarters Building Fund. This fund ensures that we can maintain and improve our headquarters, including utilities, lawn care and snow removal, insurance, technology, and ongoing maintenance. Given the increased costs over the past several years, this fund is the closest to its corpus (the invested funds not intended to be spent) and could use an ongoing source of funds that our dues can provide.

While our cash flow has become tighter in recent years due to changes in the fundraising landscape, JLKC remains financially solvent. Thanks to the legacy of generosity of our members and the community along with prudent financial behavior in good times, we have several investment funds that help us sustain our mission even during challenging times. These include the Headquarters Building Fund, the Legacy Training Fund, the Community Endowment Fund, and Membership Dues Assistance. While these funds help us in tough times, we also ask for all members to contribute what they can to support the League financially.

We encourage you to consider making an annual gift to JLKC. Your donation can be made in the form of cash, qualified charitable distribution, or stocks. If applicable, make sure to take advantage of your employer's matching gift program or employer grant programs (this is where your employer's foundation makes a donation on your behalf for volunteer hours tracked). Finally, please make sure to include the League in your estate planning and join the [Oglebay Society](#). Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us to continue making a positive impact on our community.

Thank you for paying your dues! Where do they go?



Note: Active dues shown, amount varies for Sustainers and New members

2025 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

*Congratulations,
Award Recipients!*

Committee of the Year *Admissions Committee*

Leader of the Year *Melissa Coleman (Director of Finance)*

Above and Beyond Award *Rachel Kortkamp (Leadership Education Chair)*

Active Achievement Award *Kimberly Craig (Bylaws Chair)*

Advancing the Mission *Kim Kushner (Legacy Training Fund Chair)*

New Member of the Year *Katherine Maloney*

Active of the Year *Danielle Mollerus (HopeKids KC Committee)*

Community Service Award *Laura Crowe*

Our Mission

The Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri, is a 501(c)(3) organization of women whose Mission is to

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women's
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