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The Journey on March 13th was a success!

Left to right: Allie Ingalls, Shannon Sharpe, Mari Marsico




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JLD 2014 Legislative Breakfast and Reception



On Thursday, February 13th, the JLD Public Policy Council hosted a breakfast for Colorado State Legislators at the State Capitol. Many legislators thanked our members for the work that we do in the community and they were excited about our literacy focus. Senator Linda Newell specially sought us out to talk about her child welfare-based bills and thanked us for support of her similarly situated bills in the past.

We were personally asked to support a number of bills from the bills' sponsors on topics ranging from early education reform to human trafficking legislation. Two such bills that garnered discussion of JLD's support were HB 14-1156 Eligibility School Lunch Program (ensuring the elimination of qualifying students' co-pay for reduced lunch through federal funding) and SB 14-003 Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (permitting local communities to address the "cliff effect" as it pertains to low-cost and quality child care access for qualifying families).

After the breakfast, Representative Janak Joshi invited members of the council onto the House floor to observe the legislative session. At the start of the Senate session, Senator Linda Newell announced on the floor that the JLD was present and briefly discussed our work in the community.

Quick "did you know?" facts about the Colorado General Assembly:

- There are 100 members of the Colorado General Assembly - 65 in the House of Representatives and 35 in the Senate.
- Every year, the legislature meets in regular session from mid-January to mid-May.
- Currently, Democrats have control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate.
- Legislators in Colorado are term-limited. They can only serve eight years in the House (four two-year terms) and eight years in the Senate (two four-year terms).
- You can find your state representative and state senator by visiting www.colorado.gov and entering your address. If they attended our Legislative Breakfast, please reach out and thank them for their time and interest.

If you have any questions about our JLD advocacy efforts, contact Jessica Grimes, Public Policy VP, at publicpolicy@jld.org.



JLD member
Aleah Menefee
and Senator
Linda Newell.


Legislators in attendance:

- Sen. Larry Crowder
Sen. Linda Newell
Sen. Andy Kerr
Rep. Joann Ginal
Rep. Thomas Exum
Rep. Kathleen Conti
Rep. Dave Young
Rep. Elizabeth McCann
Rep. Jonathan Singer
Rep. Sue Schafter
Rep. Britanny Peterson
Rep. Dianne Primavera
Rep. Janak Joshi
Rep. Dore
Rep. Timothy Mitsch-Bush
Rep. Leroy Garcia
Rep. Ray Scott

Thank you to all JLD members who donated to this very worthy cause. We will keep you updated on the progress and any future Done in a Day possibilities.

Sincerely,
Lisa Lumley
2013-2014 Junior League of Denver President
president@jld.org





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Based upon a suggestion from a Provisional member who lives in Estes Park and was initially evacuated, the Board of Directors voted at the October Board meeting to move forward with a flood relief fundraiser, matching all donations dollar for dollar. I'm proud to report that we sent a check for \$2,090 to the Estes Valley Library to help renovate and repair the Children's Story Garden. The staff was deeply appreciative.

Message from the President: JLD Estes Park Library Flood Relief Fundraiser

We were all devastated by the heavy flooding that took place last September in our great state. While it was hard to sit back and wait to help, we knew we had to let the communities assess their needs before we could take action.

We want to know about the exciting happenings in your lives! Please send submissions to celebrations@jld.org.

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Children hear a story at a recent JLD Read2Kids event.

Last spring, the JLD received a \$3,500 grant from **Target** to purchase books for our Read2Kids program. The money was used to purchase all copies of the theme book, *The Tale of Rabbit and Coyote*, for our 2013–14 Read2Kids events. Every child in attendance at our events this year takes home a copy of this book. The grant from Target also allowed us to purchase additional take home books for the children we serve. We are grateful for Target's support of our literacy programs and are proud to call them a corporate partner.

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New 2014–2015 JLD Literacy Programs

The League recently approved two brand new literacy programs! Starting in June 2014, the League will provide volunteers for one-on-one tutoring with children for Reading Partners Colorado and Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers. The League will also start creating Little Free Libraries in the Denver metro area. It's a "take a book, return a book" gathering place where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share.

New JLD Literacy Video

The JLD debuted a very special video on early childhood literacy for children birth through third grade at The Journey on March 13, 2014! We are so grateful to our community partners for their support. If you would like to watch the video, visit www.jld.org, and click on Community Impact/Literacy.



JLD Proud Sponsor of One Book 4 Colorado, April 7–21, 2014

The Junior League of Denver will sponsor One Book 4 Colorado again in 2014! This project strives to give away copies of the same book to every four-year-old in Colorado through public libraries, Reach Out and Read Colorado clinics, and Denver preschools. Last year, about 70,000 books were distributed statewide. This year's winning book will be announced on April 7th and books will be given away April 7–21, 2014. Additionally, May 19–23, 2014 is Colorado Literacy Week, so look forward to many events in communities throughout Colorado. Visit www.onebook4colorado.org for more information.

THE JOURNEY

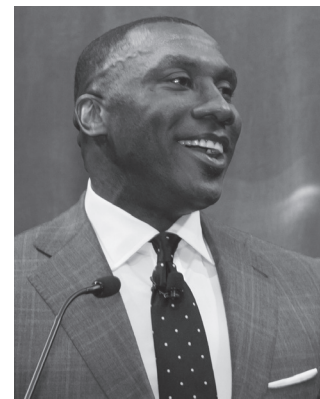
Featuring Keynote Speaker Shannon Sharpe

We are excited to report that **The Journey** raised an estimated **\$70,000 net revenue!** Thank you to all who attended and supported The Journey on Thursday, March 13th! A wonderful time was had by all in attendance, about 750 people. Thank you to Journey Co-Chairs **Allie Ingalls** and **Mari Marsico**, as well as all members of The Journey Committee for working tirelessly on the event.

A huge thank you also goes out to **Shannon Sharpe**, **Reggie Rivers**, Denver Mayor **Michael B. Hancock**, CBS4 Weather Anchor and JLD Member **Lauren Whitney**, our wonderful sponsors and in-kind donors, and everybody who made The Journey a success.

Tears streamed down Shannon's face as he described how he grew up, and what a massive influence his dear grandmother had on his life. Reggie provided a fun and heartfelt introduction for Shannon, and did a phenomenal job auctioning off footballs and a helmet to benefit our literacy efforts. Mayor Hancock provided excellent background on why nonprofits need to be involved in helping children succeed. Additionally, we debuted a JLD literacy video at the event! If you would like to watch the video, visit www.jld.org, and click on Community Impact/Literacy.

Again, thank you for your support! And look out for Journey information for 2015. Questions? Email journey@jld.org



Shannon Sharpe speaks at The Journey on March 13th.



Top: Lauren Whitney announces raffle winners at The Journey.

Left: Shannon Sharpe with Journey sponsors Alison Keiser and John Seely.

Photography donated by Jodi Ellen Photography. Visit The Journey page at www.jld.org to download and purchase pictures. Browse Jodi's work at www.jodiellen.com.

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2013 JLD Panty Raid Donation Challenge Results

By Whitney Cortner, Sustainer Council Community Projects Co-Chair

The JLD Sustainer Council is proud to support The Gathering Place of Denver. In the fall of 2013, the JLD Sustainer Bucket List Group created a donation challenge called **The Gathering Place Panty Raid**. The goal was to collect 1,000 pairs of new women's panties for The Gathering Place by December 31, 2013. Participants of the Panty Raid Committee included: **Victoria Vernon, Olga Payne, Gabriella Devita, Susan Harned, Karen Valdez and Whitney Cortner.**



Donation drop boxes were placed at JLD Headquarters, at General Meetings, and at the 2013 Mile High Holiday Mart. Businesses and the JLD Fun Club were also solicited for panty donations and appeals for donations were featured in the JLD monthly Sustainer eNews.

On Wednesday, February 12, 2014, members of the Panty Raid Committee met at The Gathering Place to drop off the donation. **In total, the effort collected 633 panties in all different sizes and colors.** The Gathering Place was very grateful for the donation. In fact, Lydia Rodriguez, Volunteer Coordinator, said that The Gathering Place had just run out of panties that day to give out to woman in need, so the timing of the gift from the JLD was perfect.

Special thanks to **Justine Zollo** and **Lydia Rodriguez** at The Gathering Place for helping us to coordinate our donation challenge. Thank you to **Amy Jordan Russ** for designing the Panty Raid logo, and to all JLD members and community supporters that made a donation for this very worthy cause. To learn more about The Gathering Place, Denver's only daytime drop-in center for women, their children, and transgender individuals who are experiencing homelessness and poverty, visit www.tgpdenver.org.

To learn more about upcoming events and meetings for JLD Sustainers, log in to the member side of www.jld.org and click on Sustainers. You may also email sustainers@jld.org.

JLD Board Interview: Angela Andrews, Communications Vice President

By Jacqueline Andrews, ink Reporter

Angela McConnell Andrews, Communications Council Vice President on our Board of Directors, initially learned about the Junior League through the cookbooks! Her mother always had various editions of League cookbooks around her kitchen. Also, Angela recognized the Junior League as a great way to meet new people and give back to the community.

Angela's curiosity about joining the Junior League was heightened when she learned the League was a training organization. Her career is in public policy, and she was interested in expanding her skill set. The current leadership role she holds in communications has taught her everything she knows about internal and external marketing and public relations. She has also learned a lot about Board governance, and believes the experience will help her lead in future endeavors. Through her League experience, she has mastered working as a team member toward a common goal, and truly enjoys this aspect of her League training.

When Angela has free time, she loves to ski with her husband Kevin, and enjoys family activities like swimming lessons, playground activities and painting. She has a two-year-old daughter, Scarlett (Letty). Last fall, Angela started training to confidently run a 5K!

Angela plans to continue her volunteer service with the Junior League and expand her work to other organizations in the Denver metro community. Next year, Angela will serve as Secretary on the JLD Board of Directors.

Angela, thank you for your time and dedication to the League! You are valued and appreciated.

JLD Elevator Speech

The Junior League of Denver is a women's training organization that develops civic leaders committed to improving our community. We are currently working to improve literacy rates in the Denver metro area.

Founded in 1918, the League started many well-known Denver institutions including the Children's Museum of Denver, the Mile High Transplant Bank and the Red Rocks Concert Series. Learn more at www.jld.org.



Angela Andrews and her daughter Letty.

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