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Grow:

to increase in size, number or degree.



Message from the President

Junior League of Denver is 99 years young, and the 2017–2018 year provides us another opportunity to affect change within ourselves and our community. We will be the ones who learn something new, have fun, give back, and leave JLD and our Denver metro community better for the future. It is my distinct honor this year to serve as President alongside our staff, Foundation Board of Directors, JLD Board of Directors, and each of you.

Our year is off to an impactful start with the successful completion of the inaugural JLD day of service, *Leaders United in Volunteer Service (L.U.V.S.)*. On September 23, 2017, more than 175 volunteers donated more than 700 hours in the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea (GES) neighborhoods alongside eight community partners. It was

Kali Handford

especially memorable to deepen our commitment to Swansea Elementary, as we have proudly held our Read2Kids events at Swansea for many years. A heartfelt thank you to our JLD volunteers, staff, community partners and residents of GES for allowing us this opportunity to lend our woman power to make a difference.

In other news, we began another big project in late summer 2017, making *capital improvements to JLD Headquarters*. This work, focused on improving accessibility, includes a new ramped front entrance, a back entrance in the parking lot to increase the building's maximum capacity and a lift to access all levels of the building. Thank you for your patience during these important renovations. We're looking forward to making ourselves at home again.

Lastly, we are thrilled to begin work on our sixth cookbook, *Centennial Celebrations*, to be released in 2019. Before I was a League member, I was eating delicious dishes from our triple-tested cookbooks. My in-laws have a tradition of making the tasty mushroom quiche from *Crème de Colorado* for Boxing Day every year. It's a great example of the nostalgic impact memorable meals can have. We're excited to commemorate another milestone with a new cookbook and look forward to the delicious recipes submitted by our members and community.

I encourage you to try just one new thing this League year. *GIVE* your time to a Done in a Day or support fund development efforts, *GROW* by attending one of our valuable trainings, or *GET CONNECTED* by meeting one of our 200 new Provisional members. Remember, our 99th year gives us each a new opportunity to make an impact. Let's make it a great one!

Thank you for all you do,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K. Handford'.

Kali Handford

2017–2018 JLD President

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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF DENVER FOUNDATION

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Happy 25th Anniversary JLD Foundation!

By: Susan Harned, JLD Foundation

In celebration of our 25th Anniversary, we would like to recognize the original Junior League of Denver Foundation Board of Directors. On May 15, 1992, the Articles of Incorporation for the first-ever Junior League foundation were submitted with the following women listed:

*Susan Chenier
Bonnie Downing
Katherine Fulford
Sharon Hartman
Cathy Hollis*

*Helen Ruth Mozer
Nancy Schotters
Lynne Moore Siegel
Ann Foster Sparks*

Charged with managing \$1 million set aside from fundraising income, these women built a solid platform for philanthropic support of Junior League of Denver.

Twenty-five years later their progressive thinking and business acumen have resulted in the Foundation's ability to provide steady financial contributions to JLD. The substantial distribution from the Foundation allows the League to further its important work through robust community and training programs without increased financial burden on its members. Each year, the distribution accounts for about 25% of the JLD's total yearly operating budget.

With immense gratitude, we thank these nine founders, all of whom are now Sustainers, for their vision and commitment. And to all our donors who have followed their lead and helped grow our JLD Foundation to approximately \$7.5 million: Well done and thank you!



*Kali Handford and
President-Elect Becky
Schaub at our inaugu-
ral L.U.V.S. event on
September 23.*



*Please consider a
gift to the JLD
Foundation or JLD on
Colorado Gives Day!*

Give:

*to present voluntarily and
without expecting compensation.*

JLD L.U.V.S. Becomes a Reality and a Success

By: Allison Pizzuti, Community Liaison



- *175+ volunteers*
- *Eight different community partners*
- *700+ service hours*

Imagine hundreds of volunteers coming together to complete a wide variety of volunteer projects in a single day to better the lives and community in a Denver neighborhood. That was the vision behind Leaders United in Volunteer Service (L.U.V.S.), JLD's signature day of service event. L.U.V.S. was created in response to members' requests for more opportunities to make a difference in the Denver metro area and became a reality on September 23, 2017, thanks to the dedication of many members over the past three years, and in conjunction with eight community partners in the Globeville Elyria-Swansea (GES) neighborhoods.

Liz Peetz, L.U.V.S. Co-Chair, explained, "L.U.V.S. is an interesting concept because it has allowed the League to engage new community partners, design projects that our members are interested in volunteering with, and it gives our League a unique service to offer to community organizations by responding to the needs they have and freeing up their resources to focus on mission-critical work."

Working with community partners in the GES neighborhoods made sense for the inaugural L.U.V.S., as JLD has been involved with the GES neighborhoods for several years through Read2Kids at Swansea Elementary School. The League wanted to continue its involvement



in these culturally rich and historically significant communities by investing in more than just this one area, and sought input from the local organizations as to how JLD could best partner with them to support work they are already doing. In this way, the inaugural L.U.V.S. was as much about service as it was about learning.

Members completed projects like painting community spaces to making home repairs, decorating school walls with inspirational messages, and hosting a fall festival for neighborhood families. In addition to providing volunteers, JLD gave a \$500 grant to each community partner to cover the cost of the supplies necessary to complete the projects. Many of our GES partners were surprised at how efficient and fast our volunteers worked to get their projects completed. **Gilberto Munoz**, principal of Swansea Elementary, said, “There were a lot of projects that needed some attention that we haven’t been able to get to. We are fortunate to have such a big crew of dedicated volunteers wanting to help our school.” Members, too, were just as excited since L.U.V.S. brought them together with women from other committees and councils to volunteer on a scale they haven’t experienced before in the League.

Stephanie Richards, L.U.V.S. Co-Chair, describes L.U.V.S. as “an opportunity to really see what JLD is about: a group of committed individuals trying to make their community a better place by donating their time and skills. It is an amazing day to connect with other members of the League and feel like a part of something bigger than yourself, bigger than your council and bigger than fulfilling your requirements. It’s about serving our community, developing meaningful connections and sharing experiences with an incredible team of extraordinary women. It is also a wonderful way to get more exposure for the League, and develop stronger community networks and collaborate.”

We have enjoyed meeting new nonprofit partners through L.U.V.S. and the League is currently solidifying other avenues, including Done in a Days, to continue working together throughout this League year and into the future. The goal for the future of L.U.V.S. is to expand it to include the family and friends of JLD members. **Colette Sutley**, Community VP, said, “the intention of L.U.V.S. is to create a sense of community as we work together to improve the community. Feedback from membership was that our members want to feel more connected with the community, and L.U.V.S. is a great way to do that.”

Community Council would love your feedback on L.U.V.S.! Each year, L.U.V.S. will choose a new focus — be it a neighborhood, a school system, or another need in the Denver community. We are open to hearing where you believe the League can improve its community. Email your thoughts to: jldluvs@jld.org.



Above: Organizing the library at Swansea Elementary

*Cover Photos:
Top Left — Adding leadership quotes to inspire students at Swansea Elementary*

Top Right — Cleaning up at GrowHaus

Bottom Left — Freshening up walls at Focus Points Family Resource Center

Bottom Right — El Sistema’s paper mache violins often a student’s first instrument

Center — Our volunteers helping out at Habitat for Humanity

Get connected:

join together to provide access and exchange.

Public Policy Council Educates Members on Human Trafficking

By: *Kate Cygan, Public Policy Liaison*

Junior League of Denver's Public Policy Council is gearing up for another year of education, advocacy and community impact.

During the October General Meeting, the council led a training on the complicated and robust topic of human trafficking. The council focused its efforts on understanding the issue at the national and local level and combatting the many misconceptions around it, such as "How does human and sex trafficking show up in our city?" and "What can League members do to help?"

"This year the Public Policy Council is focusing on how to elevate our existing annual events while also exploring new topics and methods of delivering content," said **Melanie Lewis Dickerson**, Public Policy VP. "We're excited to engage our members on important issues and to deepen the partnerships with the community and our legislators."

The **Public Policy Council** will continue to educate members on this issue and others facing our state. Look out for future trainings and information on advocacy and voter education.

In the coming months, the council will host its annual **Legislative Breakfast for Senators and Representatives** at the State Capitol. It will also name a Legislator of the Year and will celebrate by hosting an event recognizing current and previous recipients. As the liaison between League members, the community, the agencies the League serves and our elected officials, the Public Policy Council is gearing up for an impactful 2018 legislative session!

The Public Policy Council focuses on issues and legislation that advance the League's mission and strategic focus, and will continue advocacy for Colorado's women and children through initiatives that promote literacy and early childhood education, women's and children's health, women's economic self-sufficiency, and affordable childcare. Additionally, the council focuses on human trafficking, an issue that **The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. (AJLI)**, has been raising public awareness about and working to address for the past 10 years. Questions? Email publicpolicy@jld.org.

Making the Mission Possible: Fundraising

By: *Drew Elsey, Fundraising Liaison*

As a nonprofit, JLD relies on revenue from fundraisers to operate and further its mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities. **More than 220 guests attended Libations for Literacy, helping the League raise nearly \$16,000!** Thank you to the Libations for Literacy Committee for its vital work to secure the resources needed to carry out the JLD's mission. The council's dedication and passion is invaluable and inspiring.





New JLD Cookbook, *Centennial Celebrations*, Coming in 2019!

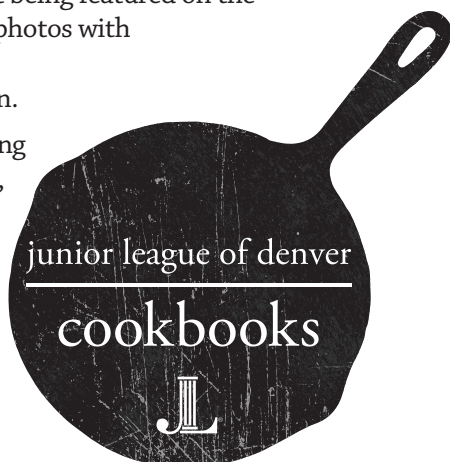
By: Leah Bradley, Finance & Operations Liaison

We are accepting recipes to fill the pages of our new cookbook, *Centennial Celebrations*, launching in 2019. *Centennial Celebrations* will feature the meals and occasions that connect us all. We are seeking recipes for gatherings of all sizes — from brunch to tailgates and everything in between. All submissions will be considered and are due November 30 (deadline extended). You may submit online at jld.org, email to recipes@jld.org, or mail to JLD Headquarters.

JLD Cookbooks help bring us together as a community and we encourage all members to participate in the exciting journey of producing *Centennial Celebrations*. If you are interested in becoming a recipe tester please fill out the online form or email **Mary Beth McErlane** at newcookbook@jld.org.

We want to inspire you all to share your love of JLD Cookbooks on social media for a chance at being featured on the JLD Instagram. Please tag all photos with [@juniorleagueofdenver](https://www.instagram.com/juniorleagueofdenver) and #JLDCookbooks in the caption.

If you're interested in purchasing any of the five JLD Cookbooks, you can do so at General Meetings or HQ during business hours. JLD cookbooks are a fantastic gift for any occasion!



Colorado Cache Pumpkin Flan, page 273

- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 16-ounce can pumpkin
- 1 13-ounce can evaporated milk

Place 1 cup sugar in a small heavy skillet and stir over medium heat until melted and caramelized. Immediately pour into the bottom of a spring-form pan or a 10-inch metal pie pan. Tilt pan to coat inside with caramelized sugar.

Beat together remaining ½ cup sugar, eggs, salt, vanilla, pumpkin pie spice, pumpkin and evaporated milk. Pour into prepared baking pan. Place pan in another shallow pan with ½ inch hot water in bottom. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 ½ hours. Cool and refrigerate until serving time. To serve, run a knife blade around the edge of pan and invert onto serving plate. Yields 6–8 servings.

JLD's first cookbook, *Colorado Cache*, was published in 1978. It remains the League's best-selling cookbook with more than one million copies sold to date!



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Junior League of Denver, Incorporated, founded in 1918, 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. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.