As we approach the 100th Anniversary of the Junior League of Denver in 2018, the League remains committed to its founding principles: improving communities and developing civic leaders to become impactful community volunteers. Your continued support of the JLD and JLD Foundation allows us to further our mission and ensure the long-term sustainability of this historic women’s organization. We are forever grateful for your generosity.

This year the JLD invested thousands of dollars and volunteer hours in our community focus area of literacy, specifically improving literacy rates for children birth through third grade.

A few of our community highlights include:

• The 123 Grants Committee awarded $10,000 in grants to grow innovative programs and fund new technologies in the area of education.

• The JLD was a partner sponsor of the 2015 Denver Academy Symposium on Teaching and Learning, with a focus on “The Reading Brain.”

• The JLD once again provided a $10,000 One Book 4 Colorado sponsorship, an effort to distribute 70,000 books to all four-year-olds in Colorado.

• The JLD advocated alongside Colorado Children’s Campaign during Colorado Speaks Up for Kids, and tracked 14 bills, engaging on eight, spanning from February to May.

• More info on pages four and five of this report!

Our two largest JLD fundraisers were highly successful again this year, with our Mile High Holiday Mart raising about $140,000 and our annual Journey event raising about $65,000. This success wouldn’t be possible without the tireless dedication of our volunteers. This year, the JLD Foundation’s assets totaled $7,525,833 and distributions to the JLD amounted to $297,540.

Over the past 18 months, the JLD and the JLD Foundation have been working on a combined strategic plan to develop a diversified fund development model. We have been working to streamline our fundraising in order to be more efficient. As the JLD and JLD Foundation work together to build a culture of philanthropy among our members, we encourage everyone to play a part in creating a healthy financial future for the JLD.

The future holds opportunities and challenges for all Junior Leagues. We are sincerely grateful to all who have contributed to the JLD and the JLD Foundation this year. Your philanthropic dollars serve as an investment not only in the future of our League, but also serve as an investment in the future of our community.

Sincerely,

Carleigh Elkus
2014–2015 JLD President

Kristin Brownson
2014–2015 JLD Foundation President

WHO WE ARE

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 for children birth through third grade. 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.
The JLD Foundation was created as a supporting foundation in 1992 with the goal of providing support for the League in perpetuity. It was the first of its type among Leagues in the country. Similar to an endowment fund, gifts made to the Foundation are invested and a portion of the investment earnings is distributed to the League each year. This year, the Foundation’s assets totaled $7,525,833 and distributions to the JLD amounted to $297,540. Distributions from the Foundation enable the League to invest thousands of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours in our community. While increasing programmatic expenditures to support its mission, the League is expanding its leadership training programs, community projects, and community grants for greater impact, especially in our focus area of literacy.

**JLD FOUNDATION GOALS**

The long-term goal of the JLD Foundation is to distribute funds annually to the JLD. All annual distributions from the JLD Foundation are made pursuant to its bylaws and policies through its Board of Directors to be expended as the JLD Board determines.

The short-term goal of increasing the asset base by 7.25% each year is evaluated annually to assure continued growth in invested funds and annual contributions, with very low administrative expenses.

**JLD FOUNDATION MISSION**

Founded in 1992, the Junior League of Denver Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation and a 509(a)(3) supporting foundation of the Junior League of Denver. The JLD Foundation’s sole purpose is to secure the financial vitality of the JLD in perpetuity.

Members of the JLD Foundation Board of Directors are stewards of the endowment, ensuring perpetual support of the JLD. The endowment’s principal increases through gifts from JLD members and community members, bequests and other planned gifts, and investment income. The portfolio is managed by Innovest Portfolio Solutions, Inc., reporting to the JLD Foundation’s Investment Committee.

From left to right: Jean Jones, Kristin Brownson, Carleigh Elkus, Bev Morrato, Bonnie Downing, Becky Theis

One the goals included in the JLD’s 2015–2020 Strategic Plan is to "create a culture of philanthropy" among our members. The organization recognizes the value in every gift, no matter what the size, and encourages our members to give what they can, when they can to honor their own personal philanthropy plans and goals. To that end, cumulative contributions in direct support of the JLD and/or and JLD Foundation are included in this report.
123 GRANTS
The 123 Grants Committee awarded a total of $10,000 in grants to three deserving community partners in May 2015: The Bridge Project, Bright by Three and Heart & Hand Center. 123 Grants Chair Julia Lazure said, “My committee and I are thrilled to be able to utilize JLD grant funding to support these three amazing organizations, all of which are promoting literacy efforts in the Denver metro community in innovative and creative ways.” Thank you to the 123 Grants Committee for their hard work!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PBS KIDS FUN FEST
The JLD proudly participated in the 18th Annual Rocky Mountain PBS Kids Fun Fest on September 6, 2014 in Downtown Denver. Volunteers welcomed more than 8,000 attendees to the kid-centric event. JLD members distributed about 2,000 books and 1,900 Clif Kid Z Bars (courtesy of Luna) to happy kiddos and adults alike. Thank you to everyone who participated in this highly successful event!

2014–2015 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

• 123 Grants: The 123 Grants Committee awarded a total of $10,000 in grants to the following organizations in May 2015: The Bridge Project ($2,500 for the GR8 readers program), Bright by Three ($5,000 for the verbal pedometer program Denver Talks Back), and Heart & Hand Center ($2,500 for literacy center e-tablets).

• Done in a Day: Providing volunteers to nonprofits for short-term projects throughout the Denver metro area. In 2014–2015, we completed 161 Done in a Days, and members spent approximately 885 hours on Done in a Days in the community.


• The Gathering Place: Approximately 5,000 meals and women were served between September 2014 and May 2015 at Denver’s only daytime drop-in shelter for women, their children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty or homelessness.

• Kids Connect: Bimonthly family literacy-based program centered on early childhood brain development. The program, held at Children’s Outreach Center and Sheridan Early Childhood Center in Denver, was designed and implemented by the JLD. About 100 children and their caregivers were served at 26 program nights with more than 1,000 books distributed. In 2015–2016, Kids Connect will be serving a new location, Sewall Child Development Center, where children of all abilities and learning styles come together to learn and grow.

• Tutoring with Kids: In 2014–2015, the JLD provided one-on-one tutoring for Reading Partners Colorado and Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers. In 2015-2016, JLD members will provide tutoring through a new partnership with TutorMate, an online literacy program that helps kids improve reading abilities.

• One Book 4 Colorado: The JLD provided a $10,000 sponsorship to One Book 4 Colorado for the third consecutive year. More than 70,000 copies of How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon? by Jane Yolen and illustrated by Mark Teague were distributed to every four-year-old in Colorado during April 2015.

• Read2Kids: An event-based program promoting literacy through access to books and parental/caregiver involvement. The 2014–2015 year was highly successful. The JLD served eight partner schools including three new partnerships at Dean, Godsman, and Wyatt Elementary schools. Volunteers distributed approximately 3,400 new books to more than 1,000 kids, ranging from preschool to sixth grade. Our partner profile targets Denver metro area schools with 85%+ of students qualifying for free or discounted lunch. Additionally, we awarded 625 books to Deane Elementary to kick off summer reading efforts.
PUBLIC POLICY

The JLD has a proud history of public policy and advocacy. It was the first League to hire a government affairs specialist in 1987. The Public Policy Council works closely with the specialist to monitor, advocate, and support various pieces of legislation. The League has supported legislation addressing literacy issues, child health issues, women’s health issues, and women’s self-sufficiency issues.

2014–2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

• Tracked 14 pieces of legislation, actively engaging on eight bills.
• Testified before the Senate committee on HB15-1221 Employee Leave Attend Child’s Academic Activities Bill.
• Partnered with the League of Women Voters for a Ballot Initiative Training.
• Hosted a moderated state legislator candidate forum at a General Meeting with Nancy Cronk (HD 37), Alec Garnett (HD 2), Jon Roberts (HD 2), and Jeffrey Washington (HD 8). Dan Haley moderated.
• Hosted a successful Legislative Breakfast in February with over 20 legislators in attendance.
• Hosted the Attorney General’s Office for a briefing on Human Trafficking policy.
• Partnered with University League, Children’s Hospital Colorado, Colorado Children’s Campaign, and the Colorado Fiscal Institute to host a League-wide training on Colorado’s fiscal landscape and TABOR.
• Hosted the Women’s Foundation of Colorado for a briefing on childcare financing.
• Awarded Representative Alec Garnett, a freshman from HD 2 and a new friend of the League, with the “Legislator of the Year” Award.

SUMMARY OF JLD’S KEY LEGISLATION

• Supported HB 15-1024: Increasing the Number of Colorado Preschool Program Students
  This bill would have increased funding for the Colorado Preschool Program (CPP), allowing eligible children to attend half or full-day preschool or full-day kindergarten. This bill failed.

• Supported HB 1221: Employee Leave to Attend a Child’s Academic Activities
  JLD member Beth Donohue testified in the Senate committee, and shared both her perspective as an educator and a JLD volunteer. This bill would have allowed a non-supervisory employee who works for an employer with at least 50 employees to take unpaid leave to attend parent-teacher conferences or other specific academic activities. This bill failed due to vigorous opposition from the business community.

• Supported HB 15-1258: FAMLI Insurance Program Wage Replacement
  JLD lobbyists engaged in conversations with several Representatives, at the direction of the lead lobby team from Colorado 9-5, in advance of the floor vote. This bill created the Family Medical Leave Insurance Program (FMLI), aiming to provide partial wage replacement benefits to eligible individuals who are unable to work due to serious health conditions, or who take leave from work to care for a new child or a family member with a serious health condition. This bill failed.

• Supported HB 1317: Pay for Success Contracts
  The bill created the Pay for Success Contracts Program, which allows the state to enter into contracts for the provision of program-eligible interventions. It is to improve the lives and living conditions of individuals by increasing economic opportunity, the likelihood of healthy futures, and promoting child and youth development. The Governor signed this bill into law.

• Opposed SB 15-70: Child Care Regulation for Ten or More Children
  Only JLD was included on a coalition fact sheet orchestrated by the Colorado Children’s Campaign and other partner organizations and engaged in conversations with key legislators, including the swing vote in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. If passed, facilities with five to nine children under their care would no longer be regulated by the DHS. This would have exempted nearly 2,400 facilities statewide. This bill failed.
FINANCIALS

Excerpts from the Combined Statement of Activities of Junior League of Denver and Junior League of Denver Foundation for the year ended May 31, 2015:

REVENUE, GAINS AND SUPPORT
Contributions (JLD Foundation $113,706) $131,527
Cookbooks & Second Time Shop 196,521
Mile High Holiday Mart, The Journey, & Other Fundraisers 243,671
Membership Dues 155,314
Investment Income 334,958
Other Income 2,354
Total Revenue, Gains and Support $1,064,345

EXPENSES
Training & Education / Community / Program Services $263,214
Cookbooks & Second Time Shop 229,765
Mile High Holiday Mart, The Journey, & Other Fundraisers 84,937
General and Administrative 194,305
Other Supporting Activities 69,873
Total Expenses $842,094

GIFT OF TIME
Unpaid volunteers have donated a significant number of hours to assist the League in achieving the goals of its various service programs. In the 2014–2015 year, our members donated approximately 66,000 hours. We sincerely thank our members for their time and talents!
FUNDRAISING

NET FUNDRAISING BY ENTERPRISE/EVENT

Mile High Holiday Mart $137,222
Second Time Shop 3,535
Cookbooks 15,409
The Journey 63,940
Partner Projects & Other 19,459
Total Net Fundraising Revenues $ 239,565

2014 MILE HIGH HOLIDAY MART

Our 2014 Mile High Holiday Mart, held November 14-16 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center, was an overwhelming success! About 8,500 shoppers came through the doors during the three-day shopping event. The fundraiser again proved to be the best event in town to find unique holiday gifts for family and friends. Thank you to Co-Chairs Kristin McCarty and Sarah Reardon, their committees, all event sponsors and attendees for making it the best year yet! A special thank you also goes out to our Presenting Partner, Saint Joseph Hospital, for their support. Questions? Email holidaymart@jld.org.

THE JOURNEY, FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

Thank you to all who attended and supported The Journey on Thursday, March 12, 2015! A wonderful time was had by all in attendance, about 700 people. Our keynote speaker, tennis legend Martina Navratilova, inspired us to find our focus, be our best selves, and NEVER accept limitations. We are so grateful to Martina for speaking at our event and providing inspiration for all!

Thank you to Journey Co-Chairs Caroline Gash and Kikki Penney, as well as all members of The Journey Committee for working tirelessly on the event. Special thanks to Arlene Hirschfeld for serving as Honorary Chair! A huge thank you also goes out to emcee and auctioneer Reggie Rivers, our wonderful sponsors and in-kind donors, attendees and everybody who made The Journey a success. Again, thank you for your support! Questions? Email journey@jld.org.

MILE HIGH HOLIDAY MART

An annual shopping extravaganza featuring a variety of unique local and national retailers.

THE JOURNEY

Our newest fundraiser featuring an inspirational speaker and dinner.

JLD FOUNDATION

Represents a long-term development strategy to ensure the continuing vitality of the Junior League of Denver.

JLD COOKBOOKS

Five award-winning cookbooks produced by the Junior League of Denver.

PARTNER PROJECTS

The JLD partners with local businesses for special events and receives a portion of generated sales.

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Our upscale resale boutique.
2014–2015 AWARDS
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Suzanne Payne  
Wilma H. Redfiarn  
Roslyn Gregory  
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in Tribute to:  
Scarlett Quincy Andrews  
Angela Andrews  
Kristin Brownson  
Jean Jones  
Bonnie Downing  
Crisiss Snow  
Carleigh Elkas  
Vanessa Banker  
Charlene Fanian  
Amy Fabian  
Ashley Foy  
Margaret Foy  
Nancy Gargan Hall  
Crisiss Snow  
Caroline Gask  
Barbara Berv  
Susan Harned  
Barb Goettelmann  
Sharon Hartman  
Barbara Miller  
Arlene Hirschfeld  
Crisiss Snow  
Susan Hogue  
Beverly Howell  
Janie Hutchison  
Crisiss Snow  
Allie Ingalls  
Barbara Ingalls  
Barb Ingalls  
Allison Ingalls  
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Ali Kaiser  
Jerald Kaiser  
Gone Koebel  
Crisiss Snow  
Fraunzy Latcham  
Crisiss Snow  
Nate and Terra Manning  
Monique Cole  
Emerson Gray Marsico  
Allison Ingalls  
Jan Mayer  
Crisiss Snow  
Helen Ruth Mozer  
Lisa Lumley  
Nancy Petry  
Crisiss Snow  
Dana Rinderknecht  
Danie Rinderknecht  
Marty Segelke  
Crisiss Snow  
Emilee Smith  
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Sarah Treadway  
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Crisiss Snow  
Jodi Waggener  
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Lon Welsh  
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to foundation@jld.org.
CELEBRATING BARBARA MILLER, PAST PRESIDENT AND HELEN DALY PEALE SOCIETY MEMBER

Barbara Miller, 2006-2007 President, passed away in December 2014 after a sudden illness. Barb was extremely passionate about the JLD, believing in the collective power of women volunteers and their impact on the Denver metro community. In addition to the JLD, Barb was a strong supporter of nonprofits focused on children’s issues including Warren Village and Kempe. Many of her dearest friends were League members, and Barb was well known for her sense of humor and positive nature. Teaching was Barb’s life passion. She taught Elementary Special Education in the Jefferson County school district from 1978-2009, and is fondly remembered by students and fellow teachers.

Barbara was a strong supporter of the JLD Foundation and was one of its greatest ambassadors. She was also a member of the Helen Daly Peale Society, named for the first JLD President. Members of the Helen Daly Peale Society perpetuate their legacy by remembering the JLD Foundation in their estate plans.

As her final gift to our organization, Barbara left a substantial bequest to the JLD Foundation through her estate. We are proud and honored to be the beneficiaries of her generous heart and philanthropic spirit. If you’re interested in learning more about the Helen Daly Peale Society, please visit jld.org and click on Foundation.

Barb’s wish was for each of us to take a friend to lunch and let them know how much you care about them. Be sure to note the date! There is a calendar at HQ where you can write it down the next time you stop by.

Barb, we will miss your smile, gentle nature, quick wit and sense of humor! Thank you for making your mark on the JLD legacy, and helping ensure future generations of women can share the same experiences.

From left to right: Patricia Bainter, Carolyn Smith, Barb Miller

From left to right: Kelly Director, Barb Miller, Janie Fletcher, Laura Hopkins, all Past Presidents

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF BARBARA MILLER:

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Wendy Bergstrand
Kristin Brownson
Debra Deverell
Bonnie Downing
Sally Frerichs
Mary Ann Gray
Dale & Sarah Hughes
Jean Jones
Jean Miller
Olga Payne
Lea Ann Reitzig
Kate Taucher
THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION, JLD MEMBERS!
CHILDREN’S LITERACY FACTS

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF DENVER

Studies Confirm that the Number of Books in the Home Directly Predicts Reading Achievement

In the middle income neighborhoods, the ratio is 53 books per child.

In the low income neighborhoods, the ratio is one book per 300 children.

A mother’s level of reading skill was the greatest determinant of her child’s academic success.

47,000
Children tested in the state of Colorado so far THIS YEAR (K-3) are reading below their grade level.

90%
of high school dropouts nationwide could not read on grade level by the end of their 3rd grade year.

The ability to read by the end of 3rd Grade can determine how likely a student will be to graduate high school.

3rd grade is the year in school “when children stop learning to read and start reading to learn”

In 2011, only 1/2 of all Colorado students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch scored proficient on the reading portion of the CSAP, compared to 80% of students not eligible.

There is a substantial relationship between parent involvement for the school and reading comprehension levels of fourth-grade classrooms according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Low Parent Involvement
46 pts
Below National Average Reading Score

High Parent Involvement
28 pts
Above National Average Reading Score

According to NCES, only 53% of children ages three to five were read to daily by a family member.

Reports show that low literacy directly costs the healthcare industry over $70 million every year.

Colorado 3rd graders enter 4th grade functionally illiterate.

1 in 10

Literacy is learned.

Illiteracy is passed along by parents who cannot read or write.

$73 MILLION