Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Junior League of Denver in the 2019-2020 year!

Throughout our 101st year, we made significant and meaningful strides to further our Mission and develop civic leaders by implementing the newest version of our Strategic Plan, researching how to expand our community focus area and elevating our diversity and inclusion efforts.

Tragically for our community, state, country and world, we also experienced overwhelming sadness at the devastation caused by COVID-19. The JLD rolled out a robust COVID-19 response, and we were continuously inspired by our members’ agility, passion and innovative solutions, while still having a deep impact on the community.

JLD members were generous with their time, talent and treasure this year, as always, and gave back in meaningful ways. Please take the time to read through this annual report to see the details of our community and advocacy work.

Despite canceling The Journey 2020 due to COVID-19, we were successful through various fundraising events, Annual Campaign efforts and the generosity of our members and community partners. We raised more than $85,792 to help with the immediate needs of the JLD and $71,869 for the JLD Foundation to ensure the JLD can continue its important work. The strong partnership between the JLD and the JLD Foundation continues to be vitally important, now more than ever, as we face more challenging times. We are so grateful for the women who worked tirelessly with such incredible foresight to start our JLD Foundation.

We officially released our sixth award-winning cookbook in July 2019, Centennial Celebrations. Additionally, we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of our Mile High Holiday Mart, November 8-10, 2019.

We also continued our proud tradition of training our members to be civic leaders. The JLD graduated new classes from our Leadership Institute and Get on Board programs. Additionally, we conducted in-person and virtual General Meetings with robust programming on important issues like diversity and inclusion, ballot initiatives, community, advocacy, professional development and nonprofit leadership.

We offer our sincerest thank you for supporting the work of the Junior League of Denver. Your ongoing commitment to the JLD has helped us thrive for over a century and is so important as we enter our 102nd year. Thank you for giving back to the community, growing the potential of women and getting connected with our organization.

Julia Lazure
2019–2020 JLD President

Laurel Walk
2019–2020 JLD Foundation President

We’re all looking for ways to connect with new women and really grow our circle of influence. This is a unique organization where we’re able to bring so many women together in that special way.

—JLD Member

Junior League of Denver is an invaluable resource to our community and we are grateful for the committed partnership in providing equality for all children in Colorado. We love partnering with them and providing access to fun events for children who would otherwise go without.

—Kenzi’s Causes

Laurel Walk and Julia Lazure, 2019–2020 JLD Foundation and JLD Presidents
I’m constantly surrounded by women who build me up, who push me to be better, who help better connect me with my community and who just make me laugh on a daily basis.

—JLD Member

The Junior League of Denver is an organization where women give back to their community, grow professionally and as leaders and get connected to other women.

Walking in, being greeted with gusto, smiling faces and getting the sense that, because every detail was considered, this event or meeting was meant to speak to each of us added that extra zip to the 19–20 League year!

—JLD Member

IN 2019–2020, JLD MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL:
• Welcomed 202 Provisionals to JLD’s Active ranks.
• Established a Scholarship Fund to ensure that all members can continue to enjoy the multitude of benefits that the JLD provides, despite any financial hardships faced.
• Elevated the Diversity & Inclusion Committee to a permanent placement, so that members can more readily build, learn, grow and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our entire community in the shared quest for real and meaningful community dialogue and change.

The JLD Training Council provides a variety of learning and enrichment opportunities for our members.

IN 2019–2020, JLD TRAINING COUNCIL:
• Conducted dozens of trainings, including many adapted to an online format.
• Challenged future leaders through the Leadership Institute.
• Expanded the Actives Plus program.
• Supported the largest class of graduates from the Get on Board program to date.
• Established Get on Board as a permanent committee after a successful two-year pilot.
• Added a Research & Development Committee that will be key in driving the Strategic Plan and future.

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SPOTLIGHT STORY

JLD volunteers teamed up with local schools to encourage reading while making it fun at Read2Kids events held September 2019 through March 2020. In addition to receiving books and refreshments, families had the opportunity to hear stories read by local celebrities, authors, and firefighters and participated in a variety of fun activities, such as art projects, face painting and even magic shows.

Too many young children, especially those from low-income families, do not have quality books at home, setting them at a significant disadvantage in terms of language and literacy development. Numerous studies show that the mere existence of books in a household can lead to major strides in reading achievement, school readiness and cognitive development. Read2Kids, which is free and open to the public, puts books in the hands of children and empowers parents through programming—equipping more Denver families with the tools they need to give their children a bright start.

I appreciate all the time and effort you put into providing this wonderful opportunity for our students. I look forward to working with you again next year!

—Fairview Elementary, Westminster Public Schools

SPOTLIGHT STORY

The Third Annual JLD L.U.V.S. (Leaders United in Volunteer Service) day of service centered around the theme of “Empowering Our Future Generation.” JLD members worked hand-in-hand with community members to complete various projects across Denver, benefiting 13 nonprofit organizations doing valuable work in the community: Anchor Center for Blind Children, Children’s Hospital Colorado, Denver Children’s Advocacy Center, Denver Public Library Friends Foundation, El Sistema, Florence Crittenton Services, Friends First, Girls Inc. of Metro Denver, Girls on the Run, The GrowHaus, Judi’s House, Kenzi’s Causes, and St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital Walk/Run. JLD also provided financial assistance for each project, with donated funds totaling $12,000.

We were honored to welcome the Junior League of Denver to Judi’s House for their Third Annual L.U.V.S. Day of Service this past weekend. From painting to cleaning, they did it all! THANK YOU, volunteers, for your hard work and for giving back to the Denver community!

—Judi’s House

MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF COVID-19 CREATIVELY

“It is through hope that we can truly build on the Junior League of Denver’s history of resiliency and impact.”

—JLD President, Julia Lazure

2020 began with high hopes—another successful Colorado Gives Day campaign, an inspiring Journey event planned with soccer superstar Carli Lloyd and plans for another impactful JLD Day at the Capitol. The entire world shifted dramatically with the onset of COVID-19.

During the mind-stretching months that followed, JLD members proved that they are strong, endure, and will always be on hand to address our community’s greatest needs. Every aspect of JLD work required adjustments—from renegotiating event contracts to reimagining all meetings and trainings virtually and reallocating funds for outside-of-the-box donations. In addition to these internal organizational pivots, the League shifted its community focus to providing meals and supplies to people experiencing homelessness, creating and donating masks, ensuring local school districts had enough books and making a donation to the Help Colorado Now fund.

Through compassion, hard work and dedication, the JLD was able to creatively carry on in its Mission to support the Denver community.

When the pandemic hit, it seemed that the shelter would have to rely on staff to cook and prepare all meals for our youth. The kindness and generosity from organizations like the Junior League provided the relief to know that meals were taken care of.

—Urban Peak

292
Masks Donated

312
Meals Donated

countless
Books and Toiletries
Donated

$2,500
Given to the Help Colorado Now Fund

468
Phone Calls Made to Members Over the Age of 70

278
Adults

1,085
Meals

541
Volunteer Hours

3,024
Books

1,147
Children

1,000
Volunteer Hours

$12K
Given

250
Volunteers

13
Nonprofits

1085
2019–2020 COMMUNITY IMPACT

The JLD is proud of the impact made through the Community and Public Policy Councils. These councils facilitated numerous programs and initiatives addressing literacy, children’s and women’s health, and women’s self-sufficiency issues.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF DENVER

1 2020 Legislator of the Year Selected

20 Bills Tracked

8 Actively Engaged In

$30,000 Given in Grants

92 Hours of Tutoring

3,767 Books Distributed

5,196 Meals Donated to Shelters

$12,000 Given on L.U.V.S. Day of Service

13 Nonprofits Served by

200 JLD Members and

Advocacy 102 Training with Aponte & Busam and the Women’s Foundation

Diversity & Inclusion Training with nonprofit consultant Vicki Clark

Women In Policy Panel:
- Jacy Montoya Price, Colorado Children’s Campaign
- Jili Sarma, Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA)
- Michal Rosenoer, Emerge Colorado and Edgewater City Council

Proposition CC Panel:
- Ali Mickelson, Director of Legislative and Tax Policy, Colorado Fiscal Institute
- KC Becker, Speaker of the House of Representatives
- George Brauchler, District Attorney for 18th Judicial District

Representative Julie McCluskie

“ I hope today that our members come away feeling empowered, that they’re making an impact on the community, especially with the children that are our future generation.”

—JLD Member
We were sad to have to cancel our annual Sustainer Emeritus Luncheon due to COVID-19. We wish to honor these steadfast supporters and longtime members:

**EMERITUS MEMBERS**

**HONORING JLD SUSTAINER MEMBERS**

**JLDS SIXTH AWARD-WINNING COOKBOOK**

Central Celebrations, JLD’s sixth award-winning cookbook, was released in July 2019. So much “butter, sweat and tears” went into this massive undertaking. Central Celebrations Chair and fearless leader, Mary Beth McElraine—one as well as her entire team—spent countless hours creating JLD’s newest cookbook. The book has sold very well so far and received the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA)’s 2020 Benjamin Franklin Silver Award.

When the pandemic caused a complete shut down in March 2020, JLD members decided to partner with House & Howell Social to host three virtual cooking demonstrations using recipes from Centennial Celebrations, providing much-appreciated comfort and contact.
IN GRATITUDE TO OUR DONORS
To the Junior League of Denver and Our Foundation, June 1, 2019—May 31, 2020

ANGELS
Gifts of $10,000 and more
Melly Kinnard
Jan Mayer

HERITAGE SOCIETY
Gifts of $5,000 to $7,999
Lauren O’Neill Crist-Fulk
Laura Dietrich
Cathy Hollis
Citywide Banks
Janie Hutchison
Becky Schaub

LEGACY SOCIETY
Gifts of $2,500 to $4,999
Bridget D’Angelo
Community First Foundation
Ginny Fuller
Heidi Keogh
Julia Lazare and Kneeland & Lazare Law, LLC
PCL Construction Services, Inc.
Jill Pedcord Peterson
Mary Politty
Katherine Rainbolt
Ruggles Mabe Studio
The Benevity Community Impact Fund

TIMEKEEPERS CIRCLE
Gifts of $500 to $999
Katharine Arnold
Carolyn Barnett
Brooke Bearman
Kristin Brownson
Kristin Busch
Lauren Cashatt
Kate Cihon
CoBank
Kelsy Cochrane
Marie Crist-Fulk
Tricia Delano
Bonnie Downing
Pat Duensing
Charleen Elkus
Amy Eskola
Laura Faull
Nick Gilbertson

Constance Graham
Katherine Harmon
Lois Harrison
Abby Herlein
James R Lippincott
Charitable Fund
Mary-Margaret Kral
Shannon LaBay
Merrilyn Leuthold
Marnie Ling
Cathy Luftus
Jordan Malcolm
Angela Matthias
Anne Mead
Cheryl Mickey
Melanie Milam-Roth
Beaver Morrotto
Jane Netzgold
Sarah Norris
Linda Osborn
Madison Payne
Kimberly Pendleton
Mary Peterson
Catherine Petros
Patricia Pro
RBC Foundation
Kelly Rhoades

JL FOUNDATION
In 1992, Junior League of Denver members recognized a need to provide the means to sustain the JLD and its Mission long term. The Junior League of Denver Foundation (JLDF) now covers approximately 25–30% of the League’s annual operating budget each year. On May 31, 2020, the portfolio balance was $7,581,080. Thanks to the generosity of members and friends who have grown the JLDF Foundation over many years, the 2019–2020 distribution to JLD was $273,705, including a $50,000 reimbursement for operating expenses. The annual distribution is given in accordance with JLDF policies to be expended as the JLD Board determines. While the greatest needs in our community might change, the JLD’s commitment to developing women into trained volunteers ready to address the greatest needs will never change. The JLD and JLDF continue to work together on a combined strategic model to streamline fundraising efforts. To that end, members are encouraged to make gifts, no matter what size, to the JLD and/or the JLDF. The Foundation continues to create a culture of philanthropy where members give what they can in a way that honors their personal giving goals. The JLDF is a powerful tool, allowing the JLD to increase its direct impact on the community.

HEIRLOOM SOCIETY
Gifts of $1,000 to $2,499
Catherine Bauer
Mariette Bell
Joann Burstein
Kathryn Chapman
Kendall Cusick-Rindone
Denver Community Credit Union
Melanie Lewis Dickenson
Dr. Spev Vision Care
Fronk Family Foundation
Maryanne Flynn
Katherine Fulford
Bonnie Hill
Arlene Hirschfeld
Kaye Isaacs
Samantha Izt
Harley Jackson
Megan Johnson
Sherri Keoel
Susan Law
Kathy Leach
Kathy McConahay
Carney Mesquita
Mile High United Way
Nelnet Foundation
One Eight Oh Pr, Candis Brown-
McElvya
Deanna Person
Molly Ross
Karen Schmidt
Sandra Sprinkle
Janet Streich
Colette G. Sutley
Travelers
Meghan Whelan
Caroline Wilson
Joseph Woller

THE HELEN DALY PEALE SOCIETY
Members of the Helen Daly Peale Society, named for the founding President of the Junior League of Denver, are those individuals who inform the Junior League of Denver of a bequest or other planned gift.

Carole Adelson
Susan Albrecht
June Axtell
Ann Bailey
Mary Ann Balock
Mariette Bell
Meghan Bennett
Valerie Blackburn
Kimberley Bolt
Lissie Bradley
Kristin Brownson
Joann Burstein
Lin Carlson
Lauren Crist-Fulk
Miriam de Oloqui-Turner
Debra Deverell
Laura Dietrich
Corry Doty
Louise Douglass
Bonnie Downing
Carleigh Elkus
Ellen Fisher
Susan Planagan
Mary-Katherine Fleming
Katherine Fulford
Barb Gottelmann
Constance Graham
Rosalind Grenfell
Colleen Healey*
Jodie Hohnensee
Cathy Hollis
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Jean Jones
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Dana Rinderknecht
Sally Rippey
Staci Rothwell- Muratore
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Jeanne Saunders
Becky Schaub
Nancy Schotters
Cindy Schulz
Linda Scott
Marty Segaile
Lynne Siegel
Carolyn Smith
Rebecca Stark
Molly Stevenson*
Merrie Margolin
Stratton
Collette Sutley**
Nancy Tankersley
Jodi Waggoner*
Karen Terry
Christy Terry
Jennifer Thamer
Marjory Ulm
Molly Warzel
Carolyn Wyma
Dorothy Woller*
** new member
* deceased
Every time we sit down to work one on one with a student, we are providing them with the skills to read at grade level. Doing this before they reach 5th grade will directly impact their ability to read at grade level. Doing this before they reach 5th grade will directly impact their ability to read at grade level. Doing this before they reach 5th grade will directly impact their ability to read at grade level. Doing this before they reach 5th grade will directly impact their ability to read at grade level. Doing this before they reach 5th grade will directly impact their ability to read at grade level.

—JLD Member
This year, we have experienced significant joys and large steps in progress, as well as overwhelming sadness for our community and our world. Through it all, I have been continuously lifted up by the women who make up the JLD, as well as the work that our organization engages in on a daily basis.

—JLD Member