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The Collaborative Impact Grants Committee presented three grant recipient finalists selected from more than 20 applicants… JLD members chose to support We Don’t Waste and WeeCycle as this year’s grant recipients. Each organization will receive grants and volunteer placements next year. The committee will grant up to $25,000 total to these two wonderful organizations.

The Future Focus Special Committee created a list of guidelines to move forward with developing a recommendation based on research and member feedback. The committee proposed expanding our impact area to include women and families experiencing poverty and this proposal was endorsed by JLD members during the meeting. The expansion allows for new trainings, nonprofit partners and legislation for the League to support. More information coming soon!
Despite the shared challenges we’ve faced this year, I am continuously impressed and inspired by how our members have maintained their resilience and dedication to give back to our Denver community, have worked incredibly hard to adapt our approach to ensure we can continue our Mission and amplify our impact. I could not be more grateful for each member’s contributions.

The League’s creativity and flexibility has advanced our Strategic Plan and overarching strategic priorities this year: expansion of our focus area to ensure we are meeting our community’s greatest needs. With that goal in mind, I’m excited to share that our future focus will include women and families facing systemic poverty. We believe, through the leadership of our trained volunteers, we can help disrupt this cycle and build a better Denver for everyone. This work will build on the continued success of our literacy efforts by helping us engage in adjacent areas like

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