Children's Story Garden JLD Staff, Karen Mayo, Communications Manager, ext. 114 Laura Stenovec, Business Support Specialist, ext. 100 Deborah Jackson, JLD Headquarters Cathy Loftus, Amy Symons. Amy Symons successfully launched Bella, and are the newest members of the The Denver Foundation Board of Trustees. Both are Sustainers and served on the JLD Foundation Board of Directors. Congratulations, Jennifer Leitsch, Nominating Committee Chair, welcomed her first child on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. Barbara Baumann was a success! Congratulations, Stephanie! We want to know about the exciting happenings in your lives! Please submit content for consideration (article ideas, JLD Celebrations Betsy Mangone, Nominating Committee Chair, worked on her new project. She recently traveled to New York Fashion Week and interviewed designers and other icons. Thank you for making our city a better place!

Message from the President: We were all devastated by the heavy flooding that took place last September in our great state. While it was a success! 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. More details to follow.

Sincerely,

Molly Potter, President
Get connected:
join together to provide access and exchange.

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 Hansell, 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 pantry 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 event 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 very day to give out to women in need, so the timing of the gift from the JLD was perfect.

Special thanks to Justino 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.

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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 Ingalli and Mari Manvick, 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.

Trans 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 JLD information for 2015. Questions? Email journey@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.

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