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## Saying Farewell to Second Time Shop



# Grow:

*to increase in size, number, or degree.*

## Message from the President: So Much To Be Grateful For



**Opportunity. Enriching. Intentional. Impactful. Empowering. Synergy. Inspire. Flourish. Connect. Multi-faceted.** These are all words that our members used to describe the JLD at the January General Meeting during small group discussions.

Ninety-seven years of significant impact only happens when a group of like-minded, passionate and motivated women come together for the greater good. Our history is rich and packed with triumphs and challenges. I encourage you to also be aware of the present, as well as our future, because we have a lot to be proud of.

This year alone, we've been on quite a journey. When June 1, 2015 rolled around, I'm not sure anyone anticipated some of the tough decisions, big changes and great opportunities on the horizon. Our Provisional Class is the largest yet. We said thank you for all of the

memories and impact; and farewell to a longtime fundraiser, Second Time Shop. We purchased our new home at 1140 Delaware.

Our Bylaws were revised and approved by membership in December, thanks to the incredibly hard work of the Bylaws Committee. For something that is not that interesting to some, the revision provided a more concise and compliant document as the nonprofit structure and laws have evolved in Colorado over time.

Our Strategic Planning Committee has continued to develop our multi-year plan with a great amount of member input and feedback by focusing on tactic development. A collaborative and motivated group of current Board members, Sustainers and "up and coming" leaders attended workshops and small group meetings to create tactics in order to move our goals and objectives forward.

As a result of member input and strategic decision-making, we will introduce a new committee next year known as the Active Advisor Committee. The purpose of this committee is to mentor our members as they transition from year to year to ensure an engaging and fulfilling experience. Also, a special committee was approved in January to begin the evaluation and research process to find the best membership requirement model for our ever-changing and growing member. Stay tuned for more information over the next couple of years!

Soon, we will be wrapping up the 97th year of the JLD. We will be yet another year closer to shouting from the rooftops that the JLD is 100 years old! Thoughtful and strategic planning has commenced to make our 100th Anniversary the most tremendous celebration of our accomplishments, as well as the infinite opportunity that lies ahead. A Steering Committee will immediately begin the high-level planning, which includes developing the various committees that we will need to make this a memorable experience for everyone. In the near future, we will need the support and commitment of our members to serve on these committees, one of which will be to plan the AJLI Annual Conference

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# One Door Closes, and Another Opens: The JLD Has a New Home!

We are excited to announce the Junior League of Denver has purchased a new Headquarters in the Golden Triangle neighborhood! Feel free to stop by during business hours to see the space (9 am – 4 pm, Monday-Friday). Please note that there is a lot with 10 spaces directly behind the building. Street parking is also available.

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**Our new JLD Headquarters is just over 6,000 square feet and features the following amenities:**

- Two-story freestanding building
- Open office floor plan
- Several meeting rooms
- Plenty of storage space
- Ten on-site parking spaces
- Beautiful finishes throughout with exposed brick and abundant natural light
- Fully furnished
- More than \$1 million in updates and improvements since 2006



If you need to access the building after hours, please contact your VP or JLD Staff. If you need to schedule a room, please fill out the **HQ Meeting Room Request** form under Forms on the member side of our site, or contact [Celeste Sims](mailto:Celeste.Sims@jld.org) at 303.692.0270 ext. 100 or [csims@jld.org](mailto:csims@jld.org).

Thank you to our Building for the Future Committee, Board of Directors, JLD Staff, and all others that helped with the process to ensure a successful building transition!

Additional questions? Email [info@jld.org](mailto:info@jld.org)

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hosted by the JLD in the Spring of 2019! It has been a true honor to serve as your President this year. With an organization of this caliber comprised of committed, excited, intelligent and diverse women, we are truly a force to be reckoned with.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca L. Theis".

Rebecca Theis  
2015-2016 JLD President  
[president@jld.org](mailto:president@jld.org)

# Give:

*to present voluntarily and without expecting compensation.*

## Serving Safety with The Gathering Place

By: *Katie Doyle, Communications Liaison*



*JLD members  
Mary Griffin and Deirdre  
Shattuck volunteer at  
The Gathering Place*

One of the Junior League of Denver's community partners, The Gathering Place, is a nonprofit organization serving as Denver's only daytime, drop-in center for women, children and transgender individuals who are experiencing homelessness and poverty. While The Gathering Place offers many critical services, such as psychological counseling, healthcare, tutoring, job assistance and more, the JLD's role is to cook meals and serve the women lunch and snack twice a month. The League also provides funds each year to help offset the cost of milk, a nutritious, rare and expensive commodity for those experiencing financial hardship.

**Stephanie Richards**, The Gathering Place Chair, said, "League members provide recipes to The Gathering Place, and we love to cook from them! It's a real honor to serve the women and children their meals and hopefully provide them with a sense of dignity and respect. For many of the individuals at The Gathering Place, the meals we cook and serve are the only times they get to eat. I am really proud to volunteer at The Gathering Place, and I'm thrilled to know that the League supports an organization as incredible and important as this. Every time I finish a shift, I leave with a truly humbled heart and great sense of appreciation. I am so blessed to be able to serve at The Gathering Place."

The Gathering Place is one of the options for a daytime community placement. You can learn more about The Gathering Place online at [www.tgpdenver.org](http://www.tgpdenver.org) or email [community@jld.org](mailto:community@jld.org) with questions.

### 2016 One Book 4 Colorado a Success Once Again!

On Monday, April 11, Governor Hickenlooper and Mayor Hancock held a press conference at Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzalez Branch Library to announce the winning 2016 One Book 4 Colorado book, *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae and illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees. The event kicked off the book distribution period, April 11–25, 2016 at all public and military

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# JLD Fundraisers Exceed Budget Expectations!

**Our 2015 Mile High Holiday Mart at Gates Field House November 13–15, 2015 raised \$145,000, exceeding last year's net revenue!** Thank you to co-chairs **Alyssa Jauregui** and **Kerri Voelker**, as well as all members involved for their hard work on the event. The 2016 Mile High Holiday Mart will be held in November at Gates Field House on the University of Denver campus. More information coming soon! Questions? Email [holidaymart@jld.org](mailto:holidaymart@jld.org)



*Alyssa Jauregui and Kerri Voelker, 2015 Mile High Holiday Mart Co-Chairs*

**Our 2016 Journey event featuring keynote speaker Jenna Bush Hager raised \$65,000 in net revenue!** The sold out event was held on Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Denver Convention Center, and everyone had a wonderful time! Thank you to co-chairs **Ashley Foy** and **Mary Beth McErlane**, as well as all members involved for their hard work on the event. The Journey Committee is currently working on securing a date, venue and speaker for 2017, so be on the lookout for that information! Questions? Email [journey@jld.org](mailto:journey@jld.org)



*From left to right: Reggie Rivers, emcee, Ashley Foy, co-chair, Jenna Bush Hager, Mary Beth McErlane, co-chair, Becky Theis, JLD President*

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libraries, and Denver Preschool Program classrooms. The JLD provided a \$10,000 sponsorship to this impactful project again this year. One Book 4 Colorado strives to give away copies of the same book to every four year old in the state. Last year, about 70,000 books were distributed statewide, and the estimates are similar this year. The project also includes events and activities all over the state to engage children and encourage love of reading. We are proud to support One Book 4 Colorado! Visit [www.onebook4colorado.org](http://www.onebook4colorado.org) for more information.



*President Becky Theis, President-Elect Laura Perry and Jenn Jones, Serve Colorado Executive Director, at the One Book 4 Colorado launch on April 11.*

# Get connected:

*join together to provide access and exchange.*

## Join in the Fun of Being a JLD Sustainer!

The JLD Sustainer Council, led by **Rio Gossweiler**, Sustainer VP, has been working very hard to provide enrichment and social events for our Sustainer group.

### Some of the activities include:

- **Workshops:** Focus on training, personal development and self-betterment courses, classes and activities.
- **Roll-Up Your Sleeves:** Aimed at expanding hands-on volunteer opportunities within the Denver metro community through existing charitable and community service organizations.
- **Bar Flies:** Enjoy fun, adult conversation, great drinks and your JLD girlfriends. Experience new watering holes and hot spots across Denver.
- And many more!

To see what activities are coming up, go to **www.jld.org** and click on Members. Log in and click on Calendar or Member Pages/Sustainers. If you need your log in information, click on forgot password or email **info@jld.org**. We would love to see you!

**SAVE THE DATE** for the 2016 Sustainer Summer Soiree on Thursday, June 9! More information available on the Sustainer page at **www.jld.org**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Email **sustainers@jld.org**



*Sustainer Workshop with GroovyTek*

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## Public Policy Council Advocates for Women and Children in 2016 Legislative Session

*By: Jacqueline Andrews, Public Policy Liaison*

In 2016, the JLD Public Policy Council is focusing on legislation that includes advancing literacy, women's rights, early childhood education, human trafficking reform, and family/ medical leave issues. The JLD is anticipating a majority of this year's legislation to be Priority Two. If you have any questions, please email **publicpolicy@jld.org**.

### The specific legislation includes:

- **Colorado's Child Tax Credit:** A program created in 2012 by the General Assembly that allows counties to modify their child care assistance programs, allowing families to phase out participation as they enter the workforce and earn higher wages.

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# Saying Farewell to Second Time Shop, a Denver Institution and JLD Fundraiser

On Saturday, April 2, 2016, our Second Time Shop closed its doors after more than 42 years of serving the Denver community and the JLD as a primary fundraiser. Many factors led to the difficult decision to close, including rising operation rates and a highly competitive resale market.

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, our Second Time Shop Committee and Staff hosted a wonderful celebration at the Shop to recognize those that have made the fundraiser a success for so many years, past and present. It was a fantastic way to honor and celebrate the Shop's deep history in Denver. Everyone shopped, reminisced, and enjoyed spending time together one last time.

A special thank you goes out to [Emily Rissmiller](#), Second Time Shop Chair and [Darlene Jones](#), Second Time Shop Manager, for their tireless dedication to wrap up all business at our location in Happy Canyon Shopping Center. Thank you also to [Angela Andrews](#), our Finance & Operations VP, for her hard work and support throughout the process. Ladies, we could not have done it without you! You are all valued and deeply appreciated.

The Junior League of Denver Second Time Shop, first known as Second Hand Rose, has served the community since 1973. Originally located in a one-story stucco building on the west side of Broadway, just north of I-25, the store has since moved to several locations throughout the metro area.

In 1980, the name was changed to Second Time Shop and the store moved farther south on Broadway in an effort to be more accessible to thrift shoppers. The following year a fire broke out inside the store, burning it down and forcing another move. The shop then moved to 3372 South Broadway, before moving again in 1991 to 351 West Girard. In 2005, the Shop was moved a final time to its current location at the Happy Canyon Shopping Center.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Second Time Shop over the years! We are forever grateful. Questions? Email [finance@jld.org](mailto:finance@jld.org)

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- **The Cliff Effect Pilot Program:** Current requirements in most counties require all applicants to pursue child support before accessing CCAP. This legislation would propose a waiver for some applicants, including domestic violence survivors and teen parents.
- **Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) Modifications:** Changes to CCAP as a result of The Cliff Effect Pilot Program.
- **Child Care Task Force:** A task force to identify issues with the current state of childcare in Colorado. After thorough investigation of barriers and problems, including access, administration, and communication, the task force will create a plan for improvement of all processes and recommend legislation to address their findings.
- **Pay Equity Bill Package:** Legislation to encourage wage equality by protecting employees and managers who discuss wage and salary information and collecting wage information.
- **Pregnancy Accommodations:** A bill that would require employers to make reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers, including breaks to use the restroom, access to food and water in the work area, modification of equipment, light duty, seating, temporary transfer, and job restructuring. The bill also would make it an unfair employment practice for an employer to fail to provide reasonable accommodations.

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### **Mission**

The 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.