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DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL OF WOMEN SINCE 1918

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JLD Grant Committee Awards \$20,000 in 2017–2018 Year

Grow:

to increase in size, number or degree.



Kali Handford

Message from the President

Dear members,

Another fabulous JLD year has come and gone! A sincere thank you to all JLD members, staff, partners and supporters who helped fulfill our mission of training women to be civic leaders and putting our training to use improving our Denver metro community. Through our tireless efforts, we have continued to raise the bar. We are Denver's premier women's organization, and have demonstrated that with a year full of mission-centric moments.

WE GAVE:

- More than \$50,000 collectively made in grants to Children's Museum of Denver at Marisco Campus, Heart & Hand Center, The GrowHaus, Florence Crittenton Services, The Gathering Place, One Book 4 Colorado, Habitat for Humanity, Swansea Elementary School, Denver Public Library Friends Foundation, El Sistema Colorado, Focus Points, Extreme Community Makeover and Denver Arts & Skills Center.
- Generously to our League and JLD Foundation, achieving 150% of our fund development goals, with JLD Foundation assets close to \$8 million due to active donors, forethought of planning with the fund's establishment in 1992 and healthy market conditions.
- Countless hours of volunteer time to our major fundraisers — Mile High Holiday Mart, The Journey and Kitchen Tour — all of which set attendance and/or fundraising records over previous years.

WE GREW:

- Through 29 formal trainings and nine General Meetings with topics ranging from human trafficking to behavioral interviewing to nonprofit management.
- Deeper roots in the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea (GES) neighborhoods through Leaders United in Volunteer Service (L.U.V.S.) held September 23, 2017, during which 180 JLD volunteers donated 720 direct service hours benefiting the neighborhoods and seven nonprofit partners.
- With accessibility-focused capital improvements completed to our JLD Headquarters.
- 1,687 volunteers gave 4,448 direct community service hours, including 128 Done in a Day shifts, benefiting 2,122 children and 4,694 adults. We served 4,922 meals, distributed 4,158 books, collected 642 diapers and 681 pounds of food.

WE GOT CONNECTED:

- With a commitment to Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) by forming a new task force looking at how JLD can best incorporate both into its work.
- To public policy efforts through our continued engagement as the first League to hire government affairs specialists dating back to 1987.

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- By honoring our Sustainers through features at General Meetings.
- Through passionate planning efforts for our pending 100th Anniversary in the coming year.
- Lastly, to one another with amazing print and digital communications keeping our membership and the public abreast of happenings.

It has been my humblest honor to serve as your JLD President. The League has given me opportunities to grow personally, professionally and civically that I will take with me wherever I go. And, doing it alongside 1,700 fabulous women who each gave their time, talent and treasure has made it the very best company to keep.

There is a newness bubbling up with the ending of JLD's 99th year. I hope you seize opportunities to try something new, meet someone new and learn something new. My hope for every one of you is that you will continue to look for the good and carve a new legacy for the next 100 years.

Yours in service,



Kali Handford, President
2017–2018 JLD President
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Welcome 2018–2019 JLD Board of Directors and Advisory Board!

Congratulations to the 2018–2019 JLD Board of Directors! Many thanks go out to our Nominating Committee, led by chair **Hillary Smith**, for assembling our next group of leaders. Questions? **Email nominating@jld.org**.

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100th Anniversary Board of Directors

Give:

to present voluntarily and without expecting compensation.

Granting Chair Bonnie Hill and her committee members discuss granting process and present 2017–2018 grant recipients at May 23 year end celebration

JLD Granting up to \$100,000 Over Three Years in Honor of 100th Anniversary



We're thrilled to announce that JLD has granted \$20,000 to four incredible organizations in its 99th year. We are committed to grant up to \$50,000 during our 100th year, and up to \$30,000 the following year, bringing the total to \$100,000. Below are the organizations that received grants this year. We are honored to provide these esteemed nonprofit partners with vital monetary support.

\$1,000 & 250 books—Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus: Grant will be used for The Early Literacy Initiative that provides experiences, programming and informational resources that promote daily adult-child reading, support the development of early literacy skills and foster a lifelong love of reading. Learn more: www.mychildsmuseum.org

\$10,000—Florence Crittenton Services: Grant will be used to support the Teen Literacy Program, which provides critical language and literacy programming to children at its Early Childhood Literacy Center. Learn more: flocritco.org

\$5,900—The GrowHaus: Grant will be used to help create a year-round literacy station for the BEES program (Budding Early Experiences) for 3–10-year-olds and its after school program (ages 7–10). Throughout the day, children can use the books provided, which focus on healthy eating, active living, growing food, food justice and more, in the outdoor educational classroom as well as at home. Learn more: www.thegrowhaus.org

\$3,100—Heart & Hand Center: Grant will be used to provide literacy programming for 130 youth and their family members from a highly marginalized population in Northeast Denver. This work is critical in ensuring students stay on track for educational proficiency in each grade. Learn more: www.heartandhandcenter.org

Keep an eye on jld.org for next year's application period. Questions? Email jldgrants@jld.org.

Cooking Up Support for Centennial Celebrations

With an anticipated debut in summer 2019, our devoted volunteers are preparing to unveil JLD's newest cookbook, *Centennial Celebrations*, which will join five other award-winning JLD cookbooks! In May 2018, the committee wrapped up recipe testing and they cannot wait to share the fantastic recipes *Centennial Celebrations* will offer.

"We are so grateful for all of the support we've received for our new cookbook," said **Mary Beth McErlane**, *Centennial Celebrations* Chair. "The women of the JLD have shared their recipes, their homes and their hearts to develop this cookbook, and I know it will reflect the incredible spirit of our members. Thank you everyone who submitted recipes, and of course all our recipe testers and tasters, for making *Centennial Celebrations* great!"

Next, the committee is taking photos of the delicious dishes and iconic locations around Denver for the cookbook, to inspire your future celebrations.

Don't miss out on becoming part of this historic and exciting fundraising opportunity by making an underwriting donation to *Centennial Celebrations* through June 15, 2018. JLD fundraisers, including cookbook sales, enable the League to fulfill its mission to develop the potential of women and improve the Denver community through the leadership and action of the Junior League of Denver's trained volunteers for years to come.

All underwriter names will be listed in the cookbook and on the JLD website. Select donation levels include benefits such as copies of the cookbook (when available) and tickets to the release party in 2019.

Visit jld.org to learn more about underwriting and to make a donation. Questions? **Email newcookbook@jld.org**.



All JLD Cookbooks are available for purchase and sold at every General Meeting or can be purchased year-round at HQ during business hours (M-F from 9 am – 4 pm). JLD cookbooks make a fantastic gift for any occasion!

Colorado Classique Grilled Flank Steak with Asian Slaw, pg. 161

¼ cup soy sauce
¼ cup vegetable oil
1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
1 clove garlic, minced
1-1 ½ pounds flank steak
3 tablespoons sugar
¼ cup seasoned rice vinegar
2 jalapeno peppers, red or green, thinly sliced into rounds
2 teaspoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
5 cups thinly sliced Napa cabbage (about 9 ounces)
1 cup julienned carrots
½ cup chopped mint (optional)
Salt & pepper to taste

Mix ¼ cup soy sauce, oil, 1 tablespoon ginger, and garlic in zip-top plastic bag. Add flank steak and marinate in refrigerator for 1 to 3 hours, turning occasionally. When ready to cook, preheat grill. Stir sugar and vinegar in a small saucepan over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and add jalapenos, 2 teaspoons soy sauce, and 1 tablespoon ginger. Place cabbage, carrots, and mint in a medium bowl. Pour vinegar mixture over vegetables and toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Grill steak about 4 minutes per side for medium-rare, or until cooked to desired doneness. Allow to rest for 10 minutes before carving into thin slices. Divide slaw between plates and top with beef.

Serves: 4; Prep: less than 30 minutes; Grill: 15 minutes

Get connected:

join together to provide access and exchange.

*March General
Meeting at the State
Capitol*



Public Policy Recap, Legislator of the Year and 150 Calls to Action!

Our Public Policy Council has had a busy and productive year! Before we announce Legislator of the Year in August, let's take a look back at everything our Public Policy volunteers achieved in 2018.

Public Policy reviewed 18 bills during the 2018 Legislative Session on issues that align with the JLD, ranging from early childhood education and access to affordable child care, to child nutrition and human trafficking. The council actively supported nine pieces of legislation on behalf of JLD that most resonate with our mission. Additionally, the council actively engaged on six different bills through outreach and testimony, and proactively completed more than 150 calls and emails in support of legislation.

Beyond supporting legislation, the council held several educational events for members and the community. Public Policy hosted a General Meeting focused on human trafficking in Colorado in October, and a General Meeting in March focused on two-generation strategies to support families and children. The council also hosted 25 legislators at the JLD's Annual Legislative Breakfast in February, and partnered with the Community Council to organize a book drive for a little free library at a Denver City Councilman's District Office.

Next year, we're aiming even higher! **In anticipation of our 100th Anniversary, the Public Policy Council has a goal to complete 100 public policy calls to action.** Look out for more ways you can get involved as we kick off this celebratory anniversary year. For more information about the Public Policy Council, email publicpolicy@jld.org.



JLD in History: Quite the Exclusive Club

“I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member.” —Groucho Marx

Junior League of Denver has come a long way in terms of membership and recruitment since its founding in 1918. When the League started, members were only admitted through a secret process. Many prospective members didn't know they were being considered until they received their invitation.

In 1923, JLD was even the first in the country to set up an “Admissions Committee” to quietly find new members. Who knew early JLD members operated under such cloak-and-dagger?

Membership as we know it didn't develop until the early 1990s, when recruitment became an open process.

Do you know someone who would be a good fit for the Junior League of Denver? All recruitment events are currently scheduled and available on the calendar at jld.org. The JLD recruitment season runs from April 16 to July 31, so don't delay! Applications will be open from July 1–31. **Email join@jld.org for more information.**

Save the Dates:
Headquarters Ribbon Cutting: August 5
Public Policy Event: August 6
2018–2019 Provisional Retreat: August 12
100th Anniversary Sustainer Garden Party: September 5
Second Annual JLD L.U.V.S. Day of Service: September 22



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Mission

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.



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