

# ANNUAL REPORT

2018  
-  
2019



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
**GREATER  
PRINCETON**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, Friends, Donors and Partners,

It was an honor and a privilege to serve as the President of the Junior League of Greater Princeton for the 2018 - 2019 League Year. I am extremely proud of our accomplishments. Operating in the second year of the Governance-Management split, we continued to make great strides. Collectively, we achieved the following:

- Initiated an Issue Based Community Impact transformation process and Diversity & Inclusion survey, two initiatives intended to enhance our community engagement, deepen our impact and improve member retention;
- Invested JLGP funds with the Princeton Area Community Foundation as a vehicle for longer-term financial stability and growth;
- Improved our League's strategic planning process through the implementation of annual plans at the board and management team levels;
- Completed a comprehensive review of all League policies;
- Developed and implemented impactful community events;
- Surpassed our fundraising goals; and
- Renewed our focus on Sustainer engagement.

None of these great successes would have been possible without the thoughtful leadership, commitment and dedication of our most valuable asset - our members.

I hope you enjoy reading this Annual Report and learning more about our specific community outreach programs and membership activities. Our Centennial milestone is fast-approaching and as such, we have an exceptional legacy to uphold - one of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving our community. I am looking forward to another successful year ahead as we sharpen our focus on community engagement, and membership growth and development. On behalf of the Junior League of Greater Princeton, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support as we work to fulfill our mission.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Tharney  
JLGP President, 2018-2019

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# ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER PRINCETON

## OUR VISION

The Junior League of Greater Princeton: Women volunteers as catalysts for lasting community change.

## OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Greater Princeton is committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League of Greater Princeton is one of 291 Leagues throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Mexico, with a combined membership of more than 140,000 women.

## REACHING OUT STATEMENT

Since its founding in 1921, the Junior League of Greater Princeton has been an organization of women bringing people and needs together. We welcome all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of individuals, organizations and communities.





# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

This year, our League maintained a sharp focus on improving the welfare and empowerment of underprivileged children and at-risk women in the Greater Princeton area. Our **Children's Initiatives Committee** developed and implemented events and activities that were designed to address various aspects of *Building Healthy Kids* to the children of *Better Beginnings Preschool*. Such enrichment activities focused on children's overall health, wellness, and literacy. In addition, we sponsored our second annual *Trunk or Treat* event at *HomeFront* and served over 1,000 children at our longest running event, the *RISE Holiday Party*. Our members assembled and donated backpacks, toiletry kits and meals to our friends at *HomeFront*. Finally, we continued our partnership with the *West Windsor Volunteer Fire Department* at their holiday Toy Drive where we collected almost 200 gifts for the children of *HomeFront*.

Our **Women's Initiatives Committee** continued to provide support to women in need. In October, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, our League held an educational event that focused on raising breast cancer awareness for the women of *HomeFront*. In addition, we provided on-site support at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. In the fall, we participated in local non-profit powerhouse, *Dress for Success*' inventory sale. In the winter, we forged a new partnership with *Support the Girls*, a non-profit organization who, through a network of international affiliates, collects and distributes essential items to women experiencing homelessness, impoverishment or distress, allowing them to stand tall with dignity. We facilitated a successful bra drive on their behalf. Finally, we closed out the year by sponsoring our signature Mother's Day Breakfast for *HomeFront* families.







## ISSUE-BASED COMMUNITY IMPACT

The JLGP initiated an issue-based community impact transformation process this past year. Research shows that organizations that focus on issues that are in direct response to community needs v. one-off, episodic projects are better positioned to have meaningful community impact and greater member satisfaction long-term. We completed the community research phase of the transformation and will be exploring issue areas via Service Learning Events next year as a vehicle to select an issue area that resonates with our members and responds to a pressing community need.

Ultimately, we will build on our current success and incorporate strategies that are a combination of advocacy, direct service, education and awareness, capacity building and grant writing. Stay tuned!

## STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) is a state-wide, non-partisan committee with members from each of the eight NJ Junior Leagues who join together to take action on state and national public issues. Activities include advocacy, education, coalition and consensus building, working with legislators on both state and national levels, lobbying and testifying before commissions and committees. This past year, SPAC examined and addressed the intersection between Human Trafficking and the Opioid Epidemic. More specifically, they asked legislators to support the Human Trafficking Education Bill that would incorporate human trafficking education into the public school curriculum; to fund the HT Commission with \$100,000 to help publicize the national hotline; and to expand the statute of limitations on sexual assault.

In addition, SPAC initiated research on how mental health and trauma are important precursors that should be addressed early on during childhood development since such events can lead to other vulnerabilities later on such as human trafficking, substance abuse, etc. SPAC further explored potential responses to such issues including but not limited to suicide awareness education and ensuring mental health parity laws are being enacted.



# GRANTS

The Junior League of Greater Princeton proudly supported three nonprofit organizations located in its service area through their community grant program.

## WOMANSPACE: \$2,000

Womanspace is an organization based in Lawrenceville, NJ with the mission to prevent abuse, protect families, and change lives through empowerment and by providing a safety net of supportive services. Through their **Children's Services Program**, Womanspace provides therapeutic services to children who have witnessed domestic violence in their home.

## ROXEY BALLET: \$1,500

Roxey Ballet, based in Lambertville, NJ will use their grant proceeds to help fund **WE v. C: Personal Stories of Triumph Over Breast Cancer**. This public service campaign provides breast cancer survivors a healing arts workshop and free performance featuring other breast cancer survivors. The program uses dance, music, video, art and spoken word to educate and heal.

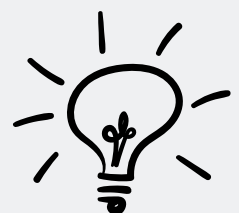
## KIDSBRIDGE: \$1,500

Kidsbridge, based in Ewing, NJ, educates and empowers children and youth through social-emotional learning, diversity appreciation lessons, and bullying prevention skills training. Their grant award supports their **LEAD Like a Girl** empowerment program for girls in third through fifth grades at Gregory Elementary School in Trenton. Through this program, at-risk girls will learn about mindfulness, self-regulation, conflict resolution, and finding their inner strength.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1997, the JLGP Grants Program has awarded more than \$180,000 to over 100 organizations!



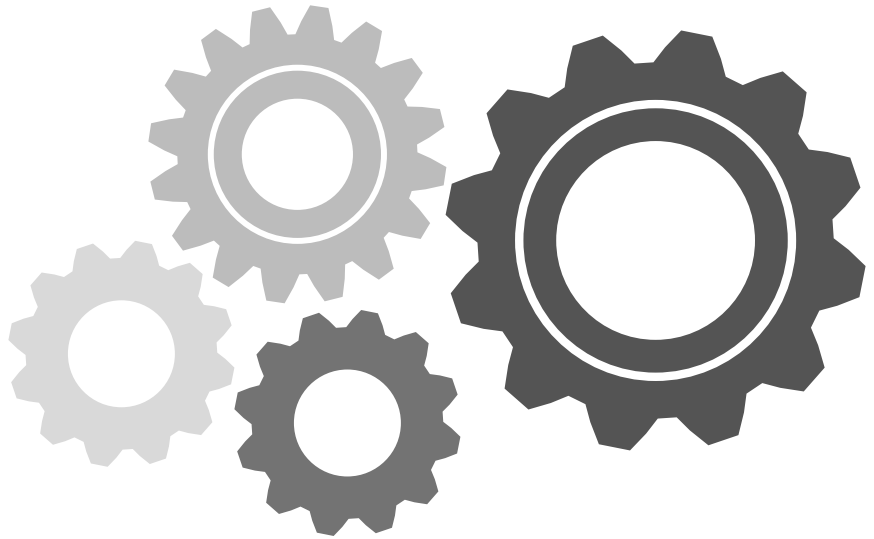


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# SCHOLARSHIPS

The Junior League of Greater Princeton awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to female high school seniors who have demonstrated a strong commitment to community service and voluntarism.

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This year's recipients were Larissa Jiminez of Belle Meade, NJ (not pictured - Yale University), Grace Schleck of Metuchen, NJ (pictured above - Barnard College) and Alesandra Termerte of Jamison, PA (pictured above - Syracuse University). They were chosen from an applicant pool of very accomplished young women. These women used their skills and life experiences to make a positive impact in their communities. From working with a volunteer fire squad, to organizing a drive to send medicine to Venezuela, and finally, creating a program in which students use poetry as a vehicle for advocacy - these talented young women are impressive and motivated!

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## DID YOU KNOW?

In honor of its 80th Anniversary in 2001, the Junior League of Greater Princeton created a scholarship program. Since then, over \$50,000 has been given to local area female high school seniors with a proven track record for serving their community!



# MEMBERSHIP



The Junior League of Greater Princeton is a powerhouse of dedicated, professional, well-educated women who are at the core of what we do! Similar to prior years, our Membership team focused on member engagement, recruitment, training, event planning and placements. At the JLGP, we believe that strong leaders make strong communities and as such, every year, our members participate in local and national, internal and external leadership training. By training women to be effective collaborators, poised negotiators, and committed volunteers, we equip them to go out and serve their communities. We were proud to welcome five new Members to the League who are already adding tremendous value to our organization.

**The Junior League is a premier source for civic leadership training and development opportunities for women who want to bring about lasting and meaningful change in their communities.**  
**To inquire about joining, email us at [membership@jlgp.org](mailto:membership@jlgp.org).**

The sustaining members of the JLGP play a vital role in our organization. They provide a strong foundation and are a valuable resource for our League members. This year, our Sustainers engaged in committee meetings, social events, excursions, and League events. In addition, they sponsored League-wide events including a festive Holiday Luncheon and a lovely Sustainer Tea. The active members are grateful for their guidance and continued support.





# DEVELOPMENT



## RAISING FUNDS FOR JLGP'S COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Our Development Team worked tirelessly throughout the year to help raise the funds necessary to support our community programs. In addition to managing a successful Annual Appeal, they planned and executed our 6th Annual, **A Day at the Races** event which serves as the major fundraiser for our organization. This large-scale event is a significant undertaking and as always, was enjoyed by all. The Team also planned various shopping events with local businesses who kindly donated a percentage of sales during our events back to the JLGP. We would like to extend a special note of thanks to our members, donors, sponsors and partners for their continued support as we work to push our mission forward.





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## 2019 BY THE NUMBERS



**227**

166 Sustaining  
52 Active  
9 Provisional

**M E M B E R S**



**98 YEARS**

**SERVING OUR COMMUNITY**



**50**

STUDENTS **PREPARED FOR SCHOOL** WITH  
BACKPACKS FILLED WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES



**100**

FEMININE HYGIENE KITS DONATED TO  
PROVIDE **BASIC NECESSITIES** TO WOMEN IN  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



**168**

FEET KEPT **WARM & DRY** WITH SHOES  
PURCHASED FOR PRESCHOOLERS



**362**

HOURS OF DIRECT SERVICE TO **HELP  
OUR NEIGHBORS**



**1,037**

CHILDREN SERVED AT THE RISE HOLIDAY PARTY.  
WARM WINTER WEAR AND FOOD WERE DONATED.



**\$3K**

IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO WOMEN WHO  
HAVE DEMONSTRATED A COMMITMENT TO  
VOLUNTEERING IN THEIR COMMUNITY



# FINANCIAL REPORT

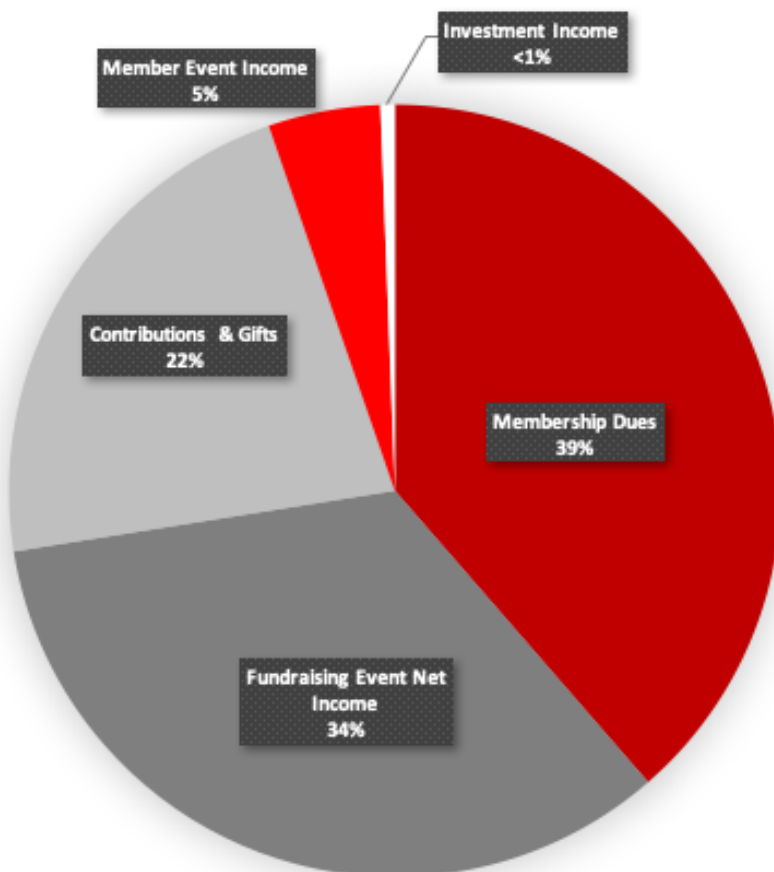
The Junior League of Greater Princeton recognizes that strong financial management is critical to the long term health of our organization. Also, we know that financial transparency with our members and donors is key to securing your trust with every contribution you make. We appreciate your trust and thank you for playing a key role in our organization's short and long term success.

## KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

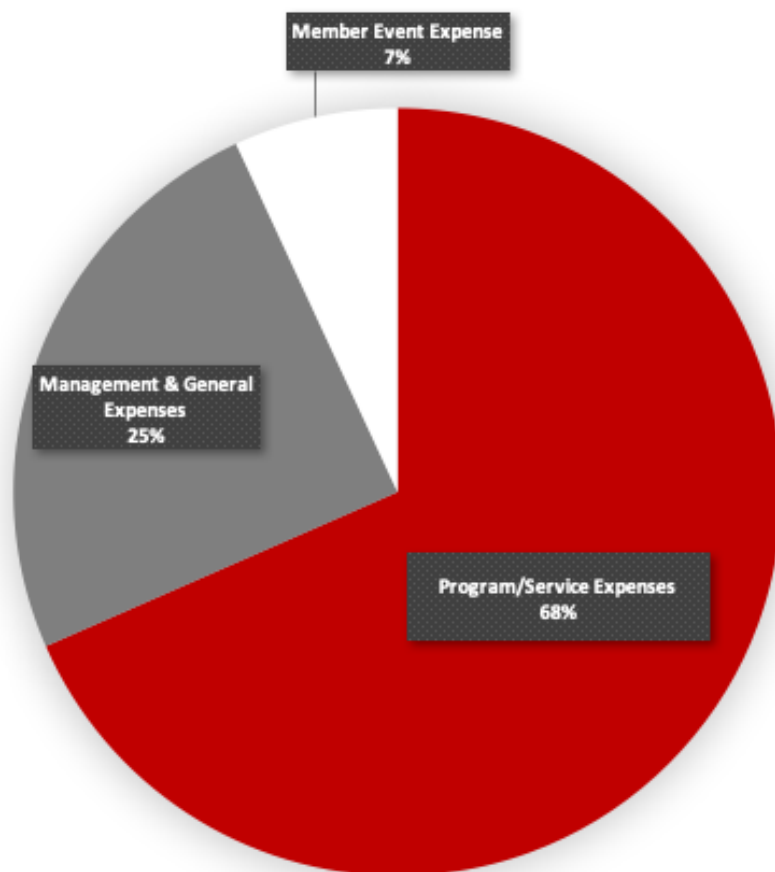
- Opened an investment account with Princeton Area Community Foundation with the goals of long-term growth and reinvestment in our Community.
- Implemented a monthly expense management system in an effort to improve financial stewardship amongst our leadership team.
- Net revenue from our signature fundraiser, A Day at the Races, grew by 13% over last year.
- Met our Annual Appeal goal.

**JUNE 1, 2018 - MAY 31, 2019**

### REVENUE \$69,924



### EXPENSES \$62,544



# THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

*Gifts and in-kind donations made between  
June 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019*

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SAVE THE DATE • MAY 2, 2020

*A Day at the Races*



*Support the mission of the*  
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## SAVE THE DATE!

Our 7th annual "A Day at the Races" Kentucky Derby themed fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2020** at Rose Bank Winery in Newtown, Pennsylvania. **For sponsorship opportunities email [derby@jlgp.org](mailto:derby@jlgp.org).**

**WOMEN BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES.**

