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DEAR LEAGUE MEMBERS,

As the League year wraps up, my mind has been swirling with immense gratitude for the opportunity to serve as president of this incredible organization.

When I look back on what we have accomplished together, I am so very proud of the ways we built on the 100-year legacy of the League in our community:

- We worked together to establish a vision for how we want JLN to be known in 2030.
- We raised money for our community endowment through Shop | Save | Support and had a tremendously successful Women's Summit.
- As we grappled with the ongoing pandemic, we found ways to continue to serve our 16 community agencies and countless other partners through Members in Motion, Done in a Day activities and our 100 Acts of Service.
- We made long-discussed changes to our membership policy to create more flexibility and updated our bylaws to ensure a strong foundation for our future.
- We announced a \$1.5 million pledge to support a pediatric inpatient rehab program at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital.
- We furthered our learning about issues impacting our city and deepened our understanding and commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.
- We embraced new technology and got much better at hybrid meetings.
- We told the story of our work in the community over the past century.
- And finally, we built connections and friendships in our work to serve Nashville.

Did we get it all right? Certainly not. But did we learn and grow along the way? Absolutely.

By its very nature, the League equips us to be agile leaders. Each year, we start with a clean slate. Each new placement is a safe place to win or learn.

While what we do and how we do it changes, what does not change is our why. We are united by a desire to change communities for the better.

The deep bonds that form while we do that are why I will forever love the League. Whether celebrating a promotion, engagement, new baby or a child's graduation, we get to cheer each other on.

We are there for each other through the ups and downs—through the miscarriage or failed IVF treatment, a death, divorce, the unexpected accident or job loss.

Thank you for continuing to amaze and inspire me. You are smart and resilient and capable of handling whatever comes your way. Our members have what it takes to tackle tough issues in our city, and I cannot wait to see what we do next!

With gratitude,

Jenny Barker, President (2021-2022)



Jenny Barker, President



1922-2022

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NASHVILLE

VISION 2030

In 2030, the Junior League of Nashville will be known for:

- A culture of inclusion and belonging
- A powerful, collective voice for improving the community
- An enduring legacy of impactful volunteer service
- Transformative leadership and development experiences
- Being a place to deepen connections

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Junior League Hosts Rise! Women's Summit

The Junior League of Nashville's second annual Women's Summit brought together more than 130 participants on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022.

Co-chaired by Johari Matthews and Ashley Wood, the one-day virtual conference featured an esteemed lineup of empowering speakers, supporting the League's mission to create stronger communities by helping women harness their leadership potential.

The keynote speaker was Emily Chang, an executive with more than 20 years of experience with renowned companies like Procter & Gamble, Apple, and Starbucks, and award-winning author of *The Spare Room*, a guide to defining one's social legacy to live a more intentional life and lead with authentic purpose.

Patrons received a copy of her book as well as an exclusive virtual meet and greet with her after the Summit.

Special thanks to Capstar | Farmington Mortgage, our executive sponsor, and to Piedmont Natural Gas and City First Bank, our director-level sponsors, for their support of the event.



Watch for details for our third annual Women's Summit, which will be held in person in Spring 2023!

Sustainer Luncheon: Style Through the Decades



Sustainers gathered on Feb. 10 at Richland Country Club for Style Through the Decades, a luncheon and fashion show celebrating JLN's many contributions to the community since 1922 and the trends that have been iconic along the way.

Emceed by Sustainer Silvia Castaneda-Roddy of WKRN News 2, the event featured League members as models for each decade since the League's founding. Attendees heard about each model's outfit as well as significant milestones in the history of the League. Models included:

- 1920s – Sarah Woodall
- 1930s – J'annine Sullivan
- 1940s – Beth Alexander
- 1950s – Heather Kemp
- 1960s – Kimberlee Andrews
- 1970s – Krystal Clark
- 1980s – Linda Gove
- 1990s – Jillian Frist
- 2000s – Lindsay Ricotta
- 2010s – Nahed Zehr
- 2020s – Jenny Barker



Two models donned vintage attire belonging to family members. Past President Beth Alexander wore a dress from the 1940s that belonged to her mother and Past President Heather Kemp modeled an olive-green wool suit from the 1950s that belonged to her maternal grandmother.



Done in a Day & 100 Acts of Service

Co-chaired by Elizabeth Randall and Becky Shanklin, the Done in a Day (DIAD) Committee provided more than 400 hours of hands-on volunteer service with a wide range of local nonprofit agencies this year.

"I love the Done in a Day placement because it allows JLN members to make an immediate difference in the Nashville community," said Shanklin.



NCT 90th stuffing bags

"I enjoy the flexibility and variety of engagement opportunities we have," Randall added. "We're a large committee, so there's always a new friend to meet when we get together."

In honor of JLN's century of volunteer leadership, the League also hosted 100 Acts of Service, a series of hands-on service opportunities open to all League members. The service initiative was designed to improve the community and to further raise awareness of JLN and its goals. The campaign included sorting books, reading to children, clean-up projects, assisting with set up at various nonprofit events, and more.



JLN members spent the afternoon re-organizing back stage props and materials used for live productions

2021-2022 Community Partners

Literacy Partners

- Book'em
- McNeilly Center for Children
- Moves & Grooves
- PENCIL
- Preston Taylor Ministries
- Safe Haven Family Shelter
- Water Walkers
- Youth Villages

Human Trafficking Awareness Partners

- End Slavery Tennessee
- EPIC Girl
- Monroe Harding
- Oasis Center
- Renewal House
- Sexual Assault Center
- You Have the Power

Ongoing Partner

- Junior League Home at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

Kids in the Kitchen Initiative Bids Farewell

The Kids in the Kitchen (KIK) Committee held a fun day of learning about healthy lifestyle choices for the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee at JLN Headquarters on Saturday, March 5.

Girl Scouts and their parents made healthy foods and participated in activities to better understand how to take care of their health. Each participant received a goody bag filled with items to help them implement what they learned.

KIK began in 2005 as an initiative of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) to help communities address the urgent issues of childhood obesity and poor nutrition and was adopted shortly after by JLN.

Earlier this year as part of the League's strategic planning process, the board made the difficult decision to sunset KIK after this year in anticipation of the adoption of a new focus area in the 2022-2023 League year.

We are proud of the impact KIK has had and are grateful for all of those who volunteered with the program through the many years it has been part of our work.





Day of Service Held March 5

Members in Motion (MIM) is a League-wide day of service for JLN members to unite and give back to the Nashville community.

On Saturday, March 5, 111 Junior League volunteers contributed 333 service hours among 13 projects with 10 nonprofit agencies. Together, they:

- Wrote 494 thank-you notes for healthcare workers
- Created 234 activity kits for hospitalized children
- Organized 85 boxes of books for Book'em
- Packaged 8,025 diapers to serve 161 babies

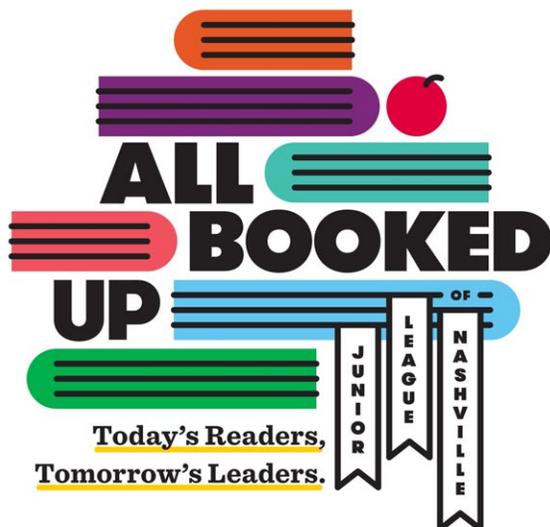
Agencies served included Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Bonaparte's Retreat, Book'em, Centerstone, Cheekwood, Diaper Connection, Garden Club of Nashville, Nashville Food Project and There With Care.



Our Literacy Work in Action

This year the League's signature literacy event, All Booked Up (ABU), went mobile in 2022 and distributed over \$7,400 in books directly to several of our nonprofit partners, including Youth Villages, the McNeilly Center for Children, Preston Taylor Ministries, Aventura Community School and Safe Haven Family Shelter.

Volunteers read to the girls at Youth Villages on May 7, and each got their own copy of the book. ABU also hosted several mini events earlier this year by giving out books and other items to children at community events.



2022-2023 Community Partners

The Junior League of Nashville is known for making a difference in the community by providing trained volunteers to nonprofit agencies. The community agencies below were selected to receive Junior League funding and volunteers in 2022-2023 as we enter the final year of our stated focus on increasing childhood literacy and addressing human trafficking. In total, these agencies will receive \$122,000 to support our projects with them.

Literacy Partners

- Aventura Community School (volunteers only)
- Book'em
- McNeilly Center for Children
- Preston Taylor Ministries
- Safe Haven Family Shelter
- Youth Villages



Oasis Center

Human Trafficking Partners

- End Slavery Tennessee
- Monroe Harding
- Oasis Center
- Renewal House

Ongoing Partnership

- Junior League Home at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

Centennial Anniversary Gifts

- Three agencies with programs founded by JLN— Renewal House, McNeilly Center for Children and Oasis Center— received one-time centennial anniversary gifts of \$22,000 from the \$122,000.
- President Jenny Barker and President-Elect Taryn Anderson made visits to each of these founded agencies this spring to meet with their executive directors and present the checks.





Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Council Advances Learning

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB) Council continued its work to provide frequent learning opportunities to help our League be a place where all feel free to be their authentic selves and to be more effective in our community-centered work.

In partnership with the Training Committee, the DEIB Council helped bring a wide range of trainings to our members, including hearing from countless partner agencies as well as a session about microaggressions. Participants learned how these behaviors play out in everyday life, how to respond to them when observed in different situations, and how to be more aware of speech, behavior and sensitivity to others.

Inspired by the AJLI Racial Equity Challenge, Dr. Carmen April-Washington of the DEIB Committee developed the Racial Equity Journal Club, a safe space for members to engage in candid discussions around the social construct we know as race. The series welcomed 84 attendees who reviewed 62 articles and 47 videos total. They met monthly to share reflections, including personal experiences around topics like social determinants of health and the invisible knapsack of privilege.

"Knowing and then being willing to admit these various inequities exist is half the battle," said Dr. April-Washington. "Once you know what's happening and why communities are under-resourced and underserved, you can better understand what to do about it."

"I am incredibly grateful to the JLN for enabling this forum where I was able to contribute as appropriate, but mostly learn from and hear perspectives of other members," said Elise Russo. "I came away from each meeting with another point of view to ponder and a new way to make progress."

"The exercises were great, and the topics were fascinating and very well thought out," said Kimberly Branch, another regular attendee. "I was excited about each session because everyone brought their own experiences and perspectives."

The DEIB Council also teamed up with Member Experience Committee to host a fun-filled outing for members at the National Museum of African American Music (NMAAM) during Black History Month in February.

Hundreds Attend Centennial Patrons Party & Library Exhibit Opening

The Junior League of Nashville kicked off a series of Centennial Celebrations with a Patrons Party at the Nashville Public Library's downtown location on March 31.

The evening began with a preview of a special library exhibit detailing JLN's impressive 100-year history and current-day projects. "The Junior League of Nashville: Making a Difference for 100 Years" is open to the public at the Nashville Public Library's Main location through August 31, 2022.

Guests then enjoyed cocktails in the Junior League of Nashville Children's Services Area, which was founded by JLN, and a puppet show commemorating highlights of the League's impact on the city.

After Mayor Jim Cooper read his proclamation announcing that April 10 (date of JLN's founding) would be recognized as "Junior League of Nashville Day," the evening continued with a supper in the Grand Reading Room with remarks by Patrons Party Chairs Janie Berry and Mary Lindley Carswell, Centennial Celebration Chairs Suann Davis and Linde Pflaum, Honorary Chair Jerry Williams and JLN President Jenny Barker.



Founding Day Fête Was a Festive Night of Fun



Members, partners, and friends of JLN gathered for our Centennial Founding Day Fête on Saturday, April 9 at City Winery.

Chaired by Kayla Counts, the event included a fabulous silent auction, party fare, drink coupons, a lively DJ, and a cake celebration in honor of Junior League of Nashville's founding on April 10, 1922.

Auction Co-Chairs Jackie Seco Coker and Megan Kelly Pugh and their committee led a tremendous silent auction with something for everyone: vacation rentals, private shopping experiences, fitness classes, merchandise from your favorite retail vendors, and much more!



Centennial Gala & Late Party: Celebrations of the Century



Nearly 500 guests attended the Junior League of Nashville's Centennial Gala and Late Party at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center on April 23, 2022.

Co-chaired by Suann Davis and Linde Pflaum, the jubilant evening was executed with support from Bruce Pittman Inc. and began with a lively cocktail hour, followed by a three-course dinner by Kristen Winston Catering inspired by Junior League cookbooks.

The Concert Hall was filled with floral arrangements by Forget Me Knot Design featuring purple irises, which are the Tennessee State Flower and a nod to the regal purple color traditionally used to celebrate the centennial milestone.

After dinner, Late Party guests joined for the program and premiere of JLN's centennial documentary, produced by Demetria Kalodimos, highlighting the League's history, leadership and special initiatives since its founding.

JLN President Jenny Barker also gave remarks, recognizing the Co-Chairs, along with Honorary Chair Jerry Williams, Past Presidents of the League, Centennial Committee Co-Chairs Brittany Irby and Allie Reed, Late Party Chair Mia Gray and the Centennial Celebration Committee.

She went on to share the League's vision for the future and announced a \$1.5 million pledge to longtime partner Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt to support inpatient pediatric rehabilitation.

After the program, guests danced until midnight to the toe-tapping sounds of Burning Las Vegas performing live. Midnight marked the 100th anniversary of JLN's acceptance into the Association of Junior Leagues on April 24, 1922.

The highly successful event grossed nearly \$365,000 with net proceeds benefitting the League's Operations Endowment.



Revised Mission Statement Passes at AJLI Annual Conference

An updated mission statement for the Junior League was passed by an overwhelming majority of delegate votes at the AJLI 2022 Annual Business Meeting on May 14 in Dallas.

The new mission is to “Advance women’s leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.”

While what we do has not changed, how we talk about it is now wrapped in language that is more accessible, inviting and collaborative as the Junior League looks to its future.

Starting in June, the AJLI Team will begin rolling out support packages and tools to assist us in the next step towards adoption and implementation.

Placement Fair & Provisional Graduation Return

For the first time since 2020, we returned to a fully in-person Placement Fair and were able to hold our Provisional Graduation indoors at JLN Headquarters! For both events, the room was filled with great energy of women connecting and chatting about how they can use their skills to advance our mission in the community.



Paragon Award Recipients Honored and Gavel Passed at Annual Meeting

On May 17, members gathered at JLN HQ to celebrate the end of our centennial year, honor members and resume the tradition of passing the gavel to our next president.

The Paragon Awards recognize three individuals annually—a leader from the Nashville community, an active member, and a sustaining member—each of whom leads by example and embodies the mission and values of the Junior League of Nashville. This year’s recipients were:

Dr. Adrienne Battle, MNPS Director of Schools *Outstanding Community Service of the Year Award*

This award is presented to a nonmember who has demonstrated the ideals of Junior League volunteer service, leadership, and dedication to improving our community. Dr. Battle is the first woman to lead Metro Nashville Public Schools and has been unflappable despite numerous challenges. She is being recognized for her deep commitment to serving the students of Nashville and her strong leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jennifer Konyon *Outstanding Active of the Year Service Award*

Jennifer has been a rising star since joining JLN in 2019, and her servant leadership style fosters strong teamwork and inclusive participation. Not only did she manage a dual placement as our Literacy Convener and our Grants Committee Chair this year, but she was quick to take on additional assignments to help strengthen and bolster those around her. She puts our mission at the forefront of all she does in JLN.



Suann Davis *Outstanding Sustainer of the Year Service Award*

For 30 years, Suann has dedicated her boundless energy and enthusiasm toward JLN’s mission. Most recently, she worked on committees to research and prepare for our Centennial and served as Centennial Celebration Co-Chair. Nominated by countless members, including her co-chair Linde Pflaum (a past Paragon winner herself), Suann has worked tirelessly to educate our members and community about JLN’s work.

Following additional member recognitions and a speech from President Jenny Barker, past presidents lined up to pass the gavel in succession to President-Elect Taryn Anderson who closed out the meeting with remarks to set the stage for JLN’s 101st year.



Dr. Adrienne Battle



Jennifer Konyon



Suann Davis



Incoming President with
Amy Smotherman

JLN Wins AJLI Award at Annual Conference



At the AJLI Annual Conference in Dallas, our League was honored with the AJLI Membership, Recruitment and Engagement Award, which comes with a prize of \$2,000. JLN was chosen from among 297 Leagues worldwide for our "99 Reasons Membership Matters" campaign last year to cultivate and respond to the diverse needs of current and future League members.



JLN Presidents Sarah Creekmore Woodall (2020-2021), Jenny Barker (2021-2022), Taryn Anderson (2022-2023) and Jade Sampson (2023-2024).

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Member Milestones Recognized at Annual Meeting

20-Year Active

Cynthia Vitari Song

10-Year Actives

Jackie McShane
Chaula Mehta
Sara Moscow
Elizabeth Randall
Becky Shanklin

Five-Year Actives

Heather Adams
Matty Adams
Jamie Arnett
Caroline Baumgartner
Courtney Bisig
Kristina Brothers
Kathleen Brown
Alicia Caldwell
Samantha Chandler
Shakia Clark
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Mary Michael Daunhauer
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McKenzie Kleinhenz
Lindsey Landrum
Morgan Lankford
Carol Lloyd
Jordan Luke
Sara Lynes
Jamie McAdams
Annie McKibben
Courtney McLawhorn
Alexsandra Murray
Carmen Rogge
Elise Russo
Lauren Schmidlen
Victoria Selover
Erika Slapar
Carla Smith
Rebecca Sundwall

New Sustainers

Rachel Ailor	Brittany Irby	Missy Sidney
Bahar Azhdari	Rachael Ivie	Concetta Smith
Jenny Barker	Julie James	Kim Ann Snodgrass
Reen Baskin	Teena Jones	Case Soskin
Thallen Brassel	Julia Mefford	Anne Louise Spangler
Katharine Brunson	Sarah McFarland	Elizabeth Stackhouse
Dana Bybee	Jackie McShane	Maleah Stephens
Claudia Byers	Emerald Mitchell	Claire Surratt
AnnJeanette Colwell	Katie Myers	Doni Tavel
Kayla Counts	Kaylee Osland	Erika Thomas
Bridgett Garratt	Courtney Pannell	Kimberly Veirs
Elisa Goodrich	Megan Peters	Jenna Watson
Toi Gorham	Jeanai Ranero	Samantha Yeargin
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Beyond the ground-breaking research,
tests and advanced medicine.

Beyond the innovative surgeries and
procedures, accolades and long list of
firsts — there is a special place.

This space is where children and their
families feel inspired to share their
health care stories — the ones of hope,
healing, optimism, endurance,
dedication and connection.
Stories of breakthroughs and second
chances. Stories of grit and perseverance.

We are doctors, scientists, nurses,
clinicians and front-line workers who
have come together through our love of
children and science, to help children
become well and authors of their
own amazing stories.

We make health care personal, and
our story is best told through theirs.

Damian, age 2




Monroe Carell Jr.
Children's Hospital
at Vanderbilt

