



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPOKANE

Women building better communities®

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The Junior League of Spokane 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.

The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.

Celebrating 94 years of serving Spokane and empowering women.

**Committee Chairs
2018-2019**

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Book Fair Chairs: Kelsea Nester & Elisabeth Sibulsky

Impact Chairs: Kelsey Parker & Sarah Yerden

Donor Relations Specialist: Niki Moore

Touch-a-Truck Chairs: Betsy Clevenger & Sorcha Connor-Boyle

Red Hot Night Chair: Emelie Braxton

FRM/Marketplace Chair: Cora Whitney

New Member Recruitment &

Training Chair: Stephanie Krebs-Anderson

Member Retention &

Development Chair: Caity Harper

Placement Chair: Lauren Klündt

Leadership Development

Committee Chair: Kathy Connelly



President's Message

Dear members and friends of the Junior League of Spokane:

What a year! And in 2019-2020, we will celebrate our 95th year as an organization dedicated to training leaders, promoting voluntarism, and improving our community. We have a wonderful group of active and sustaining members who are focused on making a difference.

The Junior League has always been on the forefront of social change. We are an organization that stays relevant in an ever-changing social climate. The current members are honored to continue the work of the women who forged the path before us. Our parent organization, Association of Junior Leagues International, has recently incorporated a rapid response process that allows the Association to respond quickly with one voice to current events that align with our mission.

The work we do is not easy, but personally I am reinvigorated when I volunteer at one of our Treasure Hunt Book Fairs and am able to witness first-hand how excited children are to “walk the plank” and receive free books to take home. In order to support our focus area of improving childhood literacy, we granted Spokane-area educators, preschool groups, and non-profits books and funds to promote literacy. It is such a great feeling to know that we have amazing community partners who work with us to make a difference.

I invite you to join us to make an impact with the Junior League of Spokane in our 95th year. You are welcome to become a strategic partner or volunteer at a community event. Please follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/juniorleagueofspokane for the latest updates.

With gratitude,
Ann Smith, President 2018 - 2019

Board of Directors 2018-2019

President	Ann Smith
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It starts with a woman.

Who We Are:

Celebrating Years of Service to the JLS

5 Years

Ann Smith
Ashley Manfred
Emily Arneson
Jessica Kiser
Kathy Connelly
Kim Lloyd
Kristin Orwig
Lauren Warrick
Melissa King

10 Years

Mary Lynn Boardman

To our newly sustaining members, **THANK YOU for your service!**

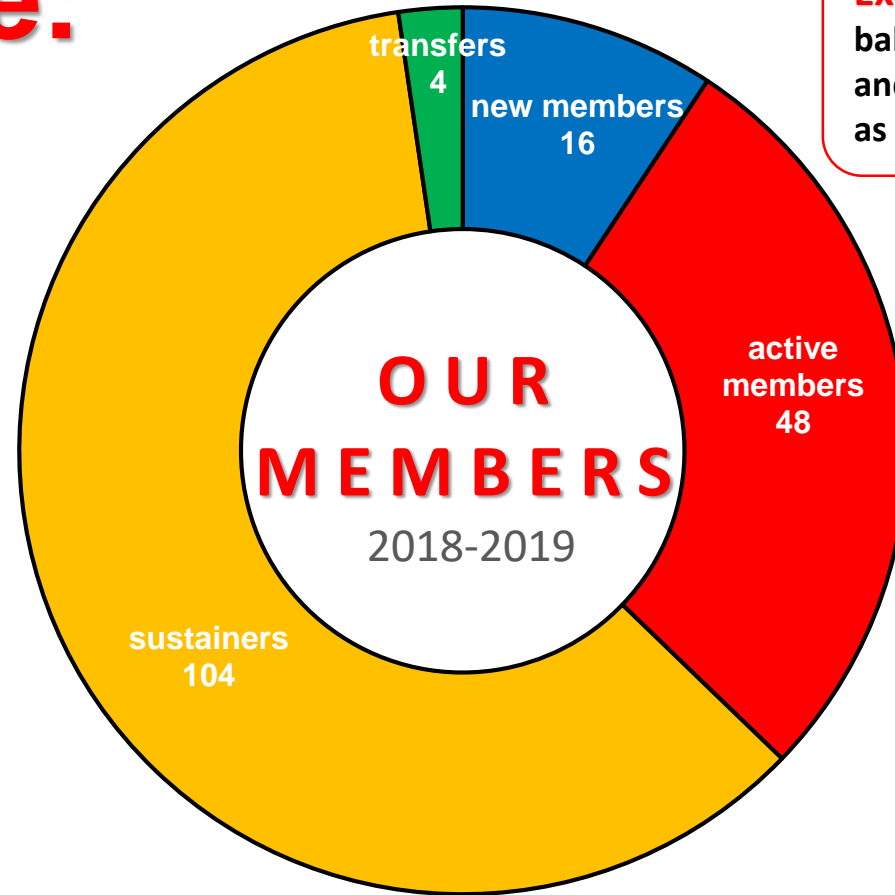
Emily Arneson
Betsy Clevenger
Jessica Kiser
Lauren Klündt

Say HELLO to our new members:

Alicia Heiser
Amanda Olson
Amelia Davis
Ashley Stevens

Briana Turnbull
Dawn Emery
Fatim Ouedraogo
Jamie Diaz
Jamie Wopschall
Katie Mathews

Keely Coxon
Kelsey Nylund
Keri Gardner
Margaret McKee
Patti Hinman
Rebecca Birnel



Exciting member news... 😊 Cora Whitney had a baby girl! 🏠 Lauren Warrick returned to Spokane and opened a new business. 🙌 Kim Lloyd is serving as Board President of Meals on Wheels Spokane.



Active Member of the Year
Ashley Manfred
Membership Director
2018-2020



Outstanding Sustainer of the Year
Karen Warrick

Our members are proud to serve alongside the **140,000 women** who make up the **Junior League internationally!**

TRAINING is at the heart of our mission to empower women as they build stronger communities.

General Membership Meeting Trainings

offered to our members:

- ✓ developing the potential of women
- ✓ building community partnerships
- ✓ financial training for nonprofits
- ✓ LGBTQ ally training



We sent **14** members to leadership training conferences

across the country:

- ✓ AJLI Winter Leadership in New Orleans
- ✓ AJLI Annual Conference in Denver
- ✓ AJLI's Organizational Development Institute in Little Rock
- ✓ AJLI Organization Development Institute Conference in Charlotte
- ✓ Northwest Exchange in Portland

DID YOU KNOW?... AJLI (Association of Junior Leagues International) is the JLS's parent organization. The 291 Junior Leagues around the world are the owners and customers of AJLI.

Our Focus Area: CHILDHOOD LITERACY

GOALS:  Improve childhood literacy rates in Spokane.  Get books into the hands of our community's children and inspire a lifelong love of reading and learning. To work toward these goals, we once again hosted *two book fairs*.

WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER

Book Fair

March 9, 2019

Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Outreach Center at EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER

Book Fair

April 20, 2019

230 volunteer hours

10 literacy booths

309  served

240  distributed

Thank you to our Book Fair community partners and booth hosts!

- Camp Fire Inland Northwest
- Communities in Schools

- Community Health Plan
- Head Start with WCCC
- Hi5 Orthodontics
- Kelly Milner Halls (author)
- MLK Center at ECCC
- Project ELLO

- Shriners Hugs and Noses
- Spark Central
- Spokane Police Department
- Spokane Public Library
- Sysco
- Unify Community Health
- Whitworth University Pirate

Thank you, SYSCO!
They provided all of the food (including snacks for families to take home).

CHILDHOOD LITERACY: continuing to put our fundraising dollars to work

We are so pleased to support our
2018-2019 GRANT RECIPIENTS,
who work tirelessly to advance childhood literacy within the
Spokane region:

- Embrace Washington
- Gayle Weiant, Bemiss Elementary
- Jennifer Morris, Spanish Immersion Program at Libby Center
- Jodi Baerwald, Stephanie McCarrey & Beverly Chandler; Willard Elementary
- Joseph Carlson, Willard Elementary
- Justina Martin, Willard Elementary
- Karen Bennie, Bemiss Elementary
- Kerri York, Bemiss Elementary
- Kristy Tucker, Newport Parent Co-op Preschool
- Kristy Wilkinson, Bemiss Elementary
- Monica Mewhinney, Holmes Elementary
- Sharon Withrow, Bemiss Elementary
- Volunteers of America of Eastern Washington & Northern Idaho
- Whitney Bowerman, Rogers High School

425

granted

\$2,875
disbursed

DID YOU KNOW?... Up until the 3rd grade, most children are learning to read. Beginning in the 4th grade, they are reading to learn.

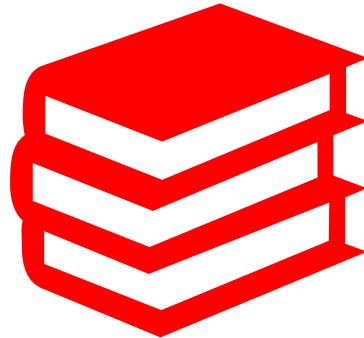
Adequate literacy skills can be correlated to a person's likelihood to remain out of poverty, avoid criminal behavior, and adequately care for oneself and others.

Making an Impact in OUR Community...

The JLS Book Bank was established in 2016. It is an ongoing effort to solicit funds and book donations to maintain an inventory of new and pristine-condition used books for use in literacy efforts by the JLS and its community partners. Book Bank inventory primarily focuses on diverse texts for pre-school through 3rd grade children.

The Book Bank supplies books for the JLS's book fairs, reading corners and other community projects, and additionally gives away books to the first 100 children at the JLS's annual Touch-a-Truck event.

1,873
books donated
to the community
in 2018-2019



Since adopting **CHILDHOOD LITERACY** as our focus area, JLS has created and maintained **READING CORNERS** across Spokane.

Reading Corner Locations:

Women & Children's Free Restaurant (1st Corner)

CHAS

Early Life Speech & Language Center

Rising Strong

Union Gospel Mission Women & Children's Shelter

West Central Community Center


DID YOU KNOW?... JLS founded the Santa Breakfast event over 20 years ago. We nurtured it to a beloved annual holiday gathering for over 400 foster children and their families before passing it along to the caring hands of Embrace Washington.

Junior League of Spokane Members also donated their woman power to

- ✓ Embrace Washington's Santa Breakfast
- ✓ Our Sister's Closet
- ✓ Spokane Police Activities League Summer Program
- ✓ Tom's Turkey Drive
- ✓ Wishing Star Foundation

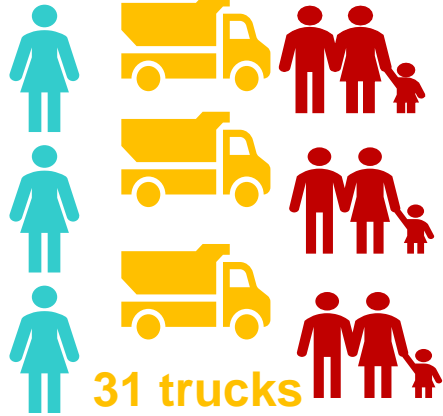


8th annual Touch a TRUCK

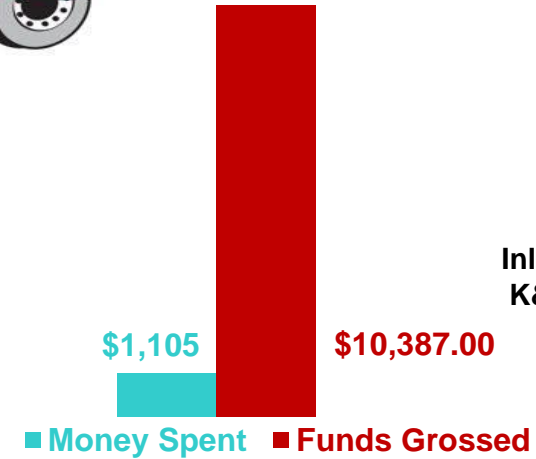


400+
volunteer
hours

1,851
attendees



Allow us to toot our own HORN...
We netted over **\$9,000** for the Junior League of Spokane, our mission and community projects—and had a lot of fun doing it!



Participating TRUCKS AND VEHICLES:

- AMR
- Avista
- CAL
- Divine's
- DNR
- FedEx
- Harley Davidson
- Hill's Automotive
- Inland Power & Light
- K&N Electric Motors
- Magic Bus
- Movher
- Pine Marten
- Pre-Mix
- Rhodes Crane
- SCRAPS
- Spokane County Sheriff's Dept
- Spokane Cremation & Burial
- Spokane Fire Department
- Spokane Police Department
- Spokane Solid Waste Mgmt
- Spokane Transit Authority
- Sunshine Disposal
- Tidy's
- United States Air Force

September 22, 2018 – Spokane Community College

DONORS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Avista
- CAL
- David's Pizza

- Divine's
- Dr. Drew Heidergott, DDS
- Hill's Automotive
- Inland Power and Light
- Jerome's Magic Bus
- Joe and Ann Smith

- K&N Electric Motors
- Kershaw's
- Kona Ice
- Meals on Wheels Spokane
- Nancy and Kathleen Wynia
- SCRAPS

- Shriners Hugs & Noses
- Spokane Dogs
- Spokane Pediatric Dentistry
- Sunshine Disposal
- Yoke's



Who: 473 volunteer hours
and 113 attendees

What: Cuban-style cooking
competition featuring Spokane
Top Chefs Mario De Leon
& Caleb Hansen

Where: John J. Hemmingson Center
at Gonzaga University

When: May 17, 2019

Why: to raise over **\$31,000**
for The Junior League of Spokane's
mission and projects



LAKESIDE **LC** CAPITAL GROUP
LLC
\$5,000

Washington Trust Bank
Member FDIC
\$1,000

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\$500

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Coeur d'Alene Resort
Cougar Crest Estate Winery
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Eagles Ice Arena
Eleanor Andersen
Elements Massage
Ellie Adolphson
Emelie Braxton

Faris Chabonneau
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Frank's Diner/The Onion
Gonzaga University
Grocery Outlet
Halle Goodwin
Heritage Bar & Kitchen
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Jamie Diaz
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Sargent Michael Carr, SPD
Sorcha Connor-Boyle
Southern Specialties
Spokane Symphony
Sport Clips

Stein Family Dentistry
Tobacco World
Todd Tondee
Townshend Cellar
Triple Play Family Fun Park
Va Piano
Wild Walls
WSU



2018-2019: By the Numbers

Total Income: \$74,841.45
including almost **\$42,000** raised at fundraising events, over **\$18,000** from Membership Dues, and over **\$4,000** brought in during our Annual Fund Campaign

WOMEN ON A MISSION... Prior to the start of our 2018-2019 League year, our membership approved a budget that reflected an approximate \$11,000 deficit. This decision was mission driven, and the deficit was to be funded with reserves. But through careful spending and greater fundraising success, the year-end deficit came to less than \$2,000. This accomplishment took some belt-tightening and old-fashioned frugality, but funding to support our mission did not waiver.

Total Expenses: \$76,624.02
including almost **\$14,000** spent on Membership, Volunteer and Leadership Training; about **\$7,000** spent on Community projects and events; and almost **\$3,000** disbursed in grants to advance childhood literacy within Spokane

**WOMEN
BUILDING
BETTER
COMMUNITIES**

Annual Fund DONORS

Alicia Heiser	Constance Guthrie	Kelsey Parker
Amelia Davis	Cynthia Gustafson	Kim Jones
Ann Smith	Diane Thomas	Kristin Mason
Anne (Topper)	Donna Greenough	Lauren Warrick
Nielsen O'Connell	<i>(in honor/memory of Molly & Carol)</i>	Lexi Burg
Ashley Manfred	Eleanor Andersen	Maria Cahill
Becky Shellman	Elinor Magnuson	Medtronic <i>(matched Kathy Friedlander)</i>
Bobbie McGann	Elisabeth Sibulsky	Melissa King
Bridget Carstens	Faris Charbonneau	Michelle Grover
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Christine Culp	Jody Fergin <i>(in memory of Marilyn Stedman)</i>	Penni Mahieu
Connie Stacey	Karen Robideaux	Roberta Jackson
	Karen Warrick	Sally Stopher
	Kathy Connelly	Shelley Kuney
	Kathy Friedlander	Suzanne Lynch
	Kelsea Nester	Sylvia Campbell
		Trudell Jensen

We Got This.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

Join Us! We invite you to consider joining this community of women who care so deeply about Spokane. Another way to support our mission is to make a contribution. As a non-profit organization, your donations help us to sustain our organization's mission, train women to serve Spokane, and impact our community through our childhood literacy projects.