

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPOKANE

2021-2022 Annual Report



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the 2021-2022 fiscal year of the Junior League of Spokane started in June 2021, we were buoyed by a sense of optimism that had felt largely absent from the prior year. While in many ways that optimism was merited, 2021-2022 was still marked by the need for creativity in the face of challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic. The women of the Junior League of Spokane persevered and adapted, experiencing more positive strides than setbacks, and remembering that both are part of a “normal” year.

As the rising case counts due to the delta variant caused cancellations of a wide variety of events in the area, the women of the Junior League reimagined our 11th annual Touch-a-Truck event in September as a drive-through Look-a-Truck event. This hard work was greatly appreciated, but both League and community members were left wishing for a return to the in-person event.

We were, however, able to advance our mission of training women for lives of civic and community leadership by hosting Northwest Exchange, a training conference for members of the Junior Leagues of the Northwest, in person at the Centennial Hotel in February 2022. This conference was three years in the making, having been postponed last year. Attendees shared successes and challenges faced by their Leagues, received training in conflict resolution and civil discourse, served on non-profit boards and governmental boards and commissions, and reconnected with each other. Women from the Junior League of Spokane were also able to access fantastic virtual trainings from our parent organization, the Association of Junior Leagues International, and hybrid access to trainings at our meetings throughout the year.

A crucial part of our mission is that our training is used to collaborate with the community to address needs within it—we have been working in the field of childhood literacy since 2015. One of our key programs, the Treasure Hunt Book Fair, returned as an in-person event at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center in the East Central neighborhood of Spokane in March 2022. This event inspired kids to use their imaginations with its many activities, and connected families to resources. Kids who attended the event left with a new book of their choosing, which is an evidence-based practice for making reading at home more likely by making it more fun. Additionally, the Junior League of Spokane granted \$2,300 to teachers and community organizations working to improve childhood literacy through a variety of innovative tactics and programs.

I am honored to have been entrusted with the leadership of the Junior League of Spokane during this turbulent time. I am profoundly grateful for and proud of the the flexibility, creativity, and persistence of our members.

Niki Moore
JLS President, 2021-2022



2021-2022 BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Total Actives: 54

New Members: 7

Transfer In: 2

Transfer Out: 2

Total Sustaining Members: 108

Sustainers: 77

Emeritus: 31

Active of the Year: Jessica Greggs Green

Outstanding Sustainer: Candace Mumm

Years of Active Membership Milestones: Melissa Condon, 10 Years

In Remembrance Of

Trudell Jensen - 6/1/2021

Marianne Anderson - 7/23/2021

Terry LaLone - 2/17/2022



Jessica Greggs Green
Active of the Year



Candace Mumm
Outstanding Sustainer

COMMUNITY IMPACT

BOOK BANK

Established in 2016, the JLS Book Bank solicits funds and book donations to maintain inventory of new and pristine-condition books for use in literacy efforts by the JLS and its community partners.

BOOK FAIR

The Junior League of Spokane hosted the 2022 Treasure Hunt Book Fair! We had one new host, the Martin Luther King Jr. Family Outreach Center, and eight community partners, including CHAS, If You Could Save Just One, and Eclipse Power Yoga. In total, 63 adults and 74 children attended.

BOOK GRANTS

Advancing childhood literacy is a key focus of our organization. The 2022 Book Grant Application had 20 applicants and the Junior League of Spokane was able to award 6 money grants and 2 book grants.

IMPACT PROJECTS

Impact projects remained low this year due to some residual Covid-19 protocols. Projects included sanitizing makeup palettes at Project Beauty Share, making meals at Crosswalk, and hosting a Storybook Trail with local author Donell Barlow and Greenstone Homes in local parks.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Touch-a-Truck became Look-a-Truck! The drive-thru event allowed children to see emergency responders, military vehicles, SWAT trucks, garbage trucks, utility trucks, and the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile. Big thank you to all of our participants, sponsors, and community partners in making Look-a-Truck a big hit!



2022 NORTHWEST EXCHANGE



The Junior League of Spokane hosted the 2022 Northwest Exchange! 65 representatives from 8 Leagues across the Northwest were in attendance.



We were honored to have JLS past presidents Trish McFarland and City Council Member Betsy Wilkerson join us for a breakout session helping members learn how to find a board position in their communities.

Thank you to all of the Leagues and members who attended!



FINANCIALS

INCOME

Member Dues: \$15,540.00
Fundraising & Sponsorship: \$10,038.00
Other Fundraising: \$515.00
Endowment: \$12,232.00

Total: \$38,325.00

EXPENSES

Member Development & Training: \$13,260.00
Community: \$3,944.00
Funding: \$593.00
Administrative: \$22,359.00

Total: \$40,156.00

ANNUAL FUND DONORS

Mary Lynn Boardman

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