

# LEAGUE AT A GLANCE

## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPOKANE

FALL 2024



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### In Our Junior League Era: 100 Years Strong

One hundred years. A whole century. That's the incredible legacy of the Junior League of Spokane—and it's absolutely worth celebrating. This year, I've been reflecting on all the moments that have brought us here: gratitude for the bold women who started it all, pride in the work we're doing today, and excitement for the legacy we're building for the next century.

Looking back at our history and seeing how far we've come is amazing. From our early days supporting the Red Cross to founding the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery in the 1980s to today's focus on addressing community inequity, we've proven time and again that determined, passionate women can create lasting change. Each era reflects the heart of our mission: women coming together to lead, serve, and uplift.

But this centennial isn't just about looking back—it's about celebrating the era-mazing work we're doing right now. Projects like Birthday in a Box are spreading birthday joy to children across our community, while our October General Membership Meeting on Building Resilience: Supporting and Addressing Families Impacted by Trauma highlighted our commitment to tackling tough issues in meaningful ways. And let's not forget our partnership with the Junior League Training Collaborative, providing over 60 training opportunities this year for our members to grow as leaders and changemakers.

Then there is the 100 Reasons Why Puzzle. Seeing the "whys" that connect us—from friendships and personal growth to the difference we're making in the community—has been one of my favorite ways to celebrate this centennial. By the end of the year, we'll have a framed puzzle showcasing 100 reasons—a snapshot of the impact, passion, and community that define our League.

As we look ahead to the future of our League, it's exciting to think about the impact we can make together. This October, we introduced our 2024–2027 Strategic Plan, which will serve as our roadmap for the next few years. It's all about aligning our work with our mission, creating meaningful change, and ensuring we're building on our strengths to better serve our community. (You will see this on the next page!)

As Taylor Swift says, "It's been a long time coming," and these 100 years have definitely been worth the wait. Whether you're a new member or a longtime one, your voice and passion are what make this League extraordinary. Let's keep building something amazing—together!

So, here's to 100 years of leadership, service, and resilience—and to all the exciting, history-making moments still to come. I'm so grateful to be on this wild, wonderful adventure with all of you. Let's keep building something amazing, one project, one connection, and one unforgettable memory at a time. Cheers to 100 Years!

In gratitude,

Caity Harper  
JLS President, 2024-2025



100 YEARS OF SERVICE  
**JUNIOR LEAGUE**  
SPOKANE

# STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES

## OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Spokane is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women’s leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

## OUR VISION

The Junior League: Women Around the World as Catalysts for Lasting Community Change.

## OUR VALUES

Collaboration • Community • Diversity • Empowerment • Leadership • Respect • Service

## OUR FOCUS AREA

Improving access to basic needs to alleviate sources of stress and increase resiliency for women, children, and families who have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and trauma.



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

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### CALLI SHRAGO

Calli joined the Junior League of Spokane in February 2024 and hit the ground running as a member of the Funding Resource Management and Centennial Committees. Some of her favorite JLS moments include the Women's Expo, an inspiring training at New Member Orientation from Linda Kleingartner, JLS Sustainer Director, and earning a Bravo Nomination in September. Calli is also full of creativity and personality. She's a dog mom to her lively Goldendoodle, Tiki, and recently celebrated six years of marriage. With a degree in Theatre Arts and two self-produced one-woman shows, she's an avid reader, coffee lover, and tattoo enthusiast. Calli is also a grief and depression warrior, honoring her parents' memory with resilience and heart.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### ALEX LANDON

Since joining the Junior League of Spokane in 2022, Alex has embraced her roles on the Impact and Membership Committees and currently, as the President's Assistant. Her enthusiasm and dedication shine through in everything she does for the League. One of Alex's most cherished JLS memories is the Foster Care Santa Breakfast, an event she found both heartwarming and rewarding. Moments like these fuel her passion for making a difference in the community.

Outside of JLS, Alex loves hitting the slopes for skiing, cheering on Gonzaga basketball, and spending quality time with her friends and family. Her warmth and energy make her a valued member of the League and a joy to work alongside.



## SUSTAINER SPOTLIGHT

### ELEANOR ANDERSEN

Eleanor joined the Junior League of Spokane in 1984, becoming a sustainer in 1992 after serving as President. As an active member, she contributed to the Public Relations and Golf Exhibition Committees and served on the Executive Committee during her years as President and President-Elect. More recently, she served as Sustainer Director, connecting with active members and seeing how the League has evolved. Today, Eleanor hosts the annual Past Presidents' party, fostering camaraderie and celebrating the League's dynamic legacy. Outside of the League, Eleanor enjoys traveling, fly fishing, tending to her large vegetable garden, and growing beautiful flowers.



# 2024-2025 LEAGUE YEAR SO FAR

The 2024-2025 League year is off to an incredible start with community initiatives, exciting events, collaborative workshops, and inspiring campaigns leading the way!



**AJLI Conference**



**Night at the Ballpark**



**Ice Cream Social**



**Pool Party**



**Touch-a-Truck**



**Beyond Pink Informational**



**Crocktober!**



**BINGO Night**



**Birthday-in-a-Box Assembly**



**Centennial Celebration**



**Meet the JLS/Heritage Bar and Kitchen Fundraiser**

## PRIORITY SPOKANE PARTNERSHIP

The Junior League of Spokane's collaboration with Priority Spokane is a powerful opportunity to amplify our impact on improving access to quality childcare in the community, aligning closely with our Mission to alleviate the effects of trauma by addressing basic needs. This partnership enhances JLS's visibility and reputation as a leader in community transformation while fostering meaningful relationships with like-minded organizations and key change-makers in Spokane.

JLS members are directly involved in creating tangible community improvements by contributing volunteers to Priority Spokane's events. Beyond volunteering, this collaboration provides exciting opportunities for members and sustainers to gain valuable Board experience, stay actively connected to JLS, and engage with larger community initiatives.

As Priority Spokane's childcare initiative evolves, JLS members will have even more opportunities to deepen their understanding of this critical issue and contribute to innovative solutions. Together, we are strengthening our organizations and creating a legacy of lasting change in Spokane.

# BIRTHDAY-IN-A-BOX RECIPE

In celebration of our Centennial year, we want to spread cheer to those in our community who need it most. While our Birthday-in-a-Box kits are distributed to create joy for families in Spokane, we hope you can incorporate this recipe into your own kitchen to add a little extra fun to your celebrations!

## what's in the box:

- **Cake Mix (for a sweet celebration!)**
- **Can of Soda (the secret ingredient for magic!)**
- **Frosting (because no cake is complete without it!)**
- **Sprinkles (to sprinkle some joy!)**
- **Candles (make a wish!)**



STEP 1: Preheat your oven. Get your pan ready by greasing it or lining it with parchment paper. You can even use the pan your supplies came in to bake the cake—how cool is that? It will make cleanup much easier!

STEP 2: Take the cake mix and the can of soda from your box. (Yep, soda! It's the secret ingredient!) Pour them into a big bowl and stir them together for about a minute until smooth. The soda's fizz helps the cake rise and makes it light and fluffy. Don't mix too much, or the magic bubbles might disappear!

STEP 3: Pour the batter into your pan. Check the cake mix box for the bake time. Then, pop your pan into the oven and let the birthday magic happen!

STEP 4: When your cake finishes baking, let it cool. Then, decorate it with frosting, sprinkles, or anything you'd like!

STEP 5: Light some candles, make a wish, and get ready to celebrate!

## Support the Junior League of Spokane!

Since 1924, the women in the Junior League of Spokane have worked for the betterment of the Spokane community. We see the issues. We create solutions. We change the community we live in for the better, all while developing leadership skills and training women who join the mission of the Junior League of Spokane.

The work we do is worthy of your support. Your investment not only empowers the Junior League of Spokane to develop civic leaders, but expands the capacity of our non-profit partners. Your donation allows us to continue to enhance the community in which we all live. Thank you in advance for your support.

Visit [www.JLSpokane.org](http://www.JLSpokane.org) to support the Junior League of Spokane today.

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MINGLE, JINGLE, AND  
CELEBRATE WITH THE JLS!

SO VERY  
*merry*

'TIS THE SEASON FOR  
TOGETHERNESS, AND WE'RE  
SNOW EXCITED TO INVITE YOU  
TO THE ANNUAL JLS HOLIDAY  
PARTY & GIFT SWAP!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 | 6PM