



## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF OLYMPIA

*Women building better communities*

September, 2009

### Junior League of Olympia, Request for Projects, 2010-2011

**Application Deadline: November 15, 2009**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Junior League of Olympia is seeking proposals for our Kids Count Committee projects for the League year of 2010-2011.

The Junior League of Olympia (JLO) is a group of approximately 65 active women in the Olympia area whom are dedicated to serving and building a healthy community.

- ❖ **Our Mission:** *The Junior League of Olympia is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.*
- ❖ **Our Vision:** *The Junior League of Olympia is committed to developing healthy families through education, collaboration, and direct service.*
- ❖ **Our Focus area:** *The prevention of child abuse and neglect.*

JLO is looking for projects for our 2010-2011 league year, beginning September 1, 2010 and ending May 31, 2011. Viable projects must align with our mission, vision and focus, provide volunteer opportunities for our league members, and guarantee that our members are volunteering in a mutually respectful environment. JLO is seeking project proposals which demonstrate measurable results and the ability to be complete and/or self-sustaining in the future after JLO's involvement ends.

Our talented and dedicated members have volunteered in a variety of community building projects. We were instrumental in starting *The Little Red Schoolhouse* which provides back to school supplies and clothing for over 2,000 students each year. Other projects have included assisting in a Holiday Party for Foster Children, supporting parent education which promotes the development of healthy families, creating resource kits for young mothers, making literacy book bags for low income children, holding clothing drives for needy families and collecting preemie clothing for the March of Dimes. For more information on past projects and award amounts, as well as information on our Community Assistance Fund, please see our website, [www.jlolympia.org](http://www.jlolympia.org).

JLO volunteers are dedicated to making a positive impact in our community. We provide \$100-\$4000 per approved proposal, and this money is used by JLO volunteers to complete the project. JLO reserves the right to negotiate a change in the scope of the project based on an assessment of our capabilities and compatibility with other projects selected for our service year. We expect to spend between \$8,000 - \$10,000 in total to purchase items for the selected yearly projects, and if necessary we access donated items to support individual projects. JLO contributes between 700 - 1000 volunteer hours yearly planning and implementing the selected Kids Count community projects.

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If you have a viable project and would like to partner with the Junior League of Olympia, please complete the enclosed application and **return it by November 15**.

Also, please make sure that your organization and project meets the following criteria:

- ❖ *You must be a U.S. based 501 (c) (3) qualified charitable or educational organization, or government agency, serving Thurston county.*
- ❖ *The requested project must be compatible with JLO's Vision Statement and/or Focus Area*
- ❖ *The Junior League of Olympia will only select community partner organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of gender, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, race, national origin, age (40+), or physical, mental or sensory handicap.*
- ❖ *JLO volunteer service and funding must be open to all community members regardless of religious belief or affiliation. Religious proselytization cannot occur during the project.*
- ❖ *A completed application with all requested information returned to JLO by the deadline.*
- ❖ *Requests for funds to support fundraising projects shall not be considered. Fundraising drives or campaigns are prohibited uses of the funds.*
- ❖ *Projects must occur in South Puget Sound area.*

You will be notified by mail, on or about March 30, 2010 if your organization has been selected. If you have questions, please contact us at the address or phone number listed on the application.

Sincerely,

Laura Herman  
Project Development

*"The work that Junior League has done for the foster children in Thurston County continues to touch everyone who attends these events young and old. The time and energy that is put into purchasing the one gift a graduate needs, or decorating cookies with a foster child at the Holiday party can't be measured. Be assured that the appreciation and gratitude goes out to Junior League of Olympia from the Social Workers, foster parents and foster kids of Thurston County."*

*Becky Smith, DSHS Supervisor, Adolescent Unit*

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