



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF OLYMPIA**  
*Women building better communities*

# 2005-2006 Annual Report

## Junior League of Olympia in the Community

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### 2006 Community Service Award

In May, the JLO was awarded the Community Service Award from Mercy Housing. We were honored on behalf of the work we did for the Evergreen Vista Homework Club. Thank you Mercy Housing and thank you to all the volunteers that helped with this ongoing project.

### Our Mission

The Junior League of Olympia is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its 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

The prevention of child abuse and neglect.

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### Imagine your Impact

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## **Community Council**

### **Foster Care Graduation Party- June 2005**

For this project we worked with the Department of Child and Family Services. Our contacts were Deborah Johnson, a social worker and Becky Smith, the supervisor for the Adolescent Unit. We bought gifts for 7 graduates in the Foster Care System and attended the graduation party.

Volunteer Hours: 16-18 hours      Budget: \$1000

### **Mother Mentor Program Picnic- July 2005**

We worked with Juli Kelen at Providence Sound Home Care and the MotherCare Program to provide a fun evening for the moms, children, and mother mentors from this program. We provided games for the children which included a bubble station, Kids -N-Motion Tumblin Bus and a Bounce House. Health and Safety packets were provided for the families, goodie bags for the kids and a barbecue for everyone. We served 40 adults and twenty children. We had ten junior league volunteers help out with this event.

Volunteer Hours: 50 hours      Budget: \$500

### **Little Red Schoolhouse- August 2005**

This project is in partnership with several community groups in Thurston County.

Funds were given for the purchase of back-to-school supplies for low income children. We also collected new and used school clothes. The items are given free to the children who have been identified in the community as needing help with these basic supplies. Volunteers came for 4 days to help set up and assist on distribution day. We served 1,683 children. We had 27 league members help with this project.

Volunteer Hours: Approx 500 hours.      Budget: \$1500

### **Ditty Bags- October 2005**

We made overnight ditty bags with warm outfits, books, stuffed animals, toothbrush, tooth paste, crayons, educational coloring book and a blanket. The blankets were hand made this year. All items were put into a backpack. We also had two boxes of new outfits and some used clothing that was provided to the Annie Cubberly, our contact at the Keystone Crisis Nursery. A check was presented to the Crisis Nursery to help with child care services for their clients. 12 volunteers helped on this project.

Volunteer Hours: 30      Budget \$1250

### **Foster Kids Christmas Party- December 2005**

In partnership with the Department of Social Health Services, the league provided a Christmas Party for foster kids and their families in our community. We had dinner, games, crafts, music, and a special visit from Santa for about 300 people. Every child left with a gift and the children also have the opportunity to make gifts or cards for whoever they would like. The party took place at Tumwater High School. We worked with Deanna Morrison at the DSHS Foster Care Program. Our new member class took this project on, and did so with finesse. We had a total of 54 volunteers work on this party.

Volunteer Hours: 500      Budget:\$2000

### **Angel Tree- December 2005**

We worked with Marianne Lambert from the Family Support Center to identify 14 families (60 individuals) that could use some outside help with Christmas gifts. Our members generously shopped for 12 adults and 48 children who were in need of clothing, shoes and items for basic needs. The families told us what their needs were and the members took over from there. The families that were helped were Hispanic and Vietnamese and some were very new to our community. 54 volunteers helped out with this project.

Volunteer Hours: 500      Budget \$500

(To purchase extra items that were not already provided by members)

### **MCJAC Concert- February 2006**

We volunteered at the Monarch Children's Justice and Advocacy Center fundraising concert to raise money needed for counseling for children and families of abuse and neglect. We sold raffle tickets and provided a catered dinner to the entertainers and MCJAC staff. We helped with the stage decorations and had members present at a Junior League of Olympia display table. We also provided MCJAC with a \$2,000 donation to help with the counseling needs of these families. Our contact for this event was Maureen Fitzgerald, the director at MCJAC. Seven volunteers helped out with this project.

Volunteer Hours: 35      Budget: \$ 2200 - which included the donation check

### **Evergreen Vista- February 2006**

We had several activities centered around the Evergreen Vista Project. Volunteers helped at their Halloween party. We also collected new and used costumes. We had JLO members donate food and snacks for the afternoon homework club throughout the year. We had league members decorate the homework room for the four seasons throughout the school year.

Our main project was to remodel the Homework Club rooms in February. We were planning on three days to complete the remodel, but with all the outstanding work done by the volunteers, we were able to finish in two days. The improvements included painting two rooms, installation of storage units and new cabinets, new counters, furniture assembly, room organization, and restocking supplies.

We worked with Paul Grudis of Mercy housing to identify the needs for his Homework Club rooms. We had 39 volunteers working on these projects including the husbands and friends of our league members to complete the remodel of the two rooms in the homework club.

Volunteer Hours:500 Budget: \$2600

#### **Rosie's Place Donation Drive- April 2006**

We collected items at our April general meeting that were identified to be in need of by Rosie's Place. The collected items were then taken to Rosie's Place along with a donation of \$200 for food for their Breakfast Club. Twenty of our league members brought donations to the general meeting.

Volunteer Hours: 25 BUDGET: \$200 & the generosity of the Junior League members

#### **April - Child Abuse and Neglect Month**

The Junior League of Olympia partnered with many other organizations in the community to hold three symposiums in two days to bring awareness for the prevention of child abuse and good parenting skills. The league gave the Thurston Community Network \$5,000 to bring in an internationally renowned speaker, Dr. Gizane Indart, from Denver, Colorado to speak at three different events. The first event was a seminar on sexualized behaviors held for professionals. The second event was a free parent symposium that was titled "*Raising the Emotionally Resilient Child During Challenging Times*". The third event was another symposium that was held for professionals - *Childhood Interrupted: The Adverse Experiences on the Developing Child-Therapeutic Interventions to Help Traumatized Children Heal*. The parent symposium was held at the South Puget Sound Community College performing arts center and around 120 people attended the lecture. The first symposium had 35 people and the third symposium had 45 people.

Volunteer hours-50 Budget: \$5,000

#### **Kinship Care Respite Night-May 2006**

We worked with Marianne Lambert and Patty Gregory of the Family support Center to provide a night of respite for kin-caregivers and a fun evening for the children. We had nine activities for the children which were of all ages. We provided dinner for the children while their caregivers had some respite time. The spring new member class of the Junior League, put on this event with the help of the Kids Count committee and a few other league volunteers. They organized crafts, activities, and a resource table for the children. Every child went home with a bag full of goodies, books, and vouchers for summer activities throughout the community that were either purchased or donated by our communities' business owners. We had 15 volunteers help out for the evening. Five families were able to take advantage of the respite time while we were entertaining twelve children.

Volunteer Hours: unavailable at the time of print Budget: \$ 2000

#### **MCJAC Mural-Still to be Completed**

The purpose of the mural is to make the children and family members feel at ease when they enter the center. Presently you walk into the center and see a big, blank sterile wall. We are waiting for the building to be finished before we can have the mural painted. The league made a donation of \$600 to cover supplies and the artists' fee. The artist is Barbara McConkey, who was selected by Alicia Quebedeaux, a member of the Junior League of Olympia. Alicia will keep the league informed on when the mural is completed.

Projected Volunteer Hours: 25 Budget: \$600

#### **Kids on the Block**

Kids On The Block (KOB) puppeteers are JLO members who perform educational puppet shows for elementary schools throughout Thurston County. KOB's programs inform and enlighten kids about difficult issues/social concerns and also encourage open discussion and communication. Topics of this year's skits were bullying, divorce, and cerebral palsy/physical handicaps. Our five puppeteers (three teams) performed these skits for about 1,400 students at 15 schools. Over the years, the bullying program has been our most requested skit. To help meet the schools' overwhelming demand for this program, a second puppeteer team learned and presented the bullying skit this spring. KOB further increased the League's visibility in our community by having an article in our local newspaper, The Olympian. That article was posted on AJLI's website, giving JLO international recognition as well. We encouraged all JLO members to attend at least one of our school performances, and we did KOB presentations for JLO's New Member classes, a JLO Open House, and a JLO General Membership Meeting. KOB also took part in Family Day at JLO's Gift & Garden Event.

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#### **Advocates in our Community**

The Advocacy committee has been very busy this year. A Capitol Days event was held in January 2006. We began with the Junior League of Olympia working with Seattle, Yakima and Spokane's leadership and advocacy representatives to get their input and ideas for Capitol Days.

The event was very successful with over 50 women attending from Olympia, Seattle, Yakima and the Spokane junior leagues. The Sunday afternoon meeting had guest speakers, including Ruth Abad, a Healthy Communities Specialist from

the Washington State Department of Health and Shelley Curtis, a Nutrition Outreach and Food Policy Manager from the Children's Alliance. They provided information on why nutrition is so important for children. They informed us of the current work that is being done to develop good food policies in schools. Guidance was provided on effective ways to participate in policy development at the local school level, as well as with state and federal initiatives. Margie Reeves, a local children's advocate and Chair of the League of Women Voter's Children's Policy Committee provided an overview on the initiative to create a separate cabinet position and department for early learning. This bill was passed later in the year and became law.

The Monday event focused on advocacy training in preparation for meeting with our legislators in the afternoon. Jon Gould, Deputy Director of the Children's Alliance, Kari Burrell, Executive Policy Advisor for Governor's Gregoire, and Mary Pat Kenfield, a Government Relations Advisor for the Washington State PTA provided information on current bills and on how to talk to our legislators. In the afternoon, attendees took a tour of the renovated capitol and then met with their respective legislative representative for their districts. Our Senior Delegate made all the arrangements for the Olympia members to meet with our legislators.

In addition to Capitol Days, our advocacy delegates coordinated a "Postcard Writing" campaign in support of Senate Bill 2SHB 2002 which would extend foster care services to age 21 for youths who are still attending school. Over 65 postcards were written at the February general meeting and sent to our state senators. This bill was subsequently passed and signed into law

### **Junior Leagues of Washington State**

Representatives attended a Junior Leagues of Washington State (JLWS) transition meeting from Spokane, Yakima, Seattle, and Olympia. Included in the meeting were Presidents, President Elects, Community VP's and league Advocacy Representatives. We began the process of reorganizing JLWS by learning of the organizations history, addressing its focus, and talking about the future. All the leagues agreed that we need a more general focus and that if was still a very viable collaborative organization, and one that we wanted to continue. All leagues agreed that Seattle would take the leadership role for the next two years.

### **Community Assistance Fund**

The Junior League provides emergency funds to non profit organizations through our Community Assistance Fund (CAF). In the past year we assisted the following groups.

The Hands on Children Museum- To purchase supplies that they had run out of due to an influx of people they were helping out that were displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Garden Raised Bounty (GRUB)- We funded two raised bed gardens. GRUB encourages families to be self sufficient in raising their own produce.

South Sound Reading Foundation-To provide "Read to Me" baby bibs and materials to inform every new mother of the importance of reading to their children every day.

Thurston County Tri-Advocate Group/Thurston County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force-Provide for the printing of safety pamphlets.

### **Membership by the Numbers**

#### **Membership Council**

#### **28: Number of New Members joining JLO this year!**

4: New Members who attended Northwest Exchange in April – already training for lifelong membership!

2: Number of New Members taking on leadership positions in 06-07.

2\*: New Members joining the cookbook committee next year, hoping to develop an outstanding new JLO cookbook.

2: New Members helping out on the new Editing Committee for 06-07, striving to enhance our communications via newsletter, yearbook, website, and annual reporting.

3: Number of New Members slated to serve on the Public Relations committee next year, ensuring that the JLO develops a strong marketing plan and continues to educate the membership on our image and our mission.

1: Placement on the new Event Planning committee by a new member to continue to plan and organize fun and exciting Membership meetings and social events.

11: Increase in membership to our fundraising committees, Deck the Halls and Gift & Garden, by the New Members of 05-06.

5: New Members joining the Kids Count committee, making a direct impact on our community projects.

4: Number of New Members placed on the Membership Development committee for next year, ensuring another valuable increase in our membership for 06-07.

1: Addition to our Kids on the Block troupe – a Spring New Member is joining the puppeteers!

*\*Numbers may not add up due to double-placing!*

### **New Members – Making an Impact!**

With 28 new members being trained and admitted into Active membership this year, they are ready to make a major impact on the JLO and our community. After a successful fall open house held at the Schmidt House in September, our Fall class was eighteen women strong full of passion and enthusiasm to learn and become part of our organization. They attended new member classes in October and prepared for their class project – providing crafts and activities for the Foster Kids Holiday Party in December. Their efforts – an elaborate "Candy Cane Lane" full of fun holiday crafts and gifts for every child – were beyond amazing. To complete the JLO year, many New Actives jumped onto the Gift & Garden committee, while others were placed on Public Relations, Arrangements, and Project Development. We held our spring

open house prior to the February General Membership meeting, hosting women interested in joining the JLO. From that, we had 10 women come aboard for our Spring New Member class, holding meetings in March. The spring class helped with the Kinship Care Respite Night project in May, providing activities for the children and procuring vouchers for the kids to be active in the summer (museum passes, attendance at camps, etc). The Membership Development committee will be working with next year's committee to follow up immediately with women who showed interest in JLO following the Gift & Garden event in April. Also, an event is being planned for June to unite the Fall and Spring classes from 05-06 for feedback on the effectiveness of their training and transition to Active membership – to be hosted by next year's Membership VP and Membership Development chair.

### **Sustainers**

For sustainer activities this year, a wine social was held in the fall. The cooking interest group held several cooking classes during the year. In February, the league wrote personal notes to each of the sustainers thanking them for their membership and work. In April, we planned a sustainer day at our Gift and Garden show, and the incumbent sustainer representative Janelle Guthrie managed the event. A brunch was served and the sustainers then were able to have front row seating with Marianne Binetti, a well-known garden columnist from the northwest. In May, the annual sustainer tea was held to welcome in the new sustainers.

### **Placement and Advisory**

The Nominating & Placement and SMORES committees were combined to form the Placement & Advisory (P&A) committee for the 2005-06 league year. P&A was responsible for advising active members, making the placements for the 2006-07 year and filling any vacancies that occurred. Active members were notified in August who would be their assigned advisor and advisors contacted members throughout the year. P&A attended the fall and spring provisional classes, summarized attendance, and implemented a "What's the Buzz" on the website. The Placement Fair was held in November instead of April to improve the placement process. To assist members in selecting their placements, a form was developed to describe positions and placement opportunities. The committee placement guide was updated this year.

## **Training our Members**

### **Education and Training Council**

This year training for JLO members was conducted at general meetings throughout the year rather than designating one single meeting as a training meeting. We began the year with a short video presentation by AJLI President Pam Newby and a visit from AJLI board member Kaycee Wiita from the Junior League of Portland, OR.

Representatives from four of our community partner agencies spoke at general meetings to educate our League members on issues relating to their organizations and let us know how JLO has had an impact in the community. We heard from Marianne Lambert from the Family Support Center, Cheryl Huffman from the Little Red Schoolhouse project, Scott Hanauer from Community Youth Services, and Maureen Fitzgerald from the Monarch Children's Justice and Advocacy Center.

Sustainer Gail Wrede led two trainings for our members: goal setting and personal organization. This helped to further develop our League member's volunteer potential.

There were a total of 13 JLO members who attended formal AJLI training this year. Four members went to the fall ODI (Organizational Development Institute) and 9 members attended the spring Northwest Exchange training. The attendees shared their positive experiences with the JLO membership at a general meeting following their conference. This generated enthusiasm for AJLI, JLO, and our impact in the community.

## **Internal League Affairs**

### **Future Planning**

This year, the Future Planning Committee concentrated on having 3 mini speak-ups. This process worked very well for the league, especially after our speak-ups last year which all focused on our current vision statement. At our annual October meeting our speak-up theme was "Public Relations Campaign". After dividing up the members we had great discussions about how we could recruit new members, have more PR in the community, and be more visible at meetings/events in Olympia. All of this information was recorded and then made available to all members on the web. From this

Speak-up we have already seen some positive changes. We kicked off the new year with another speak-up at the January meeting. The topic for this was "Retention". We wanted to know if the league has met the member's expectations so far and why or why not. We also wanted to know what we could do to keep the members active more than five years. After some more great discussion that was hard to stop, all the feedback was compiled and presented to the league again on the website. Our third and final speak-up of the year was at the April meeting. At this meeting we asked the league members what they would like to see happen for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2007-2008. This information was compiled and presented to the board for further review. These were three great mini speak-ups that provided the whole league with wonderful information to lead us into the future.

### **Communications**

Good flow of communications between members and committees was the main goal for 2005-06. The Communications Council implemented a twice-monthly e-blast in the previous year. Due to high demands from our committees, more e-blasts were sent out during the month this year. The purpose of the e-blast is to quickly inform members about activities and upcoming events of the league.

The league's website was continuously updated throughout the year. Our webmaster did a great job in accommodating all of our needs. The biggest change to our website was, to establish an online order system through "PayPal" for purchases during the Deck the Hall Fundraiser. The website is a useful tool to provide up to date information for the membership and to inform the community of what the league is currently doing and has done in the past for our community.

The yearbook editor with the help from our president elect, worked hard on updating the members' pictures for the Yearbook. They made a conscious effort to get everyone's picture for the book.

This year we mailed the Communiqué to all members, sponsors, neighboring Junior Leagues and community partners every month. We hope to keep all our members informed and have continued interest in what the league is doing. To compensate for the increased copying and mailing costs, our editor changed the layout and decreased the number of pages.

### **Public Relations**

Increasing public awareness of League contributions was top priority for Public Relations this year. We were successful in getting The Olympian to cover several of our community events, such as our Foster Kids Holiday Party and the Evergreen Vista Homework Club remodel. Throughout the 2005-2006 year, the paper featured articles about League sponsored events 11 times. We were also successful in promoting several of our events with KGY Radio Station, MIXX96 Radio Station, and a Northwest Afternoon public service announcement. This year, PR listed the general membership meetings and our annual fundraisers in The Olympian as well. An ad hoc committee was established to create a public relations campaign and a marketing plan to be implemented during the 2006-2007 year. PR also developed a new line of JLO Logo Wear including new fleece jackets and shirts. An eye-catching red tablecloth featuring the JLO logo was added to the media display for league and community events.

### **Funding and Development Council**

The funding VP was hard at work this year looking into alternative ways for the league to raise money.

A cookbook committee was formed and will begin in June. A motion was brought to the league for a committee to be formed and gather all the information to see about the viability for a Junior League of Olympia cookbook. Six league members went to Cookbook University this March and found the information very useful and encouraged all the participants to forge ahead with this endeavor.

We will be reprinting the JLO cookbook from 17 years ago as a kick off to raise funds for a new cookbook. The funding VP also looked into software options to begin an annual campaign. Software was chosen and we hope to get the campaign going in 2006-2007.

### **Deck the Halls**

Deck the Halls is the first of two fundraisers for the JLO. It is a holiday fundraiser that actually starts during the summer months. The committee focuses on the sale and distribution of a variety of holiday related items such as poinsettias, wreaths and greens, an assortment of candies and four types of specialty baskets. The committee started to work on the fundraiser in June. The members are responsible for choosing all of the vendors and products. The majority of the products are made in Washington State.

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For the 2005 season, Deck the Halls filled personal and corporate orders. Wreaths and greens accounted for 56% of total sales. Of the 463 wreaths sold, 271 were packaged and shipped out at a member work party. A new basket was added this year, and we saw an increase in the amount of baskets sold. We made and sold 277 baskets. These baskets are assembled at a JLO work party. We are able to keep our costs down due to the hard work of our volunteers. We saw an increase in profits this year by approximately 20%. Our profits came to \$12,000 for the 2005 season. The funds generated help support training and JLO's many community projects.

### **Gift and Garden**

The last weekend of April 2006 was in bloom as the Junior League of Olympia hosted its 14<sup>th</sup> annual Gift and Garden Show at St. Martin's Pavilion. This is our league's largest fundraising effort. At this date, we do not have the final profits tabulated for this year, but we are anticipating around \$50, 000.

As in years past, we had had many outdoor and indoor vendors, landscape displays, and featured garden speakers. We hosted over 60 indoor vendors and 25 outdoor vendors. All were primarily selling wares that were truly unique and in keeping with our "Gift and Garden Theme". Shoppers wandered among five different landscape displays inside and out, many were so realistic it was easy to imagine them in your own backyard. We were pleased to have Ciscoe Morris, Marianne Binetti, and Ed Hume as return speakers at our event. It is always a crowd pleaser to have these gardening experts available for questions and advice. This year was a year in which our league succeeded in updating the routine of this event as well. In addition to the profits made from selling the booth spaces, plant pre-sale orders, and ticket sales, we sold Junior League cookbooks, rosemary and lemon cypress trees, raffle tickets, display plants, and fresh flower bouquets. We had many new food vendors serving delicious hot food throughout the weekend. This year we had many new gift vendors as well. We strive to make sure we do all that we can to insure every vendor wants to return, both for their business growth, and due to our hospitality as a league. As in years past, our league proved to be very organized and courteous to every one involved as was stated in surveys handed out to our vendors.

This year during the event we celebrated Kids in The Kitchen. This was a national educational opportunity initiated by the Association of Junior Leagues International. "Kids in The Kitchen" was aimed at combating the alarming rise in childhood obesity in this country. We had Janice Bissex, author of *Mom's Guide to Meal Makeovers*, as our guest chef and speaker. Janice demonstrated clever ways to add healthy ingredients to foods that kids will actually eat. She also spoke on how much sugar and sodium are actually in many of the packed foods. As this national effort fell on what is traditionally our *Family Day*, we incorporated many fun games and activities for children that echoed the themes being stressed regarding healthy eating habits. We were fortunate enough to have all three Mayors (Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater) participate. This was great fun and was terrific in building community relations for our League.

### **Finance Council**

For the 2005-2006 we were able to stay within our budget and still have money to put into our reserve account. We are trying to reach our goal of having one year of our operating expenses in a reserve account in case of any disaster like we have seen in other parts of the country. We are very close to meeting that goal. The board of directors was able to come up with a budget for the 2006-2007 year that the membership passed with flying colors.

### **Hurricane Katrina Donation**

This year Junior League of Olympia made two donations to the Red Cross. One donation in the amount of \$9,314 was made at Washington Mutual. This donation resulted from the donations from generous donors listed below together with a 100% match by JLO. By depositing it at Washington Mutual, we contributed to the Washington State Disaster Relief Fund which matched the first \$100,000 in donations from Washington state residents and gave the donations to the Hurricane Katrina National Disaster Relief Fund of the American Red Cross. A second donation was made directly to the local Red Cross chapter this spring from the additional donations made from donors after the first donation and the proceeds from the Pampered Chef party. That amount was \$500. In total, through donations and JLO contributions, we gave the American Red Cross \$9,814.00 this year (not counting the Washington Mutual match). We have much to be proud of! Through our collective support and JLO's match, we made a significant contribution towards a very significant need.

### **Helping out the Junior League of Tacoma**

In February 2006, the members of the Junior League of Olympia helped out the Junior League of Tacoma in a big way. We did a drive to collect house wares, clothing, toys, and anything else our members were willing to donate to help out the JLT's thrift shop. The JLT has seen a decrease in donations for their thrift shop over the past couple of years and therefore have not been able to raise enough money to continue to support their own community programs like they would like to. The Tacoma league reached out to us and we delivered. Our members brought several van loads of donated goods that the JLT was able to take back to their thrift shop. Just another way the Junior League of Olympia was able to help out in the neighboring communities.