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

MISSION STATEMENT

The Junior League of Spokane is an organization 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.

BACKGROUND

The Junior League of Spokane has served the Inland Northwest since 1925, spearheading or playing an early supporting role to many local community organizations and landmarks including:

- Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery
- Innovia Foundation (previously Inland Northwest Community Foundation)
- Crosswalk Teen Shelter
- Riverfront Park's “Childhood Express” Red Wagon designed by artist Ken Spiering

But we are not just proud of our local history. The Junior League of Spokane is honored to be part of a worldwide women’s movement. Originally founded in 1901, The Junior League is one of the oldest, largest, and most effective women’s volunteer organizations in the world, bringing together more than 140,000 women in 291 Leagues across the globe.

IMPACT

True to their legacy, today’s League members are at the forefront of tackling society’s thorniest issues for the express purpose of enhancing the social, cultural, and political fabric of our society. The Junior League of Spokane’s adopted focus area is childhood literacy. Here’s a snapshot of what that looks like:

- For the another year, we are excited to host a free book fair for children in our community at West Central Community Center.
- Last year, we gave away almost 1,900 books and granted $2,875 to local teachers and community partners.

Additionally, our community impact expands beyond childhood literacy. We recently donated our woman power to Embrace Washington, Our Sister’s Closet, Spokane Police Activities League Summer Program, Tom’s Turkey Drive, and Wishing Star Foundation.

WHY PARTNER

We cannot do this work without you. We envision a world with empowered women leaders who have the tools to address society’s most intractable issues. While part of a worldwide women’s movement, our Mission is local and focused on a thriving and vibrant Inland Northwest. Your financial partnership helps support literacy programming for children, voluntarism in the community, and the cultivation of Spokane’s next generation of female leaders.
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DID YOU KNOW?

Up until the 3rd grade, most children are learning to read. Beginning in the 4th grade, however, they are reading to learn, using their skills to gain information in subjects such as math and science, to think critically about what they are learning, and to act upon and share that knowledge with the world around them.

IMPACT OF LITERACY

Adequate literacy skills affect many areas of a person’s life and can be correlated to a person’s likelihood to remain out of poverty, avoid criminal behavior, and adequately care for oneself and others. The foundation for having more independent and educated adults begins in elementary school.

THE JLS BOOK BANK

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

The Book Bank supplies books for the JLS’s book fairs and other community projects, and additionally gives away books to the first 300 children at the JLS’s annual Touch-a-Truck event.

In the Spring of 2019, the Book Bank offered the Spokane community an opportunity to apply for a book grant. We were able to award over 525 books and $2,875. The recipients included other nonprofits, as well as preschool, elementary, and high school teachers.

Our goal is to improve reading at grade levels and combat the summer slide for Spokane-area elementary school students with a focus on kindergarten through 3rd grade.
TREASURE HUNT BOOK FAIR

The JLS joined local efforts to combat summer slide by hosting its first annual book fair in the theme of a pirate treasure hunt in 2017. The JLS Jolly Roger docked in the gym at the West Central Community Center, and East Central/MLK Community Center joined the crew in 2018. The Treasure Hunt Book Fairs were a smashing success, and none were forced to walk the plank!

In conjunction with Sysco and other community partners, the cooks in the galley provided healthy food and drinks for all attendees and volunteers. Admission was free, and upon entering the gym each buccaneer walked through informational booths hosted by volunteers from nonprofit and community organizations. Each child was able to pick out a new book of their choosing from the treasure chest, provided by the JLS Book Bank.

In 2018 and 2019, we continued our book fairs at West and East Central Community Centers and focused on bringing in local students. Moving forward, we will host one large event a year and open it up to all of Spokane.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Touch-a-Truck provides a unique opportunity for children to explore vehicles of all types including emergency, utility, construction, transportation, and just plain cool vehicles – all in one place! Children can touch their favorite vehicles, get behind the wheel, and meet the people who help to build, protect, and serve our community.

The proceeds from this event help to sustain our organization’s mission of training women to serve Spokane and impacting our community through our childhood literacy projects.

“I love working directly with our community partners and hearing about how we have made a difference, even in the smallest of ways.” Clariese Cote, Community Director 2018-2020
PARTNERSHIP LEVELS

PLATINUM PARTNER - $5,000
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“The Junior League has equipped me with leadership skills through their national trainings and provided me the opportunity to learn about issue-based community impact, running a successful fundraiser, and how to run a meaningful nonprofit like the Junior League of Spokane. I look forward to my future in the Junior League of Spokane as it allows me to work with smart and talented women who also care deeply about improving our community.”
Michelle Grover, President (2019-2020), Junior League of Spokane
SILVER PARTNER - $1,000

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BRONZE PARTNER - $500

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“Because of the Junior League of Spokane, today, I am a better-equipped manager, a more confident leader and a passionate trained volunteer. I see the challenges in our community as opportunities for all of us to learn, grow and raise up those around us.” Stephanie Krebs-Anderson, Administrative Director 2019-2021
LEAGUE PARTNERSHIP PLEDGE FORM

DONOR INFORMATION

NAME: ____________________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

CITY: ____________________________ STATE: _____________

ZIP: ______________ PHONE: □ home □ work □ cell ______________________

EMAIL: ____________________________________________

ONE-TIME GIFT

AMOUNT: ____________________________________________

□ GIFT WILL BE MATCHED BY: ____________________________

PAYMENT

□ CHECK □ CREDIT CARD (□ Visa □ American Express □ Mastercard □ Other)

CREDIT CARD #: ____________________________________________

EXP. DATE: _____________ SECURITY CODE: ________________

□ STOCK TRANSFER (please contact partnerships@jlspokane.org to get more information about initiating a stock transfer)

□ I PLAN TO MAKE A GRANT RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMOUNT OUTLINED ABOVE FROM THE FOLLOWING DONOR-ADVISED FUND OR PRIVATE FOUNDATION:

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RECOGNITION

NAME TO USE ON ALL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: ________________________________

□ I WANT THIS GIFT TO BE ANONYMOUS

□ IN MEMORY/HONOR OF: ________________________________

DONOR SIGNATURE __________________ DATE ____________

The Junior League of Spokane’s Tax Identification Number is 91-6033864. The Junior League of Spokane is a non-profit organization. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Formal tax acknowledgement letter to follow. Questions? Please contact the Partnerships Committee Chair at partnerships@jlspokane.org.