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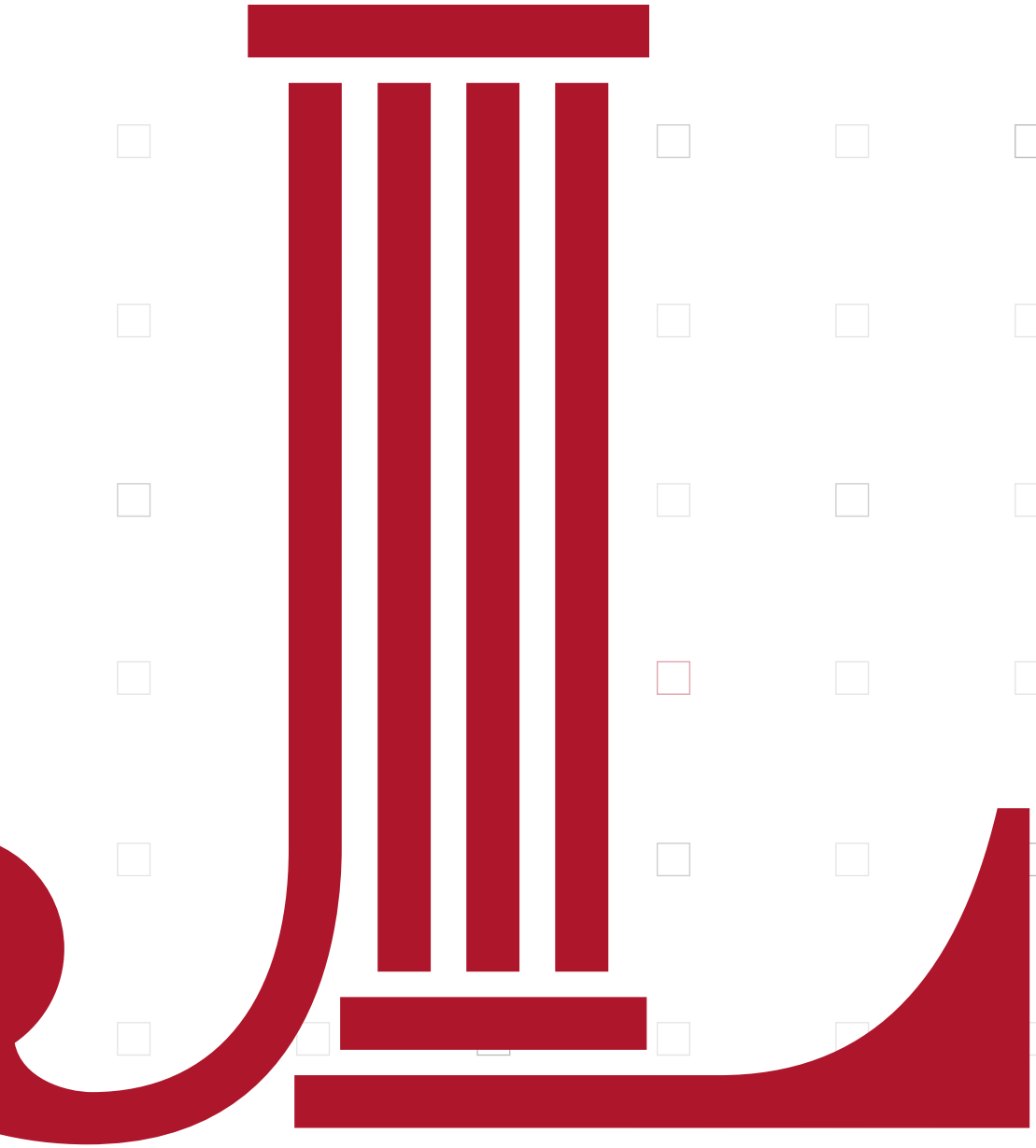

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANSING

CELEBRATING 85 YEARS

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANSING

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1931

In 1931, 19 young, driven, forward-thinking women came together with the common desire to contribute to the social, civic and cultural projects here in the Lansing community. Since then, the Junior League of Lansing, Michigan has been developing women into civic leaders with the know-how to achieve great community impact.

Our 400+ members come together from all areas of the Greater Lansing community and range in age from 21 to 95 years young. Every year we welcome new members who have a passion for voluntarism, regardless of race, age, religion, or national origin.

The Junior League of Lansing's membership in the Association of Junior Leagues International allows us to be part of a global, dynamic, powerful group of 150,000 women in 292 Leagues, spanning four countries. Together, we make up one of the largest, most effective volunteer organizations in the world.

The Junior League's longevity and successful impact comes from each League's ability to provide local solutions for their community's most pressing needs, just like the Junior League of Lansing has done for 85 years. For more than eight decades, our members have been working tirelessly to develop the potential of women leaders, promote voluntarism and improve the Lansing community in meaningful ways.

By celebrating our 85th Year of Service, we honor our amazing past and look forward to the next 85 years and beyond of serving Lansing.

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The Junior League was originally founded with the idea of doing more than just giving money and volunteer experience. The premise was members of the Junior League would gain a broader knowledge of existing social conditions through their own experiences, through League meetings and lectures, and through personal contact with the trained workers in the organizations the League partnered with.

Since 1931, the women of the Junior League of Lansing have greatly succeeded in this goal. The modern women of the Junior League of Lansing have been able to make this just as important today as it was 85 years ago. Our members know the only way to make a real impact is if we understand the root of the problem and train ourselves on how to make a difference. This is the understanding, training and problem solving that sets a League member apart.

Over the past 85 years, the Junior League of Lansing has transformed our community by supporting more than 100 organizations with donations of volunteer hours and funding. We are proud to say that the JLL played an integral role in bringing the American Red Cross and the Sight Conservation Program (which was later adopted by the Lions Club) to Lansing in the 1940s. In the 1970s, the JLL was one of the first organizations to pledge money for the Impression 5 Science Museum. The JLL started to extend our interest into public policy areas during the 1980s. In the 1990s, JLL led the charge in bringing Ele's Place, Ballentine Stepping Stones and Otto Health Clinic to our community.

We also recognize that smaller projects can add up to make a big difference. At each of our monthly general membership meetings, members bring an item to donate to another nonprofit organization. These efforts translate into such things as dozens of warm winter coats, hundreds of toothbrushes and thousands of diapers for Lansing-area children. JLL members also volunteer their time for "Done in a Day" activities, which include building houses for Habitat for Humanity, sorting and distributing food at the Greater Lansing Food Bank, stuffing backpacks with weekend food for Weekend Survival Kits, and feeding the hungry through various food drives and soup kitchens.

The Junior League of Lansing members impact the community by living our Mission, always striving to promote voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through our training, outreach and even our fundraising opportunities.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANSING

THE POWER OF ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1901 by New Yorker and social activism pioneer Mary Harriman, the Junior Leagues are charitable nonprofit organizations of women, developed as civic leaders, making a demonstrable impact on their communities. In 1921, the Leagues joined forces as an association, which is today known as The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., in order to bolster their power and amplify their voice through shared knowledge and common causes.

True to their mission, today's League members work at the forefront of social reform, tackling the toughest and most critical issues of the day—including childhood nutrition and obesity, human trafficking, foster care, juvenile justice, teen self-esteem, cybercrimes, literacy and the environment, among others—for the purpose of enhancing the social, cultural and political fabric of civil society.

ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES INTERNATIONAL

www.ajli.org

The purpose of The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. is to add value to its member Leagues in their fulfillment of The Junior League Mission.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Junior League of Lansing is a nonprofit organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

FOCUS AREA:

Food. Shelter. Access. Investing in the Essentials for Our Community. This Issue Area seeks to empower members of the community to secure food and/or shelter or a means of access to those essential needs.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
LANSING
ENDOWMENT FUND

The Junior League of Lansing Endowment Fund was established more than 33 years ago as a way to provide ongoing investment income to the Junior League of Lansing. The Fund was created after the Junior League received a substantial gift of $25,000 from the Ransom Fidelity Fund. This year, thanks to continued donations and investment growth, the Endowment Fund was valued at nearly $600,000.

Gifts to the fund are placed in an investment account that is conservatively managed by Tri-Star Trust Bank with oversight from the Endowment Board of Trustees. Every year, a calculation of 5 percent of the Fund's average market value over the preceding 12 quarters is tendered to the Junior League of Lansing thereby reducing the burden of fundraising and helping the League fulfill and expand its mission of voluntarism and philanthropy within the Lansing community. **In 2016, the Endowment Fund gave the JLL more than $29,000 in support of its mission.**

In November 2016, the JLL Endowment Fund participated for the first time in the National Day of Giving. Also known as "Giving Tuesday," this global event is held the Tuesday after Thanksgiving as a way to celebrate generosity and to give. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Endowment Fund in celebration of #GivingTuesday. We are also honored that the MSU School of Hospitality Business has once again selected the Endowment Fund to receive a portion of the proceeds from their annual Destination Auction held each year in February at the Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University. This community partnership was first established in the year 2000. We are enormously grateful to be selected as a community partner in 2017 and look forward to Destination Auction 2018!

2016 – 2017
Endowment Fund
Board of Trustees

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Trustee

Nathan Triplett
Trustee

Alexis Chadderdon
Ex-Officio Member
Junior League of Lansing, President Elect

The Endowment Fund has grown over the years thanks to generous donations from membership and the community. This giving spirit is evident in everything our JLL is able to achieve throughout the year, whether it be giving money directly to worthy causes, providing volunteers, training our members to better serve our community or offering scholarships to students. Please consider a donation in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a friend's birthday or in honor of a special person. Gifts to the Endowment Fund are welcomed year round!

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The JLL Endowment Board appreciates the following donors for their donations made to the Endowment Fund for the calendar year 2016:

BENEFACTOR (GIFTS OF $1,000 OR MORE)

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
The School of Hospitality Business
Broad College of Business

LEADERSHIP (GIFTS OF $500 TO $999)

Fran Carr
Nancy Sheldon

PACESETTER (GIFTS OF $250 TO $499)

Patricia Brogan
Barbara and Jim Cleland
Sandy Grettenberger
Jan and Bill Kahl
Dr. and Mrs. J. Clyde Spencer

CALENDAR YEAR 2016 DONORS, CONT.

SUPPORTER (GIFTS OF $100 TO $249)

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FRIEND (GIFTS OF $1 TO $49)

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We know we cannot fulfill our Mission on our own and that it takes a tightly knit network of businesses, educators, local officials, agencies and volunteers to make lasting and meaningful change.

The Junior League of Lansing seeks businesses to become Community Partners to help us meet the needs of the greater Lansing community throughout the whole year.

University Club

Foster Swift

CLARK Construction Company

WHOLE FOODS MARKET

Becky Beauchine Kulka
DIAMONDS AND FINE JEWELRY

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANSING

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN 2016:

Jackson National Life

Junior Leagues' Kids in the Kitchen

PROGRAM AND EVENT SPONSORS

ANNUAL RAFFLE:

Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry

14 years of continuous support

LUNCH WITH LEAGUE

260
Tickets Sold

$23,811
Dollars Raised

Winning the top celebrity server contest was Rocco Rucinski, with Tri-Star Bank, who won with a total of $1,528 in tips raised.

Lunch With League is the Junior League of Lansing's largest annual fundraiser. The funds raised from Lunch With League go back into the community through organizations and projects that provide Essential Needs (food, shelter and access) to those most in need.

Because we value the positive impact our League makes in the community, we are committed to identifying problems that face greater Lansing and developing solutions; using fundraising dollars to support community projects; and executing community projects within collaborative partnerships that include a diversity of people and organizations.

The Junior League of Lansing appreciates the community volunteers who donate their time to be "Celebrity Servers" for the day along with all of our guests who join us and their servers for a fun lunch while supporting our work in the community.

EVENT SPONSORS:
Foster Swift
Walmart
University Club of MSU

TABLE SPONSORS:

HRC Consulting Engineers
Kelley Cawthorne
Adams Outdoor
Wakeland Oil Co.
Mike Charette
Medawar Jewelers

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2016 Celebrity Servers:

Jim Baker - Corporate Office Interiors
Justin Caine - Good Fruit Video
Deidre Davis - Michigan State University FCU
Tiffany Dowling - M3
Blair Fife - Lululemon
Karen Grannemann - The University Club of MSU
Sarah Jennings - Maner Costerisan
Gabrielle Johnson - member, Lansing School Board
Don McNabb - Triterra
Takura Nyamfukudza - Alane & Chartier, PC
Trista Parisian & Jenny Quinn - FLEXcity Fitness
Michelle Reynaert - Sparrow Foundation
Rocco Rucinski - Tri-Star Trust Bank
Patricia Scott - Foster Swift
Jessica Tramontana - Martin Waymire
Dena Vatalaro - Habitat for Humanity Capital Region
David Wakeland - Wakeland Oil Co.

TABLE SPONSORS:

Champps
Dana Zecchino, Coldwell Banker Hubbell Briarwood
Elise Millard Photography
Hillary Henderson, Coldwell Banker Hubbell Briarwood
Patricia J. Scott, Foster Swift
Plum Delux Tea
Riehl Solutions
Stephanie Collier, Northwestern Mutual
Wesley Reese, Cabi Stylist

EVENT SPONSOR:

Walmart

PRESENTING SPONSORS:

Douglas J
Lake Lansing Family Practice

RECEPTION SPONSORS:

Azzi Jewelers
Curvaceous Lingerie
Hilltop Yoga
Lululemon
Matilda Jane Clothing
Soulful Earth Herbals
Sweet Encounters
Vision Care Associates

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HIGH HEELS & HIGH TEA

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANSING

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANSING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS:		
Checking	92,371.91	
Prepaid Rent	370.00	
Prepaid Insurance	1,823.67	
Total Current Assets		$94,565.58

INVESTMENTS & FIXED ASSETS:		
Endowment Investment	580,368.31	
Building Fund	125,519.15	
Reserve Account	101,624.16	
Equipment	18,158.23	
Accumulated Depreciation	(16,938.01)	
Total Investments & Fixed Assets		$808,731.84

OTHER ASSETS:		
Security Deposits	700.00	
Total Other Assets		$700.00

Total Assets	**$903,997.42**

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	2,154.03	
Deferred Dues	36,509.23	
Total Current Liabilities		$38,663.26

Total Liabilities	**$38,663.26**

NET ASSETS:		
Fund Balance	276,123.54	
Fund Balance - Endowment	591,169.68	
Net Income	(1,959.06)	
Total Unrestrictived Net Assets		$865,334.16

Total Liabilities & Net Assets	**$903,997.42**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES & OTHER SUPPORT:		
Raffle Fundraiser	15,212.00	
Lunch With League (2015)	15,208.70	
Other Fundraising	9,857.33	
Membership Dues	32,321.50	
Endowment Transfer	28,647.49	
Fees & Other Income	12,493.85	
Total Revenue		$113,740.38

EXPENSES:		
Community Programs	26,391.71	
Member Programs & Education	32,314.50	
Fundraising	4,622.35	
Supporting & AJLI Dues	17,632.97	
Overhead	19,279.84	
Total Operating Expenses		$100,241.37
Net Operating Income		**$13,499.01**

OTHER INCOME & EXPENSES:		
Investment Income	13,296.92	
Investment & Other Expense	10,493.91	
Total Endowment Income (Expense)	(18,261.08)	
Total Other Income & Expenses		($15,459.07)
Net Income (Loss)		**($1,959.06)**

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANSING

REASONS WHY OUR DAUGHTERS WILL JOIN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANSING

- » THE FRIENDSHIPS
- » VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- » CIVIC LEADERSHIP
- » TRAINING
- » THE PROJECTS
- » EXPERIENCES
- » TRANSFERABLE SKILLS
- » THE FRIENDSHIPS!!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Women building better communities. That is what the Junior League is.

At the core, philanthropy is the practice of giving money and time to make life better for other people. Junior League members all around the world make life better for other people through the work we do to achieve our Mission. We achieve our Mission by giving direct dollars & goods to area organizations as well as direct service projects. We also fulfill our Mission by training and educating ourselves so our members have the tools necessary to go out and improve their community in many different ways. Women building better communities.

Donations to the Junior League of Lansing are an opportunity to make an immediate difference in our community. The incredible generosity of individuals and businesses in the community allows our members the opportunity to learn how to be effective volunteers, connect with other nonprofit organizations, and effectively meet immediate needs.

As the Junior League of Lansing moves forward into our next 85 years of service, you will see our members building new bridges in the community while taking care of the old ones, honoring the service of all of the women who served the community during these past 85 years.

In the words of cultural anthropologist, Margaret Mead, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Thank you for your commitment to the Junior League of Lansing and all that we do.

Kelly Nicole Miller
President 2016-2017
Junior League of Lansing

STATE OF MICHIGAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BRIAN CALLEY
LT. GOVERNOR

March 21, 2017

Dear Junior League of Lansing Members:

As governor and lt. governor of Michigan, it gives us great pleasure to congratulate you as you celebrate your 85th year of service. Please accept our sincere congratulations on this significant achievement.

Your presence in the community has not gone unnoticed, and we thank you for all that you have done for our state. Your willingness to reach out and lend a helping hand to others serves as an inspiration to us all. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the Junior League of Lansing's impact as you continue to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. We have great hope in Michigan's future thanks to groups like the Junior League of Lansing that are working to make our state a better place to live, work and play.

As you celebrate this milestone, please accept our very best wishes, on behalf of the people of Michigan, for many more years of success in the future.

Sincerely,

Brian Calley
Lt. Governor

Rick Snyder
Governor

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