









JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON

Annual Report 2015-2016









2015 - 2016

Junior League of Washington's **Annual Report**



Cameron Gilreath
JLW President 2015-2016

President's Message

Throughout the 2015-2016 year, our JLW "S.T.A.R.S." shined as our members lived out our mission every day to train women to improve our community through Service, Training, Action, Results and Sharing our Stories. Our volunteers provided more than 11,000 hours of direct service to more than 20 community partners, as well as nearly \$80,000 in financial support into the community. Members gave over 3,000 hours of volunteer service in support of the Library of Congress's 2015 National Book Festival and the JLW was listed as a supporter on the event poster for the first time. JLW welcomed a new community partner, built on its existing partnerships, and received the Champions for Children Award for its founding of and longstanding work with Bright Beginnings. The JLW Leadership Institute provided a full curriculum of training for our members and developed a strategy to grow. Our magazine, 3039M, was cited as a "best practice" example of League communications and our members leveraged social media to help amplify the JLW's impact.

We are proud of the JLW's rich history of leading change in the metropolitan DC community. Thanks to the members, donors, sponsors, and partners who supported us in our 103rd year, we will be able to continue to train women to address our community's needs in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Cameron Gilreath President 2015-2016 Junior League of Washington

Our Mission

JLW 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

JLW strives to be a vibrant presence in the lives of the women and children in the greater metropolitan area of the District of Columbia, serving as a resource throughout the community to effect positive change, seek common ground, and inspire hope.

Our Focus

JLW is proud to focus our financial and volunteer resources on the complex issues of literacy in the greater metropolitan area of the District of Columbia. JLW defines literacy as "an individual's ability to read, write and speak English and to compute, and problem-solve at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society, achieve one's goals, and develop one's knowledge and potential."

Cover pictures, clockwise from top left: 1. JLW volunteers staff merchant booths at the League's 57th annual Holiday Shops. 2. JLW volunteers fill I Love to Read bags with books. 3. and 6. JLW volunteers organize our annual Kids in the Kitchen health fair, hosted at Children's National Hospital. 4-5. Guests engage with the feature panel at JLW's inaugural Women's Leadership Luncheon. 7. JLW volunteers organize nonperishable goods at the Capital Area Food Bank. 8. JLW is the primary volunteer partner supporting the Library of Congress's National Book Festival.



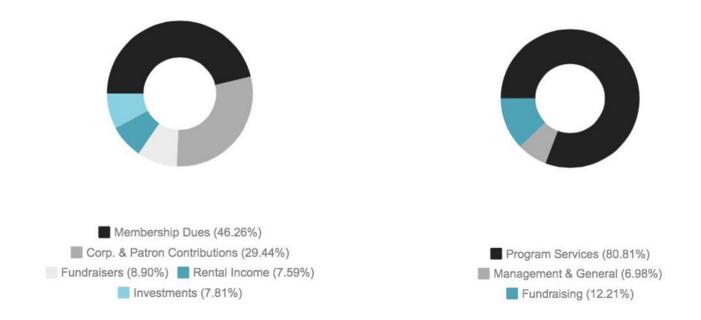
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2015-2016 Financials

\$ 866,074 Revenue

\$ 733,540 Expenses



JLW gave \$79,530.65 in grants back to the community



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JLW's Meg Graham Scholarship 💻 Langley Residential Services 👳 Lee Fendell House 💻 Literacy Lab

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2015-2016 Fundraising





Holiday Shops \$119,544 Tossed & Found \$148,540



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Other Funds \$77,368 Other Events \$34,716

JLW raised \$380,168 in the 2015-2016 fiscal year

OUR IMPACT

JLW focuses its financial and volunteer resources on the complex issues of literacy – adult, child, and cultural – in the Washington, DC, region and works with a diverse group of community partners. The League also serves as the primary partner for volunteer support for the Library of Congress's National Book Festival.

Through these partnerships, JLW multiplies our impact in DC. From donating 3,500 books to schools, libraries, and children in the DC area and reading aloud to children who need it most, to helping families get back on their feet with much-needed job and life skills training, to sharing with the community the power of art and history - we are proud of our work this year with these meaningful organizations.

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Bright Beginnings
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JLW's Women's Leadership Luncheon featured a panel of DC's most influential women at the DC Renaissance Hotel.