

JLP Members reflect on the success of JLP CAREs 2014

Straight from JLP Members:

“It was an amazing experience working with my great group of volunteers to organize a healthy and easy cooking experience for families who are staying or who have stayed at Raphael House. We all face challenges - time, money, knowledge - (especially the last one for me!) that I think everyone involved at JLP Cares learned a lot!”

Jessica Jones

“Volunteering at Neurotherapeutic Pediatric Therapies was so rewarding. As a mom myself, I loved knowing that the work I did may help families in some small way. It was amazing to see first-hand the wonderful services they provide there. I’m so grateful for the experience!”

Jenn Longbine

“As a transfer, participating in JLP Cares was my first big event with JLP. I was at Peninsula Children’s Learning Center where we were able to choose an area where we could best help out, such as cleaning the kitchen, stitching aprons and bibs, staining new playground equipment, and landscaping the gardens. I chose to clean the kitchen and then later, after some



Photo by Christina Baker

observation, attempted to use a sewing machine. It was neat to get out into the community and to see and to learn about an organization that I was not familiar with.

I now have a new respect for all of the work that must go in to keeping a pre-school a clean, safe, and fun learning environment for many youngsters. I really appreciated the opportunity to wake up early and be productive on a Saturday.

I felt like I had earned the chance to have fun with friends and celebrate at the soiree (a fun excuse to get dressed up, and raise money!).“

Alex Cole



Photo by Emily Kold



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Letter from President Cat Parkay: *The Most Important Gift*



As part of our commitment to increase transparency and Member ownership, I shared a dashboard (below) at our November GMM. I'm thrilled about our progress toward filling 100% of volunteer shifts, the growing number of non-Members supporting our organization, and that by taking some calculated risks and diversifying our revenue channels,

we are well ahead of our fundraising goals! With spending on track and several exciting fundraisers still ahead, we expect to end the year in excellent shape.

Financial health is great; it's essential if 105 years from now the JLP exists to prepare women like you for a lifetime of civic leadership. But what really excites me is that this success is not just the result of hard work and dedication (though there's certainly been a lot of that!). I believe a big part of your success thus far this year is due to the joyful, supportive, optimistic vision we are creating together.

It's Sustainers, Actives, and Provisionals dancing

together with abandon, non-Members squealing with delight over a silent auction, playing together and showing future generations of volunteers that service to others is one of life's greatest joys. It's creating an environment that's truly inclusive and safe to try new things, honoring what we each bring to the table. It's never being too busy to check in with each other as human beings before getting down to business.

It's also the check for \$5.51 we just received from a mother who participated in a Between the Lines reading who now donates a portion of the income from her job in prison to us. Our VP of Finance, Cynthia Bradley, said, "This may be the most important check we receive all year." I couldn't agree more.

Five dollars may not fund a big program, pay for a conference, or buy lots of fancy equipment. But it does challenge us to make darn sure we use those dollars wisely. That check is proof that you are creating something other people want to be part of. Your joyful volunteerism shows the world that they can make a difference. Thank you for representing joy and hope this holiday season!

~Cat

Since June 1, 2014:

\$40,709 in gross JLP CAREs income

18 community service events

4,126 volunteer hours

183 shifts offered

148 shifts filled

\$2,215 to the endowment

Donors: 38 actives, 142 sustainers,
19 provisionals and 132 non-members

Between the Lines receives donation check from inmate

By Camden Schobert

We recently received a check in the mail from an inmate at Coffee Creek Correctional facility who wanted to make a donation out of her commissary money to JLP.

The check is for \$5.51 and is written out to the Junior League of Portland. She wrote to us to let us know that the program had really impacted her in a positive way and she wanted to give back to make sure that others were able to take advantage of the readings we offer.

Our first reading of the 2014-2015 year took place on Saturday September 27th at the Coffee Creek Womens Correctional Facility in Wilsonville, OR. Our group was able to record 27 women reading to 43 children.

We will have the recordings transferred onto a CD and each child will get a brand new, gift wrapped book along with the recording from their mother by Christmas 2014. We received a ton of positive feedback from the women through our post-reading survey. Many of the women stated that their children love to read and this program helps them to feel connected to their child's passion for reading.

BTL joins with our community partners to promote



literacy and strengthen family bonds between incarcerated parents and their children (ages 0-12).

Through this program parents read books onto recorders, which are then sent to their children in CD format along with a new, gift-wrapped book. These children are then able to hear their parents reading at any time. Additionally, listening to the recordings while following along in the book provided by BTL enhances early reading skills. This innovative program benefits both children and their families.



Junior League members clean books at a recent volunteer session at the Children's Book Bank. These sessions are popular with League member and almost always fill up in advance.

Thank you to our Junior League Donors!

We are especially grateful this year to all of our generous supporters who have given to the Junior League of Portland. Whether it was making a taxable cash donation to the general fund, buying a bottle of wine at the Harvest Soiree or volunteering for JLP CARES, we thank you for your support!

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January 14, 6:30 pm
Provisional Meeting
January 15, 6:30 pm
"House Hunters" Training
January 21, 6:30 pm
General Membership Meeting
January 22-24
AJLI Leadership Conference
January 29, 6:30 pm
Financial Planning 101 Training
March 6, 5:30 pm
Girls Inc. Power of the Purse
March 11, 6:30 pm
Provisional Meeting
March 18, 6:30 pm
General Membership Meeting
March 20-22
NW Exchange
April 16-18
AJLI Annual Conference



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