



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
PORTLAND, OR**

Annual Report 2006-2007



A Message From the President

"I don't know what your destiny will be but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." – Albert Schweitzer

The 2006 – 2007 year was another year of sustainable growth and momentum for the Junior League of Portland. We welcomed 52 new members to our League which means we now have approximately 200 active members and 500 sustainers. Collectively, we served almost 14,000 hours in our community. Our endowment fund grew by over \$60,000 and in addition to that, we raised funds from cookbook sales, a golf tournament, an annual fund drive, and various fast funds events.

One of our most notable accomplishments this year was the formation of a new focus statement under which all of our new community programs will align: *"The Junior League of Portland focuses on early childhood development. Specifically, the League promotes the growth of physical, intellectual, emotional and social skills of children ages 0 to 6."* After extensive research, we found that early childhood development is a top priority for both our members as well as our community, and it is an area in which we can make an enormous contribution. We will spend the next year adding new programs that will promote early childhood development.

In addition to a new focus statement and the continued impact we make in the community, we are also proud to share that we made it possible for many of our members to attend valuable Associated Junior Leagues International (AJLI) training on topics ranging from strategic planning to board governance to membership retention.

Another accomplishment to highlight is our communication improvements that members will continue to see. We have integrated a new online newsletter that complements the recent upgrades we have made to our website.

Lastly, we are always proud to highlight the many new friendships that form among our members on committees, at our general membership meetings, at trainings or volunteer events, in one of our many special interest groups, at wine tastings or other socials, at fundraisers, or board service. It's wonderful to be among women who are part of the Junior League of Portland to make our community a better place and to cultivate friendships.



Kristi Langdon-Stevens
President, 2006 – 2007



Community Programming and Development

After 18 months of research and development and a membership vote, the Junior League of Portland has a new focus statement:

The Junior League of Portland Focuses on Early Childhood Development. Specifically, the League promotes the growth of physical, intellectual, emotional and social skills of children ages 0 to 6.

This new focus statement is based on a combination of an assessment of community needs as well as League member input. What it means is that all of our community projects will align with early childhood development by the 2008-2009 League year.

A growing body of research underscores the importance of the years before a child enters kindergarten. We know, because of what research says about how the developing brain responds to stimuli, that these first years present an unequalled window of opportunity to lay the foundation for a child's continued healthy physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development.

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Research indicates that programs and action in the following areas can have an impact on child outcomes:

- Quality early childhood education and care experiences – including high-quality preschool and child care
- Parent education
- Early literacy and language experiences
- Child social-emotional development and mental health
- Parent mental health
- Child access to health care
- Nutrition
- Family economic well-being
- Transition to school

In 2007, the Junior League of Portland concluded three projects: LifeSkills, Art Mentors and Art Works. LifeSkills provided a resource to local agencies that wished to help clients get training in the life skills necessary to support them and their families.

During the year, LifeSkills presented sessions to five community groups: Share Homes, My Father's House, Shepherd's Door, White Shield and Rosemont

Treatment Center. Art Mentors and Art Works used the medium of art to encourage and support children and teens. Art Mentors worked with clients at Christie Cares and White Shield. In early 2008, the membership will vote on new community projects to begin in 2008-09.

Kids in the Kitchen

Kids in the Kitchen is a program designed to help communities address the urgent issues surrounding childhood obesity and poor nutrition. In April, 40 elementary school students from Astor Elementary School in the St. John's area participated in the Junior League's second annual Kids in the Kitchen event, an event supported by AJLI.

The Junior League of Portland hosted Abernathy Elementary School chef James Fowler, who led the kids in a healthy cooking demonstration. Mr. Fowler recently received recognition from NPR and other national news associations for his work with the children at Abernathy Elementary and his "Scratch Cooking" concept, which teaches kids to think about food and their connection to it. Due to the success of this program, the Junior League of Portland will host three Kids in the Kitchen events in 2007-08.

Between the Lines

The goal of this committee is to assist with the bond between a parent and their child during incarceration. This is accomplished through the use of literacy. First the incarcerated men and women pick a book from the League book list to be read to their child. The committee members then record the men and women reading the book aloud. The Junior League of Portland then sends the book and cassette tape to the children.

The Between the Lines Committee has completed two readings this year. The first reading was at the Coffee Creek Correctional Institute. At the women's prison, 38 recordings were completed and sent out with books. We are excited to report that we just completed the first reading at the Santiam Men's Prison. Working with the women and men provided meaningful experiences, and they were so appreciative of the program. They could not believe that the Junior League of Portland was there to help them stay in touch with their children. Total recorded readings for 2006-2007 were 46.

Done in a Day

The Done in a Day (DIAD) committee, with events almost every month, supports the needs of the Portland community.

They started the year working at the Susan G. Komen Survivor's Luncheon in September, which is always an inspiring event. Two days later members walked together in the Race for the Cure. The rest of the fall was spent assisting groups with whom we have worked in the past, including: Sisters of the Road, Ronald McDonald House,

Schoolhouse Supplies, and the Oregon Food Bank.

In November the League participated for the first time in the second annual Children's Relief Nursery Rockin' Horse Event at the Lawrence Gallery. In January, 16 members helped CASA with a silent auction at the annual Voices for Children Dinner and Auction. Later in the month, a group worked as greeters at the Schoolhouse Supplies Annual Celebrity Spelling Bee. In addition, League members assisted with the Bradley-Angle House's first annual Taste of the Sweet Life Auction Soiree and the Children's Relief Nursery's Iron Chef and Cascade AIDS Project's Art for Life event.

Membership Training

The Junior League of Portland continues to develop the potential of women by sending its members to training sessions throughout the United States. In 2006-2007, 17 women attended various training sessions with the Association of Junior Leagues International.

In December, the League hosted the AJLI board of directors for their December 2006 meeting. And in March, the League assisted AJLI in hosting the Northwest Exchange Conference. The "NWExchange" is an event that gathers leaders from the Northwest, from Calgary to northern California. The event is organized as a training event where League leaders select from various tracks including: Membership Development and Retention, Community Impact, and Financial Plan-

ning. It is an interactive training event and League leaders learn from professional guest speakers while sharing best practices with each other.

Sustainers

The 20 sustainer advisors to Junior League of Portland committees, chaired by the sustainer representative to the board, met as a council in September and in January to discuss League affairs. Updates on board business, community projects, financial health, and fundraisers kept sustaining members tuned to current issues.

Per sustainer recommendation, the Community Advisory Board was officially retired. Junior League of Portland members will be encouraged to seek expert advice from community leaders on an as-needed basis. Articles in the JL Press and multiple communications through email kept sustainers connected and advised.

Two formal social gatherings – the holiday party and the May sustainer luncheon honoring Marcia Director – drew about 100 members. Sustainers welcomed the AJLI board members in

December with treats delivered to their hotel and dinner at a member's home. In the spring, sustainers from the Junior League of Dallas and the Junior League of Seattle visited Portland. Junior League of Portland sustainers hosted these groups, exchanging ideas for League and community involvement.

2006-2007 JLP Membership
Active Members: 130
New Members: 52
Transfer Members: 17
Sustaining Members: 469
Total: 668



Thank you to all our sponsors, to the Oregon Golf Club and to all our members that contributed to the success of this year's event!

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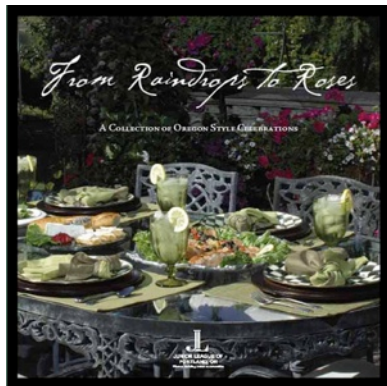
The Junior League of Portland maintained a balanced budget in 2006-2007. Raindrops to Roses, the newest Junior League of Portland cookbook, has been very successful. After only a year, it was necessary to order a second printing of 5,000 copies.

Fast Funds

This year the Junior League of Portland partnered with The Wine Tasting Club to host the Junior League of Portland's first wine tasting event, with part of the proceeds donated back to the League. The event was held at the Gottlieb Gallery in downtown Portland. This event netted \$750 with The Wine Tasting Club donating 20% of sales and the Gottlieb Gallery donating 10% of art sales.

Another traditional fast fundraiser, The Holiday Tea at the Heathman Hotel, was held in early December. The tea was a joint fundraiser for the Junior League of Portland and the newest League

partner, The Children's Relief Nursery. Ticket sales and live auction proceeds raised over \$1,300.



and auction on Sunday evening. The auction raised \$11,000. On Monday, after a brief shower, 65 golfers teed off to a perfect day of golfing. Golfers were treated to a buffet after golf and prizes for the top foursome, longest drive and closest to the pin were awarded.

This year's top foursome was from Jensen Investment Management, Inc.

Endowment Committee

The League began the year with an endowment fund balance

of \$297,930 and the current balance stands at \$360,000. Where did the money come from?

The first contribution of the year was \$5,000 by a vote of the new Board. This is significantly above the 1% contribution specified in the bylaws, but it reflects the great success of the 2005-06 fundraisers (thanks to the members' generous support and hard work).

Next came the committee's funding drive, which generated over \$11,064 through the end of January, far exceeding the \$4,000 goal. The dues process yielded many generous gifts to the annual campaign as well as an additional \$4,773 for the endowment fund.

Finally, thanks to tribute gifts honoring Marcia Director, our outstanding sustainer of the year, the endowment fund received gifts totaling \$16,837 for 2007!

This year, 41% of the active members donated an average of \$64 (compared to less than 1% of actives contributing in the last four years) and 20% of the sustainers donated an average of \$137.

Endowment Fund Donors 2006-2007

The Junior League of Portland would like to gratefully acknowledge ALL of the donors to our endowment fund. Your generous gifts help ensure the League a future of pursuing our mission in the community – promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

The following list represents donations recorded from June 1st, 2006 through May 31st, 2007. Every effort has been made to accurately recognize our donors. If we have excluded someone, or made an error with your name and/or listing, please contact us. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the endowment fund of the Junior League of Portland.

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Mission

The Junior League of Portland, Inc., a member of The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc., 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.

Vision

Through the power of our association, Junior Leagues strengthen communities by embracing diverse perspectives, building partnerships and inspiring shared solutions.

Focus

The Junior League of Portland Focuses on Early Childhood Development. Specifically, the League promotes the growth of physical, intellectual, emotional and social skills of children ages 0 to 6.

Reaching Out

The Junior League of Portland reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.



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