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## WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Gina Ambrose

*President, Junior League of Portland*

Since our founding in 1910, the 650+ members of the Junior League of Portland have been developing programs and partnering with organizations in the area to improve our community. Our mission is clear: to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. By staying focused on our goal, we have improved the lives of countless women and children in the greater Portland area.

The Junior League of Portland is an organization steeped in rich tradition and history spanning 109 years. Several of Portland's nonprofit programs and agencies can attribute their roots to our organization and the dedicated volunteers who had ideas and took action. Our members are passionately committed to our community. They are accomplished leaders who have used their training in the Junior League to develop programs, serve on nonprofit boards and serve in public office. Our motto for this League year is a nod to our roots with the rallying cry, "We Can Do It!" Because when we come together, there is nothing that we cannot achieve.

The work of the Junior League of Portland could not be accomplished without the support of you: our partner organizations, generous donors, passionate advocates, and friends. Thank you for choosing to support the Junior League of Portland and joining us as we continue to improve our wonderful community.



## WORD FROM THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

### Nicole Amend

*Executive Vice President, Junior League of Portland*

When I think about our theme for the year—"We can do it"—of course I see the iconic image in my head. A strong woman, confidently stepping in to a predominantly male industry during World War II. That this image continues to capture our attention year-over-year is a testament to the enduring persistence of women and our drive to make things better. Although Junior League of Portland pre-dates "Rosie the Riveter" by over 30 years, she is a marvelous representation of all that we have done and will continue to do in the Portland metropolitan community.

We can do it. These four little words pack quite a punch. Simple, strong, and adaptable to the various scenarios that we women find ourselves in. Just for fun, let's break it down a little further, shall we? And for any of you goal-oriented gals out there, let's start with the end in mind...

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**It** – The idea. The outcome. What we choose to accomplish. As a League this year we’ve been doing a lot of evaluation on our “it.” Where can we have the most impact? Do our goals align with the needs of our community?

**Do** – To act, activate, take action, and do activity. The motion and movement. How are we spending our time? Are the things we spend time on helping us to reach our goals?

**Can** – Ability. Capacity. Time. Training. “Can” is what happens when you start at “don’t” or “can’t” and then apply Junior League learning opportunities.

**We** – Us. Togetherness. Collaboration. Support. This is undoubtedly the most important part to me AND the thing I need the most reminding of on a regular basis. None of us must work alone. We have an army of smart, supportive, lovely women in this organization, and all it takes is saying “I could use some help” to lessen some of the strain.

From my vantage point serving on both the Board and the Management Team this year, I can say unequivocally that we chose the right theme. The women in Junior League of Portland—those who I know and serve alongside and those I have yet to meet—inspire me everyday to strive for more, to challenge the status quo, to support sisterhood, and to foster a stronger community. I am so grateful for my experience and learnings so far, and look forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings!

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## HARVEST SOIREE

Glitz and glamour set the tone of the Junior League of Portland’s Sixth Annual Harvest Soiree, which was held on October 26, 2019, at Everett West, a beautifully polished event space located in the Pearl District of downtown Portland. Since the event fell on Halloween weekend, this year’s Soiree embraced the theme of “masquerade,” invoking the allure of mystery and elegance popularized by Venetians as early as the 13th century—the perfect spirit and backdrop for our annual gala, celebrating the change of seasons and the coming of winter-time merriment.

And while the Soiree is the social event of the League season, its purpose is essential for the heartbeat of the League. Proceeds from the Soiree go toward JLP’s General Fund, which provides the funding of our member trainings and volunteer-run programs that support ending the cycle of violence against women and children in our community.

Thanks to the support of generous donors, sponsors, and our amazing volunteers who put in hundreds of hours of work and planning, this year’s masquerade was indeed magical.

Donning masks and dressed to the nines, 175 guests enjoyed drinks, tasty bites, and lively banter while raising over \$47,500 for the League. The evening’s festivities included a silent auction with over 45 items worth up to \$16,000, a “wine pull” which raised almost \$1,500, and \$1,700 from the “golden ticket raffle” where the lucky winner, JLP’s own Membership Director Pleschette Fontenet, got first pick of the seven live auction items worth up to \$1,650. There was also a photobooth, DJ, two bars, and an exclusive VIP section for those who sprung for a premium experience.



*2019 Harvest Soiree Committee*

A special thanks to donors such as Jill Arena who sponsored the DJ, Susan Stein who donated for general Soiree expenses, a \$5,000 match from the H.E. Anderson Family Foundation, Trustee Gretchen Anderson Pilip, an anonymous \$1,000 match, and a very generous \$2,000 paddle raise from the William J.J. Gordon Family Foundation—all of which we are so thankful for! Lastly, huge applause and appreciation to the Soiree Committee and JLP volunteers, without whom, we wouldn’t have been able to have such an event! Twice weekly meetings, much coordination and email exchanges, driving all over town to pick up donations, setting up and tearing down the event ... the list goes on! Thank you!

All in all, the Harvest Soiree celebrates what the League is all about: women coming together, developing skills, engaging their networks, and pulling off something spectacular for the benefit of the community.



## JLP CAREs

The Junior League of Portland held our tenth annual Community Action and Revitalization Event, also known as JLP CAREs, on Saturday, October 26, 2019. This year's event activated more than 115 volunteers who put in a cumulative 300 hours of volunteer service. Sites this year included our official partners, such as Children's Book Bank and Rose Haven, and organizations new to the League, like the Red Cross. Through our blood drive we were able to collect 20 pints of blood, which will help save 60 lives.



This event is not only an annual volunteer activation event, it is also a fundraiser for the General Fund. The money raised goes back to the League's regular volunteer events and programming, including providing groceries to make meals at the Ronald McDonald House and civic leadership and advocacy training throughout the year.

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# ROSE CITY WOMEN'S SUMMIT

## 2019 Rose City Women's Summit Highlights

Cheers to a successful summit! Our second annual full-day leadership and development conference brought together women from throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington to connect, learn from our speakers, and attend valuable workshops on topics ranging from women in finance, building confidence in your career, advancing efforts to build diversity, equity and inclusion, and much more. Journalist, activist, and entrepreneur Noor Tagouri was an incredible keynote speaker, showing vulnerability and strength as she challenged us all to find the common humanity in one another's stories.



Noor Tagouri

## JOIN US FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020 AT THE HILTON PORTLAND DOWNTOWN!

Tickets for our third annual summit will be released Winter 2019.

To stay up to date on upcoming speakers and conference details, visit our website at [rosesummit.org](https://rosesummit.org) and follow us on on social media and [@rosesummitpdx](https://twitter.com/rosesummitpdx)!



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## ROSE CITY WOMEN'S SUMMIT

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### THE STATS



**3** Keynotes  
**10** Breakout Sessions



**6** Scholarships



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# THE 1910 CAMPAIGN

## JLP's Past, Present, and Future

Women volunteering their time, improving their leadership capabilities, and creating better communities is what the Junior League of Portland is all about. With that vision in place, the 1910 Campaign and Fund was launched in 2016, with the goal of raising \$110,000 to honor our 110 years of JLP history in 2020. The 1910 Campaign celebrates our legacy, shows our impact today, and gives promise for an ever-improving Portland Metro Area. We set a high goal for this initial campaign; we wanted to honor our history of tackling big issues and making positive change in our ever-developing urban area.

Historically, JLP has raised significant funds and worked with big partners, creating partnerships for greater community impact since the 1950's. Choosing strong partners to tackle current community needs and making the most of these partnerships is one of the ways that the JLP leads and produces leaders. At this time, homelessness in our city is an increasingly visible problem. Embracing our mission of improving our communities through effective volunteer work, we took on a portion of the fundraising for an even larger capital campaign launched by our first 1910 Fund partner: New Avenues for Youth (NAFY). Located in downtown Portland, NAFY provides services for youth who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. This population includes youth aging out of foster care, youth who have been trafficked, and many LGBTQ youth. The wrap-around services provided by New Avenues are varied: from meals and counseling to education and job-readiness skills—all of which align with JLP's mission to improve the community.

The desire to celebrate Junior League of Portland's anniversary with a capital campaign aligned with the launch of NAFY's 2020 Campaign for a new facility to expand the reach of their services. This campaign enabled them to break ground and build the Youth Opportunity Center in East Multnomah County in 2018, providing services to vulnerable youth who could not easily access their downtown location. Our 1910 gift, is the capstone of their campaign, allowing NAFY to ensure the longevity of these vital programs in their new space. As we get closer to reaching our goal, we are also focusing on the many ways that New Avenues' work dovetails with the current focus of our volunteer work. In May 2019, JLP members got a tour of the new facility and learned from the Program Directors how our commitment has contributed to providing services to some of Portland's most vulnerable people and helping them become strong young adults.

There are still many opportunities for greater partnership, such as through the Youth Opportunity Center's New Day program, which helps youth who have been trafficked. New Day is in partnership with JLP's long-time community partner Raphael House, and currently working with our



End Domestic Violence Committee to support survivors of domestic violence through work at their Advocacy Center. JLP's Stop Human Trafficking Committee is also exploring ways our volunteers can contribute to our partnership with New Avenues, both by leading shifts in their drop-in meals at the downtown center and exploring possibilities with New Day. Our current community focus to end the cycle of violence against women and children has led to more trainings for our volunteers, emphasizing a trauma-informed approach. Our volunteers have many ways to connect with NAFY and be on the leading edge of ending youth homelessness and stopping the cycle of violence, especially in young people's lives. The efforts of our membership are strengthened by these partnerships, where both can learn and contribute to solving big issues like the safety and the well-being of marginalized youth in our community.

We are thrilled to be nearing our goal as we approach our anniversary, thanks to all of you who have contributed. Thank you for supporting our legacy and shared future of improving our women leaders and our community together. If you would like to learn more about the 1910 Campaign, please email [1910@jlpdx.org](mailto:1910@jlpdx.org).

## FUNDRAISING FOR THE 1910 CAMPAIGN

- Rose City Women's Leadership Summit 2017-2020
- Fashion It Forward 2017-18
- Charity Ball 2016-17
- Pop-up Fundraisers
- Appeals to our membership, friends, & family





## WELCOME PROVISIONAL CLASS PROFILE

“I moved here to Portland in May with a trailer, my car, and not knowing a soul.

My friends in Junior League of Seattle suggested I reach out and join JLP and I couldn’t be more happy that I did. Junior League has been so impactful for me already from the mentor speed dating to the social mixers and learning/development. I have reached out to multiple members who are helping me with my resume as well as career development. Not to mention the relationships that I’m forming with my provisional group members! Go Team Lily! I can’t wait to see what next year brings as I begin to look at ways I can give back.”

-Sarah Moore

AGE DEMOGRAPHIC	
22-30	42%
31+	58%

EDUCATION LEVEL	
Associate’s Degree	2%
Bachelor’s Degree	65%
Master’s Degree	27%
Other	4%
Some College	2%

## A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF JLP’S HISTORY OF FUNDRAISING

- Breast Health/Race for the Cure 1992-95, \$45,345
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) 1986-89, 1993-94, \$90,775
- Historic Preservation 1978-86, \$84,434
- Multicultural Arts Camp 2001-05 \$60,000
- Portland Art Museum 1963, 1965, 1972, \$33,000
- YWCA Transitional School for Homeless 1990-94, \$25,496

“I’ve really enjoyed meeting a like-minded yet diverse group of women. I learn something new at every event—whether it’s about the League, community partners, or just Portland in general. After seeing the Harvest Soiree come to life, I’m at the point where I’m really looking forward to seeing the committees in action and diving into their specialties. I’m blown away by seeing even small efforts stack up into large collective impact.”

-Lindsay Brown

## MEMBER CONNECTIONS

The Member Connections Committee fosters connections between Actives, Sustainers, and Provisionals. Our committee plans a variety of social opportunities and events throughout the League year that reflect the desires of our current membership. These include monthly events as well as Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Our committee also plans events that coordinate with other committees that align with the mission of the JLP. Member Connections events and SIGs provide opportunities for members to get to know each other outside of volunteering and organizational meetings. If you have any fun ideas for future Member Connections events or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to [memberconnections@jlpdx.org](mailto:memberconnections@jlpdx.org)!



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2018/2019

### Sophie Bayard

The Nominating Committee received multiple nominations for Sophie throughout the year, and it was clear to us that Sophie's impact on our League, and our League members, was wide-ranging and far-reaching.

Sophie's passion is reflected in all her actions and it is clear to anyone who speaks to her that she cares deeply about the League and the work that we do.

Her unrelenting commitment to understanding and improving League processes and experiences makes her a passionate voice and valuable thought partner.

Sophie is curious, kind, critical, and bold and she continues to develop herself and others within the Junior League of Portland. She will push herself out of her comfort zone and inspires others to think differently about League problems and issues as she has a unique perspective.

When it comes to League events and volunteer activities Sophie SHOWS UP; you can almost always count on seeing Sophie. People have said they wish they could clone 20 more "Sophies!" She inspires others to continue working hard on behalf of the League.

Sophie is a true example of what it means to be UNSTOPPABLE!





## SUSTAINER OF THE YEAR 2018/2019

### Sally Wolcott

Each year, there is much to celebrate about the Junior League of Portland, particularly when it comes to honoring our hard-working members and their accomplishments. Continuing this tradition, the Nominating Committee recognized Sally Wolcott as our Sustainer of the Year 2019 at the annual luncheon.



Sally followed her mother's footsteps and joined the league at the age of 25, the year she was married. She was an Active for 17 years and a Sustainer now for 30. She moved to Portland in 1979 and soon became actively involved with the Provisional Group which gave her the opportunity to explore Portland and make many meaningful connections with women who were making a huge impact in the community. Sally's first big placement with the League was chairing the Hospice Committee which helped facilitate training volunteers in the community to provide hospice service, before it was covered by insurance. She went on to hold several Board positions, including the President from 1987-88, during a time of enormous growth in our city and in the JLP's membership. She was also instrumental in implementation of membership diversity, project development, political advocacy, and other endeavors to improve the community.

In the years after active service, Sally has provided consistent support and dedication to both the League and community. She has mentored and advised Active Rachel Apodaca for four years and this month Rachel will be slated to the Management Team! Sally's involvement with both CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and her local school district/schools over the past few decades are exemplary. Advocacy for children's education is close to her heart and highlights her continued passion to serve the community with her JLP training. Congratulations Sally!

An advertisement for Vulkan Weightlifting. The top half features a black and white photograph of a woman in a squatting position, lifting a barbell with two large weights. The background shows a gym setting with various equipment and logos, including 'VULKAN WEIGHTLIFTING', 'ROGUE', and 'ASCENT'. Below the photo is a red banner with white text providing contact information and details about the gym.

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*Sustainer to the Board*

### 2019-2020 Management Team

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 7, 2019**

### **Gingerbread Jamboree**

Don't miss our eighth annual Gingerbread Jamboree!

*Location: The Sentinel Hotel*

**January 15, 2020**

### **General Membership Meeting**

We welcome all membership (Provisional, Active, and Sustainer) for an evening of inspiration and information.

*Location: Vacasa Corporate Office*

**March 18, 2020**

**General Membership Meeting** We welcome all membership (Provisional, Active, and Sustainer) for an evening of inspiration and information.

*Location: Vacasa Corporate Office*

**May 8, 2020**

### **Rose City Women's Summit**

Don't miss the third annual Rose City Women's Summit

*Location: Hilton Portland Hotel*

**May 20, 2020**

**Annual Meeting** Time to celebrate! There were so many accomplishments this year—let's celebrate and recognize our volunteers!

*Location: Vacasa Corporate Office*

## LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

The Learning & Development Committee provides the Junior League of Portland with dynamic learning and development opportunities. The trainings organized are based on three tracks: professional development, personal enrichment, and league/nonprofit experience.

The committee wants to thank the following women who have graciously volunteered their time and expertise to put on trainings, through November 2019, for the Junior League of Portland:

### **Heather Stewart with Carpenter Smith Consulting -**

They are your partners in business, at work, and in life to support you in creating the success that matters to you —whether as an individual who needs to hone your leadership skills or a CEO who needs to develop a strategic plan that will take your company to the next level.

**Mary Blalock** - Mary helps women make big shifts in their career by using a step-by-step approach to career exploration. She will help you find a career path that fits your personality and helps you feel more fulfilled step-by-step approach to career exploration can help you make big shifts in your career.

**Wendy Clifford** - Wendy will help you become the leader you were meant to be. She supports women who are striving in their work place to find—and own—their leadership voice.

## UPCOMING SUSTAINER EVENTS

**December 2, 2019 6:30pm**

**First Monday Book Club** 2020 Book selection at the home of Sustainer Carrie Stevens. If you would like to join, please contact the organizer, Mary McFarland at memcfarland6@gmail.com.

**December 5, 2019 11am–1:30pm**

**Annual Sustainer Holiday Party** Join us for brunch and a wildly fun holiday gift exchange hosted by Sustainer Susan Nicoletti at 10200 SW Egret Place, Beaverton, OR, 97007. Enjoy brunch, bring your favorite tasty appetizer to share, a wrapped ornament, or holiday gift! RSVP to Jill De Garmo no later than November 30, 2019 at Sustainer@jlpdx.org.

**December 12, 2019 2-5pm**

**JLP Holiday Tea Social at The Town Club** with our coordinator Kirsten Leonard. This fun event is becoming a tradition as we join for a third year in a row for tea and savory and sweet holiday goodies— \$25 per person and all JLP members are welcome! RSVP no later than December 26, 2019 to Sustainer@jlpdx.org. Pay via

Digital Cheetah or please mail a check for \$25 to: Jill De Garmo 744 SE 37th Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97123

**Monthly Sustainer Lunch Bunch Last Wednesday of each month at 11:30am**

A different restaurant, area, and cuisine each month. Please contact the organizer, Biddy Wolf, at Biddywolf4@gmail.com

**February 19, 2020**

**Sustainer Council Meeting.** 6:30pm Social; 7pm Meeting.

**May 20, 2020 11:30am**

**Annual Sustainer Luncheon** It's never too early to add this to your calendar!

**May 28, 2020 5:30–8pm**

**End of Year Celebration!** Hosted hors d'oeuvres and drinks —laughter and conversation! Location: The University Club, 1225 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, 97204



**Rose Jubb of Style Class** - Rose empowers women in business to reclaim their confidence, attract their ideal clients, and reignite their business. All by learning to love the woman in the mirror and dress her with intention!

We also wish to extend our deepest gratitude to fellow JLP member, **Elle Fazio**, for facilitating Dr. Brene Brown's Daring Greatly trainings.

This year's committee members are Maddy Abulencia (Chair), Emily Thielman (Assistant Chair), Michelle Colleti, Mel Magnuson, Melanie Musial, Mary Knox, Corissa Saint Laurent, Jonica Smith, and Kimberly Harty. Please reach out to one of us if you ever have questions, want to provide training leads, or just want to chat about L&D!

## TRANSFER COMMITTEE

Over the years, the Junior League of Portland's Transfer Committee has welcomed ladies from across different Leagues, and for the 2019-2020 league year, we're excited to welcome four new transfer members. And while you'd think the "Transfer Committee" would change over each year, many of the ladies continue to meet up and catch up at committee events, which makes for a fun and diverse group of transfers and "locals!"

We are lucky to have such talented women who have brought with them so many strengths from other Leagues. Ladies from the last year and a half have come from San Francisco, Atlanta, Boston, and San Diego. Currently, the Committee is organizing a holiday transfer meet-up, so check the calendar and join us!

## STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

### Delicates Drive

This winter the Junior League of Portland will kick off our eighth annual Delicates Drive to benefit survivors of Human Trafficking. Individuals will be invited to donate new undergarments of any size, style, and quantity. We host a Delicates Drive because survivors of trafficking crimes are often asked to surrender their undergarments as evidence, and many do not have the resources or ability to purchase new ones immediately after fleeing. Organizations that provide immediate and long-term care are strapped with limited resources to provide these essential items. As a result, survivors are left without essential clothing items that many take for granted. The Junior League of Portland will distribute donations to a selection of partner organizations.

The Junior League of Portland will hold an event to spread awareness of the Delicates Drive and how it directly works to support survivors of human trafficking in Portland. The event will be held from 10am-12pm at The

Eleanor on January 11, 2020, which is also national Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Liz Alston, the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Coordinator for Oregon, Coordinator for the DHS Child Welfare, will provide the keynote addressing on how attendees can become change agents on sex trafficking and her work with a wide group of stakeholders in addressing this issue. This event will give our members, community partners, and the general public an opportunity to learn more about human trafficking in Portland and inspire them with concrete ways they can help survivors.

## END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### JLP's Partnership with SafeChoice

Following our focus statement "to end the cycle of violence against women and children," the Junior League of Portland's End Domestic Violence Committee provides ongoing volunteer assistance and support for four area non-profit organizations with domestic violence shelters, as well as Rose Haven, a day-use shelter for women experiencing homelessness. Our newest community partner is the YWCA of Clark County, where we provide a monthly meal for their SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program, as well as helping with other initiatives.

Serving the community since 1974, the SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program is Clark County's only domestic violence shelter. SafeChoice provides a range of services such as emergency housing, legal advocacy, a 24-hour domestic violence hotline, support groups, trainings, and domestic violence classes to name a few. Along with providing monthly meals, JLP will be assisting with their holiday program to set-up the area for the Holiday Shop—a special day in December where YWCA participants can shop for free, providing a means to give new gifts and celebrate holiday joy with their families—complete with elves and cookies.

JLP will also donate cookie dough for the event that will be freshly made during the shop for attendees. In addition to all of this, we also provide a home-cooked meal at the shelter on a monthly basis, so please check the calendar and join us!

To read more about the SafeChoice program, visit their website or contact [info@wcaclarkcounty.org](mailto:info@wcaclarkcounty.org) to find out more on how to help.

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