

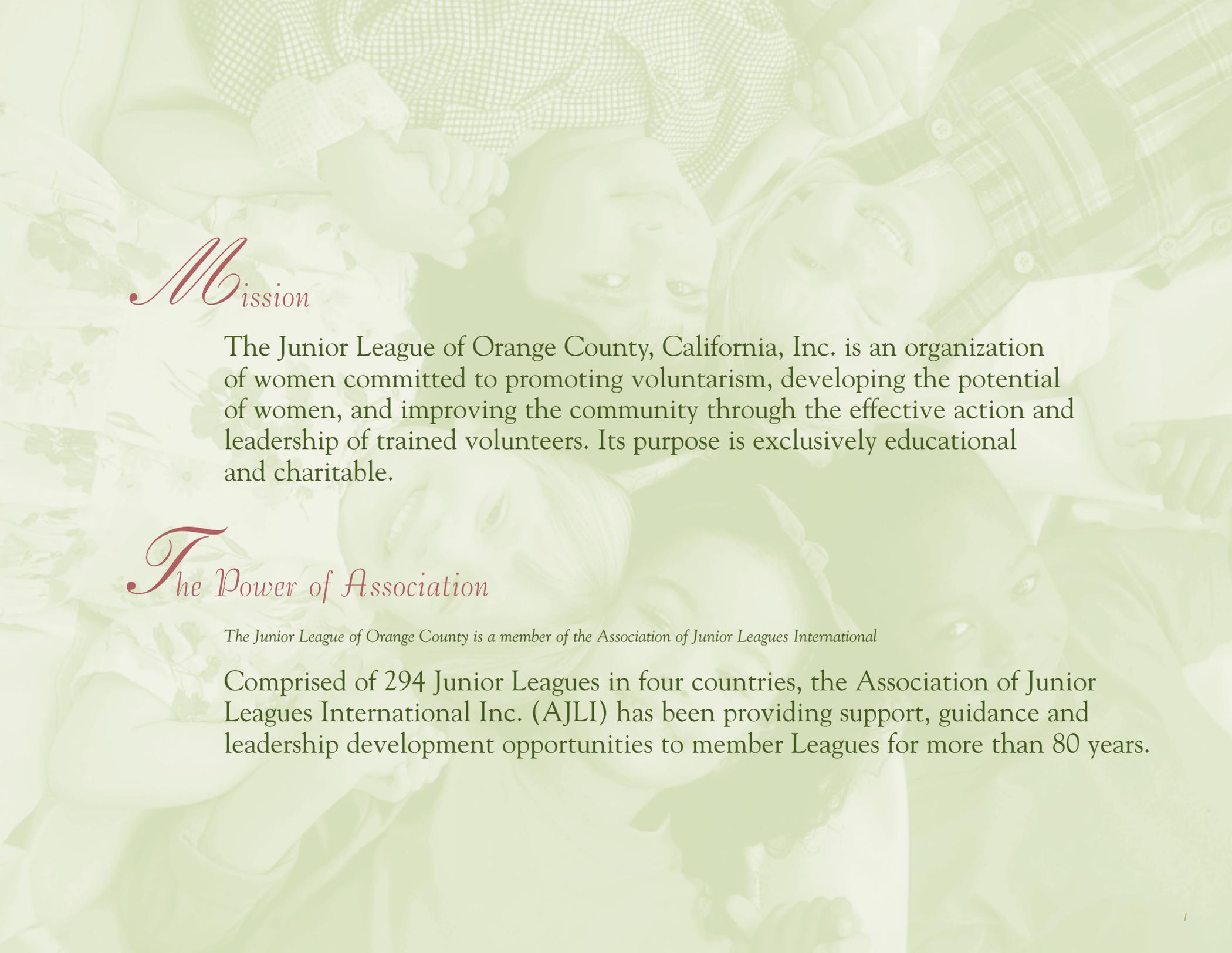


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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA 2003-04 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Women building better communities



*M*ission

The Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. is an 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.

*T*he Power of Association

The Junior League of Orange County is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International

Comprised of 294 Junior Leagues in four countries, the Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. (AJLI) has been providing support, guidance and leadership development opportunities to member Leagues for more than 80 years.

Women Building Better Communities

As I reflect over the past year, I am filled with conflicting emotions. I am saddened that a need to protect innocent children exists in this beautiful county, and at the same time I feel fortunate to belong to such an amazing group of women who have taken on the challenge of alleviating some of the pressures the children in our community experience.

It's hard to imagine, but in Orange County there were nearly 32,000 reported cases of child abuse in 2003, and approximately every 5 girls in 100 between the ages of 15 and 19 becomes pregnant. The Junior League of Orange County is passionate about achieving its goals of preventing child abuse and adolescent pregnancy in Orange County, and has been committed to improving the quality of lives of children and families in our community since 1956.

Over the course of its nearly 50-year history some of the county's most prominent and effective institutions or programs were started by the Junior League, including The Volunteer Center of Orange County, New Directions for Women, Orangewood Children's Home, CASA, Human Options, and the South Orange County Family Resource Center to list a few.



As a completely volunteer-only organization, we don't do this for "pats on the back" or recognition. Many of our works occur behind the scenes through our partner organizations. However, in November 2003, the Junior League of Orange County received the prestigious National Philanthropy Day Award for Outstanding Volunteer Group, which recognizes a volunteer organization for its commitment of time, energy and creativity to a focused project.

It was an incredible honor to receive the award, and we sincerely recognize that our success would be impossible without the support and compassion of our entire membership and the generosity of our donors.

“The Junior Leagues have come this far by faith, dedication and courage.”

*Dr. Maya Angelou,
best-selling author,
playwright and poet.*

The League is a collection of more than 800 amazingly talented and dedicated women, from all stages, ages and phases of life who have joined together as volunteers to identify needs in the community, establish programs to meet those needs, and raise the funds to support the programs.

During the 2002-03 fiscal year, the League raised in excess of \$300,000 with 88% going back into our projects. Christmas Company, one of the county’s most successful fundraisers, generated more than \$283,000 last October. I can’t emphasize enough how this couldn’t have been done without countless volunteer hours. This past year alone, our volunteers dedicated more than 15,000 hours in administrative roles, planning roles, or directly mentoring young boys and girls.

This past year, we have partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove and Capistrano Valley, Laura’s House for abused women and children, Canyon Acres Children and Family Services and Court Appointed Special Advocates. Through our projects we have reached the lives of 3,076 children and families.

I invite you to read further about how The Junior League of Orange County is working in our community, and to learn more about the tireless volunteer time our members willingly undertake simply for the reward we receive by knowing how many lives we touch.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our thanks to our membership, the families who support them, our donors, and project partners for helping us make a difference in the community.

For those of you just learning about the League, we encourage you to become involved. Trust me. It’s an amazing journey.



Marilyn Sorensen
2003-2004 President

JLOCC Impact in the Community

During the 2002-2003 fiscal year the JLOCC made a difference in the lives of 3,076 Orange County children.

This year, our volunteers dedicated 15,000 hours of time planning and executing events and activities.

During the 2002-2003 fiscal year, fundraising activities generated \$296,940 to go toward our community projects.

Child Abuse Vision Statement

The JLOCC believes that every child should grow up in a nurturing, caring and safe home environment, and therefore, the JLOCC is committed to working toward the establishment of an integrated and comprehensive system of services aimed at reducing the behaviors which lead to child abuse in Orange County.

Adolescent Pregnancy Vision Statement

Because the JLOCC believes that teens should have the opportunity to complete high school without being encumbered by parental responsibilities, we are committed to developing and supporting programs that will assist teens in reducing and/or eliminating the behaviors that lead to adolescent pregnancy in Orange County.

Because the JLOCC recognizes that, despite positive community and home influences, adolescent pregnancies may occur, we will develop and/or support programs for teen parents to ensure access to appropriate support services during and after pregnancy.

Junior League of Orange County Recognized at Orange County's 2003 National Philanthropy Day

Each year, Orange County's National Philanthropy Day Celebration is brought to the community by the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. On November 12, 2003, the Junior League of Orange County was recognized as an honoree of the *Spirit of Philanthropy* Award in recognition of being an Outstanding Volunteer Group.



The JLOCC was selected as this year's Outstanding Volunteer Group from a list of more than 160 nominations. Currently there are approximately 6,000 charitable non-profit organizations that are financially active in Orange County. The recipient of this award is selected based on the organization's leadership, performance, and the effectiveness of the group's philanthropic activities to help meet the needs of the people served. The award recognizes a volunteer group whose commitment of time, energy, and creativity to a focused Orange County project exemplifies volunteerism at its best.

Pat Halberstadt, Chief Professional Officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, nominated the Junior League of Orange County for "Building a Brighter Future for Children" through its many projects, including: Olive Crest "Adopt a Home," Free Arts for Abused Children, S.E.E.K, CASA, and Canyon Acres Children's Services.

Chairman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, Tom Wilson, wrote: "In a very crowded volunteer field here in Orange County, the women of the Junior League have distinguished themselves as outstanding leaders and agents for positive change for so many people who are in need. You truly exhibit the spirit of this award, and I offer you my congratulations on many years of work well done."

National Philanthropy Day was created as a way for our nation to offer thanks to volunteers who contribute time, money and energy to charitable causes. It started in 1981 as the vision of Orange County's own Douglas Freeman.

— Article submitted by Sarah Bennett Keller

"I know it is difficult for the committee to select only one volunteer group from all of the nominees. We recognize how many other groups are involved, and we are extremely honored to have received this award."

Marilyn Sorensen, 2003-04 JLOCC President

Finding More Ways to Impact the Community

Four Active JLOCC members were appointed to outside Board placements for the 2003-2004 JLOCC Year. In addition, one member was placed for a two-year appointment on the RAISE Foundation Board (formerly known as Prevent Child Abuse Orange County).

These outside Board appointments are part of the ongoing effort of JLOCC to find ways to continually reach and impact the community. "These positions are established for the purpose of furthering communication with agencies whose interests relate to that of JLOCC," said Adrienne Salyer, former Board of Director for the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Garden Grove and current Board Training Director.

JLOCC Members serving Board appointments are:
Boy's & Girl's Clubs of Capistrano Valley: Katie Collom and Lisa Merino
Boy's & Girl's Clubs of Garden Grove: Lisa Claycomb and Carla Poulin
RAISE Foundation: Kira Erquiaga

– Article submitted by Charlene Lee, JLOCC Board of Directors, Secretary

Informed and Committed *Project Development*

Choosing the right project is essential, and JLOCC continues to achieve great success through its current and previous projects. In the beginning, choosing a direction or project for the League was much simpler than it is today. The League would identify a need in the community, assess the need, and build or create a project model to address that need. After cultivating the project for a few years, it would be turned over to another existing nonprofit, or the group would start a non-profit of their own.

Today, the League has moved to a collaborative model, doing projects with and for other agencies. Our strength exists in our reputation, leadership, and membership diversity, as well as in our ability to bring groups together. Ultimately, it is the goal of the Project Development committee to find or create fulfilling and effectual projects that will capture the minds and hearts of the membership – and those of the community – while making a tangible difference in our two focus areas.

– Article submitted by Marcia Adler and Carolyn McInerney,
Sustainers and Past JLOCC Presidents

“Our League, as I see it, was organized as a means of expressing the feeling of social responsibility for the conditions which surrounded us. We have the responsibility to act, and we have the opportunity to conscientiously act to affect the environment around us.”

Mary Harriman, founder of the first Junior League, The Junior League of the City of New York

Special Projects

“My League work certainly helped teach me the importance of volunteerism, the power of teamwork for a cause you care about, and giving back some of what you have received.”

*Barbara Bush, former First Lady;
sustaining member, The Junior League of Houston*

Canyon Acres Children and Family Services

Canyon Acres Children and Family Services was established in 1980. It is committed to providing homes, care, treatment and supportive services for abused, neglected and emotionally troubled children and their families. A Residential Treatment Center called “The Ranch” is a 30-bed facility located on 4.6 acres for 6-12 year old boys and girls. Two thirds of these children have lived in more than six other out of home placement centers before coming to Canyon Acres. From “The Ranch” children graduate into family like homes called “Intermediate Treatment Residences” which are 6-bed group homes. In these group homes, named Jacqui’s House for the girls and Palo Alto House for the boys, the children function at a level where they attend neighborhood schools and begin to integrate into the community.

The Junior League has been working this past year with the children who have graduated from “The Ranch” and are living in one of the group homes. Serving as mentors and friends, the JLOCC volunteers have organized monthly events for the children. The three primary objectives of the program are: 1) teach the children, leading by example, that it is important to be reliable, punctual and trustworthy; 2) have these children experience activities and events such as plays, museums, holiday events, the beach, and movies; and 3) serve as positive role models so these children can spend time with adults they can emulate.



– Article submitted by Sally Lawrence, Canyon Acres Chair

Court Appointed Special Advocates

The JLOCC takes pride in its 19-year relationship with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Orange County. Many in the community may remember that CASA was actually founded by the JLOCC in 1985.

Beyond the initial start-up, the League has continued to support CASA through various projects throughout the years. Our current collaboration is CASA Special Events, which is celebrating its inaugural year as a JLOCC community project. It is the mission of the committee to plan and conduct a series of outings for children in the juvenile dependency system and their court-appointed advocate.

CASA is an organization that provides advocacy and mentoring for children through a one-on-one relationship between a trained court-appointed volunteer and an abused, abandoned or neglected child. There are currently 3500 children in the system. CASA was established based on the belief that each child deserves stability, love and protection by a caring adult as the child's case proceeds through the legal system. CASA recruits and trains volunteers who are appointed by the Juvenile Court to maintain a relationship with an abused child during the time he or she is a dependent of the court.

Part of each CASA advocate's commitment includes spending time with his or her assigned child on an outing. Each CASA absorbs the lion's share of the cost of entertaining their child, which can be substantial over time. In addition, it can be challenging for the advocate to find new and exciting things to do.

The JLOCC committee helps relieve some of those challenges. "Because of our renewed collaboration, advocates and children are able to participate in activities which would not otherwise be possible," says Lynda Perring, executive director of CASA of Orange County. By planning and sponsoring monthly events for the children, the League is able to support the advocate's effort to create a special day for their CASA child while also helping to defray their expenses.

The events conducted this year have been varied and unique, and have given the committee a glimpse into the lives of the children. In November, the committee hosted an afternoon of bowling and a pizza lunch at the Tustin Lanes.

In January, nearly 90 children and CASAs enjoyed exploring the Aquarium of the Pacific with a picnic lunch overlooking the harbor. One advocate who participated wrote, "I just want to let you know what a wonderful time we had today with our CASA child at the Aquarium. We also just want to say how much we appreciate the Junior League for offering these outings."

Many of the children have told us they particularly enjoy participating in the JLOCC events because they are a reunion of sorts – they are able to see and spend time with old friends who have moved on to other group homes. It is a joy for League members to be able to facilitate these reunions, and to provide a memorable day for the CASAs and the children.

Lynda Perring expressed her feelings about the significance of the League's long-term commitment: "I hope all members understand the gift of hope that has been made possible these past 19 years for these vulnerable children through the generosity and compassion of the Junior League."

– Article submitted by Cathy Bartz, CASA Chair



Laura's House

Laura's House is a home for abused women and children. JLOCC members help the children and teens at Laura's House escape the trials of life at an emergency shelter by planning interactive events. Volunteers plan activities to reinforce to the children and teens that life does exist without violence. In addition, members plan and participate in a Children's Center improvement project.

At the beginning of each year, committee members have a tour and training at the Laura's House shelter. This enables members to get a feel as to where these children and their families reside while they are in transitional housing. Members also learned how to best interact with children who have experienced abuse.



Provisional Home Improvement Committee. From L to R: Bottom Row: Amy Chaffin, Kelly Zapp, Erin Tinnerman-Minailo, Ashley Steinmetz, Mary Yount Top Row: Christine Michaud, Joanna Iribarren, Gloria Barahona Turnbull

The events this year have been fun and have enabled each member to take on a leadership role at different parts of the year. Two committee members chair each monthly event by planning and implementing a special day for the group. Destinations have included: Chuck E Cheese, Color Me Mine, a pumpkin patch, Build-A-Bear, McDonald's and Islands Restaurant. This year the children have ranged in age which has added an extra challenge for our committee to find activities that are age-appropriate.

The Provisional Home Improvement Committee completed their group project in April. With a \$1,000 budget, a lot of creativity and some fundraising, the group completed a head to toe makeover of a bedroom and bathroom. The committee painted the areas and updated closets, lighting and accessories. The group of 10 spent nearly 12 hours completing the project on site, providing a professionally finished room for Laura's House staff and residents.

– Article submitted by Trisha Yount, Laura's House Chair and Gloria Barahona Turnbull, Laura's House Provisional Project Co-Chair



Provisional Home Improvement Project



Committee members left to right: K.J. Mitchell, Trisha Yount, Shelley Nimmo, Mary Kay Davis, Julie Johnson, Mary Jo Stackhouse and Claudia Rich.

Services to Encourage and Empower Kids (SEEK)

For the past five years, the Junior League of Orange County has collaborated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove and Capistrano Valley to nurture and mentor children, ages 8-18 through the SEEK World Is Mine, Awesome Destinations and Business Oriented Success Skills (B.O.S.S.) programs.

The World is Mine program features JLOCC volunteers who serve as role models and mentors to girls between the ages of nine and 11 who are at risk of teen pregnancy. This program helps the girls see the benefits and opportunities that result from making positive choices and postponing parenting in favor of continued education.

The activities planned for the children always incorporate a mentoring element that complements what the children are learning in school. From the creative activities like pottery making and theater arts appreciation to team-building skills, the children are exposed to positive experiences designed to stimulate personal growth. They also learn more about giving back to their community through decorating gifts and preparing meals for those less fortunate.

After graduating from the SEEK programs, many of the children have returned thankful for the experience that they had and anxious to share how it positively impacted their lives.

Theresa Garrity, Director of Education and Grants at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove acknowledged the noticeable improvements in the children. "Our staff sees how the program has helped the children interact with educated and professional adults. They learn how to set goals and work hard to make their dreams come true," said Garrity. "The parents are also thankful that the experience has opened their child's eyes to college."



In 2003, a group of Intermediate and High school students from the SEEK B.O.S.S. program toured Orange Coast College. During this tour, they visited a biology lab where they saw a cadaver. "Some of the teens were repulsed, but others were interested. Mariah, who now is in 8th grade, wants to be a coroner and is taking extra science classes and is looking forward to going to Orange Coast or another local college," Garrity said.

After a field trip to ITT Tech as part of another B.O.S.S. field trip, Madeline, another BOSS graduate, was inspired to enroll and has been motivated by her new path in life. This year she completed 3 semesters and is looking forward to graduating in 2 years.

While the B.O.S.S. program is designed to prepare participants for their first jobs and help them identify educational opportunities in which the education required for a specific dream job may be pursued, inspiration to pursue career and/or educational dreams is not limited to former B.O.S.S. participants. Jean Wanlass, former Chair of the SEEK Awesome Destinations Garden Grove Committee as well as the overall SEEK project, was pleasantly surprised to meet one of her SEEK alums at work. Davina, who had been inspired by the work experience activities SEEK exposed her to, recently secured an internship at Wanlass' place of employment.

*– Article submitted by Jeanette O'Toole,
SEEK Steering Committee*



Impact Orange County

The IMPACT OC Committee undertakes community based projects in the League's focus areas of prevention of child abuse and teen pregnancy. Most of the Committee's projects are "done in a day," allowing the Committee to reach a variety of community organizations each year. The Committee offers an excellent mix of outreach activities and opportunities to work with children and teens in Orange County. Additionally, the IMPACT OC Committee offers each Committee member a bridge to leadership by giving them the opportunity to chair a project during the placement year.

A few of the community outreach projects undertaken this year included, Bowling Day at Olive Crest, the Pumpkins and Pancakes Halloween event benefiting CASA, support of the Raise Foundation's Robinson's-May shopping event, a holiday toy drive for Share Our Selves, business suit drive for Eli's Home and an event with St. Joseph's Ballet.

– Article submitted by Isabelle L. Ord and Michelle Stefano

Bear Hugs

Bear Hugs, a Sustainer project, provides "Bare Necessities" to emancipated teens in Orange County. Each teen is given a duffel bag filled with essentials such as toiletries, towel sets and a blanket plus stationery supplies, an inspirational book, phone cards, flashlight, and an alarm clock. A small stuffed animal is also tucked inside. Sleeping bags are also available for those emancipated teens who "couch-surf" or, in a worst case scenario, will be homeless.

*"The Junior League was founded on a sound idea -
the efficacy of group work. Even an individual cannot
accomplish much these days in the face
of the interdependent pattern of life."*

*Eleanor Roosevelt,
former First Lady and U.S. Delegate to the United Nations;
sustaining member, The Junior League of the City of New York*

Community Grant Program

The Community Grants and Scholarship Committee is charged with interfacing directly with the community to award funds to nonprofit organizations and students who both need the funds and share the Junior League's vision.

The JLOCC's grant program has been in existence almost as long as the League itself. One of the earliest grants was awarded to the Girls Club of the Harbor Area in 1960. One of our larger grants, of more than \$100,000, was the Orangewood Community Challenge in 1981. The JLOCC offered the net profits from its 1980 *The Christmas Company* as a challenge grant to replace the overcrowded Albert Sitton Home for abused children. The community responded to the challenge, and The Orangewood Children's Home was born.

The JLOCC grant program has evolved over the years coming to the assistance of many wonderful organizations. This year, a total of \$20,000 in Community Assistance Grants was made available to agencies and organizations providing services in Orange County.

The determination of specific amounts awarded was based on the merits of the applications received. This year submissions were simply fantastic. JLOCC received requests for grants totaling more than \$115,000 from over 20 organizations, all offering vital services across Orange County.

This year, the Junior League of Orange County awarded MOMS (Maternal Outreach Management System) a \$5,250 Community Assistance Grant, enough to sponsor 7 teen moms with the full range of MOMS services to ensure their babies are born healthy, to teach positive parenting and to work toward ensuring they do not become pregnant again.



Started in 1992 as a private nonprofit organization, MOMS grew out of a public-private partnership created to help solve a severe prenatal care crisis in Orange County. Under the guidance of a team of Registered Nurses, MOMS' staff provides a consistent level of support to pregnant and parenting mothers through group classes, home visits, and other contacts efficient in lean healthcare times.



MOMS provides intense one-on-one intervention. Trust is engendered between the MOMS' staff person and the young mom. It was found that the individual attention, education, and services provided to teen mothers helped them avoid becoming pregnant again.

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Since 1992, MOMS has served more than 14,000 mother-baby dyads in Orange County. In combination, MOMS served approximately 4,500 mothers and their families in 2002. All indications are that these numbers will continue to rise, and for 2003, MOMS is expected to serve over 5,000 women and their families with 700 mothers under the age of 18.

MOMS has a number of amazing success stories to tell:

Lupe was only 16 years old and had not told her family she was pregnant. The father of the baby was in jail for robbery. She went to the school nurse's office, who asked her if she was pregnant, and Lupe broke down in tears. The nurse referred her to MOMS.

Lupe called MOMS, and the next day the MOMS' staff person met her at a nearby fast food restaurant. They spent two hours just talking. MOMS helped arrange her first OB visit and coached Lupe on how to tell her family. MOMS' staff even met with the family after Lupe told them about her pregnancy.

To date, Lupe has attended all the MOMS' classes with her mom. She is having regular home visits from MOMS and has yet to miss an OB visit. Lupe is still in school. The father of the baby is out of jail, working, in school, and taking the classes for fathers at MOMS.

MOMS can turn lives around – helping to ensure healthy babies, healthy families and educated future choices.

JLOCC is honored to be associated with this organization.

This year, the JLOCC also awarded grants to: Kathy's House, the Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center, and Stop-Gap

– Article submitted by Kristin Vellandi, Grants Liaison and Liana Augustini, Community Grants and Scholarships Chair



JLOCC Awards \$10,000 in Scholarships in 2003-2004

The JLOCC Scholarship program is just one of the many ways we seek to promote excellence through self-sufficiency.

Many young men and women have benefited throughout the years from the League's scholarship program. For instance, one of last year's five winners, Danielle Hunt, received a four-year scholarship of \$1,000 per year. Danielle came from Orangewood Children's Home. Throughout her life, Danielle faced adversity and difficult challenges with strength, hope and courage, and a determination not to follow in any destructive footsteps. She worked hard to achieve her goals and pursue her ambitions. As a student, she successfully balanced her academic goals and the need to make ends meet by attending two years of community college before transferring to a four-year university, California State University at Fullerton.

Today, Danielle is a junior majoring in both English and Communications. The JLOCC is proud to announce that she earned three A's and one B in her first semester at Cal State Fullerton. She is currently applying for an internship position at a local newspaper to further develop both her writing skills and her growing affinity for literature and journalism. She recently submitted a manuscript of her poetry to the National Poetry Series and is hoping to be among the five new authors they publish each year.

When Danielle is finished with college she would like to join the Peace Corps. She would then like to come back to Southern California to teach and pursue her goal of becoming a writer. She is also looking to give back to the community by volunteering at Orangewood Children's Home, where her journey began.



Danielle, a previous scholarship recipient now attending Cal State Fullerton

This year, the JLOCC awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving students who, just like Danielle, are seeking to realize their dreams of a college education. The annual award ranges from \$500 to \$2,000. Candidates must have participated in a past or ongoing JLOCC sponsored program or organization, and must currently be a high school senior or post-secondary student with a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

The JLOCC is proud of Danielle and all of our past and current scholarship winners and wishes them the best as they continue to pursue and achieve their dreams.

– Article submitted by Liana Augustini, Community Grants and Scholarships Chair

SPAC What is SPAC?



Junior League of Los Angeles Members with JLOCC member Angela Rowe and Senator Speier

SPAC is an acronym for the State Public Affairs Committee. Founded in 1971, California SPAC is a non-partisan, education and advocacy organization composed of two delegates from each of 16 California Junior Leagues, representing approximately 12,700 members, 70 community projects, 1,259 volunteers and \$1.5 million in community improvements. Delegates advocate for specific legislation relevant to league projects in the areas of education, family support, health, and violence prevention.

In 2003, there were 2,867 legislative bills brought forth in the California legislature, 199 of which SPAC reviewed. SPAC took positions on 24 of the bills and watched 56 others. 12 of the bills were taken to the Governor's desk for signature.

Besides reviewing others' legislation, SPAC also attempts to create its own legislation, keeping in mind the needs of the 16 various communities served by SPAC's member leagues. This year Assemblyman Steinberg proposed legislation sponsored by SPAC, involving foster care issues. AB 2661 was introduced in February by Assemblyman Steinberg, calling on the administration to create a database for decertified foster homes and requiring social workers to conduct at least one foster care home visit with the foster child in the foster home per year.



SPAC Delegates from throughout the State



SPAC Winter Conference Hosted by JLOCC

It has been 8 years since the JLOCC has hosted the SPAC Winter Conference, one of three conferences attended by SPAC delegates yearly and which is always hosted by a Southern California League. Over the day and a half conference, the delegates heard from a panel of local representatives from the Orange County community on the status of the areas the JLOCC serves through its project work. The panel included Judge Pamela L. Iles, JLOCC Community Advisor and Orange County Superior Court Judge; Clete Menke, Executive Director of Canyon Acres, one of JLOCC's newest projects; and Jeffrey Wilcox, JLOCC Community Advisor and Executive Consultant for the Non-profit Sector.

– Article submitted by Angela Rowe, Sr. SPAC and Gina King Heppy, Jr. SPAC

Community Advisors Provide Expertise

Each year, the Board of Directors invites a number of community members to serve the JLOCC as Community Advisors. These volunteers are called upon throughout the year to advise the League in their various fields of expertise. The Junior League believes strongly in the importance of developing partnerships between the public and private sectors in our community. Community Advisors are always welcome at JLOCC General Meetings and are guests of the JLOCC at The Christmas Company.

Marian Bergeson

A former teacher, school board member, president of the California School Board Association, California State Senator, State Assemblywoman and Orange County Supervisor, Marian Bergeson was appointed October 1, 1996, by Governor Pete Wilson as the second Secretary of Child Development and Education for the State of California.

Amy Cosper

Amy Cosper, CFRE, is currently Director of Development for Providence Speech and Hearing Center in Orange. Her non-profit fundraising career spans more than 14 years. Amy received her Bachelor's Degree from UCLA and a Certificate in Fundraising from UC Irvine.

Joe Davis

Joe Davis is President of LawTech Custom Publishing, Inc in San Clemente California. They specialize in custom college textbooks. Joe is a former Captain of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Mary McIntyre Hamilton

Mary MacIntyre Hamilton is a local philanthropy consultant, and is an owner/partner of HamiltonBeyl, which specializes in leadership development, strategic planning for nonprofit organizations, foundation program development, fund development and executive recruitment.

Judge Pamela L. Iles

Judge Iles was appointed to the South County Municipal Court in 1983, and later elevated to Orange County Superior Court in 1998. In addition to consulting with the JLOCC, she has long sat on many commissions and committees, including the Republican Task Force on Child Abuse (National Organization of Victim Assistance).

Deborah Mayhew

Deborah Mayhew is a public relations consultant and freelance writer with a strong background in agency and corporate communications. She has developed and implemented comprehensive public relations and advertising programs and projects for a diverse range of clients in the areas of health care, tourism, television, and the retail sector.

Dr. Michael Riley

Dr. Riley has been employed by County of Orange, Social Service Agency as the Director, Children & Family Services since 1997. Prior to working for the County, Dr. Riley spent several years working on behalf of the Boys Town organization and Father Flanagan's Boys' Home in both California and Nebraska.

Jeffrey Wilcox, CFRE

Jeff Wilcox is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), and is a national trustee for Camp Fire USA, the incoming president of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) in Orange County, a member of five local boards and a full-time management consultant.

Thomas W. Wilson

In December 1996, Thomas W. Wilson was appointed by former Governor Peter Wilson for the leadership role of the Fifth District on the Orange County Board of Supervisors. In June of 1998, he was elected to a 4-year term on the Board, and was re-elected in March of 2002. He served as Vice-Chairman of the Board in 1998, 1999, and 2002. He was elected Chairman of the Board in 2003, and was re-elected to serve a second term in 2004.

Creating Opportunities

fund development

The JLOCC raises funds through its annual Christmas Company and Spring Fundraiser events. Funds are also raised within the organization through its Annual Fund, JLOCC Memorial Fund, Fundraising Support Committee, and Funding Boutique.

The Fund Development Council:

- ☞ Reviews options for future fundraising opportunities*
- ☞ Develops new and continues to cultivate existing corporate/business sponsorships*
- ☞ Decreases the revenue to expense ratios for all fundraisers*
- ☞ Streamlines the invitation process for fundraising activities*
- ☞ Develops and implements plans for securing grants*

Christmas Company

Since its inception in 1976, *The Christmas Company* has served as the JLOCC's largest fundraiser. Currently held at the Orange County Fairgrounds every October, *The Christmas Company* shoppers find unique gifts from over 80 vendors from around the country, in addition to many special events throughout the 4-day event.

Christmas Company 2003 was a tremendous success. Southern California was the perfect backdrop for Holiday by the Shore. As thousands of patrons entered the shopping extravaganza, they had the opportunity to view the spectacular 10 foot sandcastle and then proceed to shop in over 90 unique boutiques from across the country. In addition to the fabulous shopping, the following Special Events took place:

Opening Night Gala

Hundreds of attendees enjoyed dining, Silent Auction, entertainment and preview shopping.

Preferred Breakfast

This sold out event brought representatives from Neiman Marcus to captivate the audience with their latest products from Jo Malone skincare and fragrance collections.

2003 Christmas Company:

2003 Estimated Net Revenue = \$300,000

2003 Total Attendance (all events) = 21,250

We give a special thanks to our Diamond, Platinum and Gold Benefactors of the 2003 event:

Diamond Benefactors - \$20,000 or more
Abbey Event Services

Platinum Benefactors - \$10,000 - \$19,999
BOOMERS!
Gallo of Sonoma Wine
Pavilions
Western Exterminator

Gold Benefactors - \$5,000 - \$9,999
Cookie Lee Jewelry
Coors Brewing Company
Five Crowns Restaurant
Greg LeBon
Orange County Fair & Exposition Center
Targus, Inc.

American Girl Fashion Show

This popular event featured historically inspired clothing for young girls of today.

Luncheon with the Divas

This entertaining event brought the authors of "I'm a Diva! Every Woman's Guide to Outrageous Living" to share their literary creation.

Opening Night Attendance: 1,100

Number of Vendors: 98 up 10% over last year



Future Leaguers attend the American Girl Fashion Show



The Christmas Company Steering Committee



Junior League Sustainers assist Christmas Company shoppers

A Donation Straight From the Heart

The Junior League receives many generous donations from large corporations, small businesses and individuals. While these donations are greatly appreciated, the JLOCC recently received a donation small in size, but big in heart. The adolescent residents of Phoenix House of Orange County made a \$10.00 donation to the Junior League in honor of its efforts for youth.

The Phoenix Academy of Orange County is a residential substance abuse treatment facility licensed to accept 45 adolescents, both male and female, ages 12-17, with drug, alcohol, and behavioral issues. The program uses the Therapeutic Community Model, which is based on the philosophy of mutual self-help, to help adolescents gain control over their drug problems. Long-term residential drug treatment is combined with a course of academic study meant to help the residents reclaim opportunities lost to drugs.

The youth at Phoenix House work hard to earn a weekly allowance and stipend for positions of responsibility and leadership. They are encouraged to locate and give back to communities in need in every way possible. The residents are taught to hope that in some small way their donation of time, goods or money will make amends to a world that many of them have taken so much from. In this case, it has.

– Article submitted by Danielle Americh Combs, League Log Editor

The Annual Fund

The JLOCC Annual Fund is made up of voluntary contributions from its members. The monies raised go directly to the JLOCC's projects and programs. As our membership is willing to support our own projects and programs, this enables the League to become eligible for corporate grants and contributions. In the year 2002/2003, the Annual Fund raised \$12,689 with membership participation at 43.19%. The JLOCC appreciates our member's generous support in providing valuable projects and programs in Orange County. *– Article submitted by Kim Henderson, Fund Development Director*



The JLOCC Rocks the Hard Rock! Spring Fundraiser 2004 – Viva Las Vegas



On April 3, 2004 the Hard Rock Café in Fashion Island was transformed into a swinging 1960's Las Vegas style club complete with showgirls and live performances from Marilyn Monroe and the King, Elvis Presley. There were games of chance for the true gambling connoisseur including Black Jack, Roulette, and Craps. For those wanting the thrill of "live" competition, there was horse racing. After taking their chance with lady luck, many guests relaxed with an apple martini on the patio or a cigar in the Austin Powers inspired Cigar Lounge.

The following is a list of a few of the companies and individuals whose contributions made the event a successful fundraiser for JLOCC:

- ☞ Fletcher Jones Mercedes Benz
- ☞ Metropolitan Printing
- ☞ Debbie Sperry, of Vegas Knights Entertainment, Inc.
- ☞ Nora Singer Gard



Statement of Financial Position

May 31, 2003

Assets

Current assets

Cash and Cash equivalents	292,432
Investments	421,871
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>3,358</u>
Total current assets	717,661

Property and equipment, net	<u>591,232</u>
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Total assets	<u>1,308,893</u>
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Liabilities and net assets

Current liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	36,485
Due to the Association of Junior Leagues International	30,214
Advances	<u>132,752</u>
Total liabilities	199,451

Net assets

Unrestricted	<u>1,109,442</u>
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Total liabilities and net assets	<u>1,308,893</u>
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These statements audited by
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Statement of Activities

For the Year ended May 31, 2003

Net Revenue and support

Fundraising events:

Christmas Company:

Christmas Company revenue	514,341
Direct expenses	<u>(278,883)</u>
Net direct support from Christmas Company	<u>235,458</u>

Spring Fundraiser:

Spring Fundraiser revenue	86,069
Direct expenses	<u>(37,276)</u>
Net direct support from Spring Fundraiser	<u>48,793</u>

Annual Fund	<u>12,689</u>
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Total net fundraising revenue	296,940
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Contributions	2,310
Dues and fees	95,551
Interest and dividend income	14,308
Other revenue	<u>1,043</u>

Total net revenue and support	<u>410,152</u>
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Functional expenses

Program services	403,985
Supporting services	<u>69,858</u>

Total functional expenses	<u>473,843</u>
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Decrease in net Assets	(63,691)
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Net assets, beginning of year	<u>1,173,133</u>
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Net assets, end of year	<u>1,109,442</u>
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Women Building Better Communities

Membership

The members of the JLOCC share a vision of a community in which all children and adolescents are supported to flourish and realize their hopes and dreams.

The members of the JLOCC share a vision of the organization in which each individual member is supported and encouraged to increase her experience, knowledge, and leadership skill set in the process of becoming an effectively trained community volunteer.

A Training Organization

The JLOCC incorporates training into many aspects of the League experience. It is part of our mission to develop the potential of women, and makes us unique from many other non-profits. We allow our members to learn new skills, challenge themselves, and boost their skill set in a wide variety of areas including personal and career development. Our training enables our members to take their skills into the community. This can include taking on new responsibilities in a non-threatening League environment and using the learned skills to transition into a new career.

We offer many types of training opportunities. Some are formal and include classroom style didactic and experiential trainings with professionals, community and League members. The training council incorporates new ideas to keep our trainings fresh, and they evolve each year to meet the needs of our members. Outside formal training includes the California Governor's Conference for Women, Organizational Development Institutes (through AJLI), AJLI conferences, and Southwest Exchange.

The League also provides countless informal training opportunities. League members learn new skills during their provisional year and through their active placements. Each year,

each active has a new placement, which helps to further develop their skill-set. Members may elect to learn a wide variety of skills by serving in new and different placements or go deeper with the ones they already have by volunteering in areas they are more comfortable. Just a few of the skills members learn include mentoring, working with children, fundraising, communications and accounting.

Finally, the League's mentoring programs play a significant role in our training opportunities. We give and receive mentoring informally within the League by being with great, inspiring women, learning from them, and developing life-long connections to other women. The board of directors mentors their committee chairs; committee chairs mentor their committee members, and so on. In addition, many placements offer opportunities to mentor children in the community. One of the greatest parts of mentoring children is that our League members gain as much, if not more, than the children.



Get Involved!

If you are a woman interested in promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers, the Junior League is looking for you!

The Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc., reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. If you are interested in joining, please call (949) 261-0823 or e-mail us at jlocc@sbcglobal.net.



A Timeline

Beginning in 1956, the Newport Harbor Service League was established with the purpose of rendering volunteer service in the welfare, education, cultural and civic phases of the community. The group joined the Association of Junior Leagues as the Junior League of Newport Harbor in 1971, and in 1985 the name was changed to the Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc., to reflect the expansion of our membership and our projects.

1956: Community Volunteer Bureau is established (today this is the Volunteer Center of Orange County).

1972: State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) is formed by the California Junior Leagues.

1976: The Christmas Company fundraiser was established.

1975: “Action on Alcoholism” began, which later becomes “New Directions for Women.”

1981: The League contributes \$117,000 as a challenge grant to replace the overcrowded Albert Sitton Home for abused children. The result is the opening of Orangewood in 1986.

1983: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is founded.

1987: Human Options career development program is implemented for shelter residents.

1989: Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) established at Orangewood.

1993: The JLOCC membership focuses on two areas: preventing adolescent pregnancy and child abuse.

1996: JLOCC Moves to new permanent headquarters in Newport Beach, CA.

1997: Girls Hope Home is opened with furnishings provided by JLOCC

1998: The League contributes \$100,000 to kick-off Capital Campaign for the Boys and Girls Club of Capistrano Valley.

1998: South Orange County Family Resource Center Opens.

1999: Long-term SEEK (Services to Encourage and Empower Kids) project initiated.

2001: Family Resource Center opens at Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove.

2004: JLOCC collaborates with numerous organizations to form Orange County Family Justice Center.

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