Women Around the World as Catalysts

The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) is an organization of 171,000 volunteer members from Junior Leagues throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom who enthusiastically work together to identify unmet needs, forge effective coalitions, and work for change in their respective communities. Their courage and commitment are the driving force behind initiatives and institutions that make our communities healthier more vital places to live. As a member of AJLI, the Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. strives to fulfill the role as women around the world as catalysts for lasting community change.
for Lasting Community Change

Our Mission
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. The Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. reaches out to women of all races, religions or national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

Our Vision
The members of the Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. share a vision of a community in which the health, safety, and education of all individuals are promoted and supported.
As non-profits working to promote better communities we often times forget about the community within—that of our members. 2009-2010 was a year of internal reflection for us at the Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. (JLOCC). It is in tough times that you should focus within and see how to strengthen your own organization to better serve not only the community but one another.

This year we focused on two important initiatives: Back to Basics and Building a League Career. We outlined ways to strengthen the organization by evaluating current policies and systems and looked at the way we function daily as an organization. We put new processes in place, looked at old ways with fresh perspective and built a stronger infrastructure. In doing so our members can be more confident in carrying out our mission and vision in the community and our community partners can count on our trained volunteers to get in and get the job done.

We focused on the value of membership and how each member can learn and grow and be exposed to areas of interest through the League. In turn, we used these new found skills to volunteer on our projects and teach others in the community. We saw a record number of new members join the JLOCC this year and we are proud that we can offer more womanpower to our partners.

This type of focused and confident organization allows us to carry on our legacy in the community, a legacy of Commitment, Continuity and Collaboration. It is because of our deep commitment to our community partners that we strive to be the best volunteers we can be, to serve for years together and to collaborate on the future.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our entire membership, we are honored to serve the Orange County community. We sincerely thank our Community Advisors, non-profit partners and loyal donors. Your generous support allows us to continue our important work.

Kathryn Grant
President 2009-2010
Board of Directors

Our dedicated Board of Director members bring a diverse array of communication, social service, legal, financial and business skills to the League. They balance professional and personal obligations, working in non-profits, private industry, government and at home, and believe strongly in the mission of the League and its positive power to improve the community through action and the leadership of trained volunteers.

**Our Board of Directors:**
- Kathryn Grant-President
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- Molly Jolly-Projects Director
- Denise Scott-President-Elect
- Karen Warren-Training Director
- Linda Ruben-Sustainer Director
- Andrea Poltorak-Board Assistant

Community Advisors

Each year the JLOCC seeks out members of the community to serve as advisors, lending their expertise in a variety of areas to the League. Community advisors serve as consultants to the League, helping councils and committees with issues they may face that touch on their areas of expertise. This year the JLOCC was fortunate to recruit the following distinguished professionals to serve as community advisors.

**Our Community Advisors:**
- Gene Howard-CEO of the Orangewood Academy
- June Jeong-Reifeiss-President of J & R Partners, Inc.
- Deborah Mayhew-public relations consultant and freelance writer
- Patricia McMaster-Director of Community Programs for the Orange County High School of the Arts
- Daniel McQuaid-CEO/Volunteer Center Orange County
- Elizabeth Toomey-Assistant Vice Chancellor of Community & Government Foundation
- Deborah Lowe Vandelli-Chair of Department of Education/UCI
- Jeffrey Wilcox-Certified Fundraising Executive
- David Taylor-Field Representative for Chuck DeVore
The Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. most directly serves the Orange County Community through its Projects. The JLOCC, in collaboration with other Orange County non-profits, develops, implements and participates in projects that improve the community. In 2009-2010, JLOCC was involved with the following community projects.

**Florence Crittenton**
by Becky Mandich

Welcome Baskets to be given to new girls of Florence Crittenton's Connect Program.

The Florence Crittenton center is a non-profit residential facility serving children and adolescents who have experienced extreme personal challenges. The JLOCC has worked with the organization for many years on different activities but teamed with Florence Crittenton on the Connect Program to help develop a deeper connection with the girls at the facility. The JLOCC volunteers work with teenage girls, many who are new mothers or pregnant themselves, to help establish a lasting rapport and connection.

On a monthly basis, the JLOCC volunteers organize and facilitate an evening activity with the girls, such as making jewelry, crafts, playing board games, and decorating holiday cookies. During these evening events, JLOCC members spend quality time with the girls and establish relationships, as well as serve as positive role models.

JLOCC volunteers also managed a donation drive collecting toiletry items for welcome baskets given to the new girls entering the facility and gave funding for remodeling some of the older bedrooms at the Florence Crittenton cottages.

**Orangewood Mentoring**
by Molly Jolly

Orangewood Children’s Foundation’s Mentoring Program partners with the JLOCC to provide educational workshops geared towards life skills and topics for foster youth involved with the Orangewood program. Mentors support and encourage the young adults through critical periods in their lives—while in high school, college or trade school, or as they transition out of the foster care system into a life on their own. Currently in its third year, the JLOCC’s project hosts workshops each year that explore such topics as choosing a career, interviewing, resume writing skills and personal finance. The program provides training for participants and hands-on volunteer opportunities to JLOCC members.
This year marked the first year of the Children's Hospital Orange County (CHOC) Reading Program project. CHOC's Outpatient Clinic population live mostly at or below the poverty level. Therefore, these children often start their reading education at a critical disadvantage due to lack of access to reading materials. Improving literacy skills is of critical importance, as reading ability is the number one success factor for school-aged children.

To combat these issues, the CHOC clinic has established a literacy program called Reach Out and Read. Open to children ages six months and older who come to CHOC for a well-child examination, this exciting program provides a brand-new book to every child visiting the clinic to encourage a love of reading and to help boost reading skills.

There are also volunteer storytellers, who read aloud to the children in the waiting area. For the project, League members were trained by CHOC in book sharing techniques and read to children in the waiting room on a weekly basis. Additionally, League members helped to expand CHOC's existing library of books with a book drive where over 500 gently used books were collected. Project funding was also used to purchase over 1,000 new books for the CHOC clinic.

In May 2010, JLOCC hosted a Dr. Suess themed Reading Day event at the clinic. Members distributed free copies of “Cat in the Hat,” hosted crafts and games, and brought the books of Dr. Seuss to life through storytelling and music. JLOCC was thrilled to support this new project opportunity, which allowed members to gain hands-on experience with children in need, share their love of reading, and increase JLOCC visibility in the community with our partners at CHOC.
CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates

by Marisa Schaeffer and Melissa Leasure

CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates of Orange County, Inc., founded in 1985 with major support from the JLOCC, is a non-profit organization of volunteers who are trained to be mentors and advocates for the children in the Orange County foster care system.

This year JLOCC has again partnered with CASA, this time to provide support and resources for youth as they prepare for emancipation. The CASA committee coordinated seven activities and workshops for the youth and their advocates. These events focused on "the basics," such as Life Skills Scavenger Hunt, Restaurant Etiquette Dinner, Healthy and Budget-Minded Cooking Class, and Fitness and Nutrition Session.

Career Exploration Day  On April 17, 2010, the CASA committee hosted its first Career Exploration Day held at JLOCC Headquarters. The day included two speakers, a career panel discussion, an interview skills presentation, resume and networking information, and an opportunity to participate in a mock interview.

Professionals from JLOCC and the community staffed career tables in the areas of healthcare, computer/information technology, civic duty and law, business and finance, education, social work, and construction. In addition, Taller San Jose, an innovative Santa Ana based program, provided information about its medical, office and construction job training programs. Some of the professions represented at Career Exploration Day were registered nurse, dental assistant, paralegal, court reporter, lawyer, computer technician, teacher, social worker, accounting and business.

1 to r: Laura Giles meets with a CASA youth to do a mock interview. CASA Frank La Soya speaks at Career Exploration Day. Irene Nakamura (court reporter), JLOCC Sustainer Anne Gritzer (lawyer) and Provisional Kristin Read (paralegal) answer questions at the Civic Duty & Law career table. Sarah Paton, CASA Emancipation Coordinator explains the field of Social Work. Molly Jolly, Jennifer Gonzales, Peggy Rodriguez, Michelle Dulog, and Maria Oppegard staff the Business and Finance career table at Career Exploration Day.
In partnership with Olive Crest and Family Resource Center, the JLOCC Kinship Project is a program that provides support for foster youth placed in the homes of relative caregivers. At present, a kinship service does not exist in Orange County, however, 60% of the children taken out of their homes are with relative caregivers such as aunts, uncles, grandparents, and older siblings. Relative caregivers often have special needs linked to age, poverty, poor health, social isolation, and inadequate access to information and services. This year the JLOCC’s Kinship project provided activities and resources such as the Back-to-School night where 82 backpacks were provided to the kinship youth and an Adopt a Family Christmas program for the kinship families.

The Impact OC Committee has a long-standing tradition of organizing and executing “done-in-a-day” projects that meet an immediate need in the Orange County community. This year’s committee continued this tradition with numerous events and other opportunities for League members to serve some of Orange County’s neediest in the spirit of the JLOCC mission.

Impact OC kicked the year off by working with the non-profit Share Our Selves (S.O.S.) stuffing backpacks full of school supplies for underprivileged children. The committee also hosted a Halloween party for 25 children and their families at Collette’s Children’s Home, with festive decorations, goodies, and plenty of costumes for the kids, donated by the JLOCC members. Impact OC partnered with Human Options, a local non-profit that focuses on abused women and children, on several projects. The first project delivered more than 100 toys to kids who otherwise would go without for the Holidays. Impact OC also adopted a single mother family of six—providing a “wish list” of toys, clothes, and groceries to brighten their Christmas Holiday!

A pajama drive for the “Pajama Project” was organized with members donating new pajamas to homeless children throughout Orange County. Impact OC members spent a day helping the Second Harvest Food Bank, which helps feed thousands of hungry people yearly here in Orange County. Impact OC also organized an egg hunt for more than 200 children at the RAISE Foundation’s Annual National Child Abuse Awareness Month Fair—the children in attendance collected 1,000 eggs!

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Impact OC members were also on hand to help soon-to-be emancipated foster teens learn valuable life skills—including how to give a proper handshake, voicemail etiquette and social networking skills at the annual “Independent City” event in April, organized by the Orangewood Foundation. And lastly, the Impact OC Committee closed out the year by hosting a cast reception for the Wooden Floor, a dance academy for underprivileged youth.

Thanks to all Impact OC Committee members and all the JLOCC members who volunteered their time and money to help make a difference for families in Orange County!

Bear Hugs
by Monica Johnson

The JLOCC Sustainer membership continue to make a difference in the community through its signature project, Bear Hugs. Designed and implemented by the JLOCC Sustainers, the project focuses on providing support to the approximately 300 teens annually who are emancipated from Orange County Social Services upon reaching 18 years of age. While younger children often receive the attention of philanthropies, older teenagers are sometimes neglected, especially those who have been removed from their homes and placed in protective custody in county facilities or foster homes.

The Bear Hugs project reaches out to those teenagers. Many of the teens who emancipate from the county each year lack the support system normally present for teens at a time when they are finishing high school and planning their futures. Bear Hugs provides these emancipated teens a collection of items to ease the transition to independent living.

Bear Hugs provides a duffel bag of bare necessities to as many of the emancipating teens as possible each year. Each Bear Hugs duffel bag is stuffed with essential items such as toiletries, towels, a blanket, umbrellas, flashlights, first aid and sewing kits, an inspirational book, stationery supplies, phone card, alarm clock and small stuffed animal. Sleeping bags are also available for teens with no permanent address that may end up “couch surfing” or are in danger of homelessness. The duffels are distributed through the Independent Living Program of Orangewood Children’s Foundation.

The JLOCC Bear Hugs project has been such a success that it is currently being studied and replicated by other Junior League Sustainer groups in chapters throughout the United States.

The Bear Hugs project is made possible through the generous financial support of the JLOCC, community donations and proceeds from Bear Hugs bracelets. Financial, material and volunteer support are always needed and welcomed, to continue to provide Orange County’s emancipated teens the vital support they need.
The Junior League of Orange County California, Inc.'s Grants & Scholarships committee oversees the distribution of $20,000 to the community. This year, the JLOCC awarded a total of $10,000 in scholarship awards. Over 170 applications were received and 4 deserving Orange County students were awarded. We also awarded a total of $10,000 in grants to Community and School Collaboration's FAST Program, netz 4 Life, and Project Access. JLOCC is proud to support these great organizations who share our vision of an Orange County community in which the health, safety, and education of all individuals are promoted and supported.

**Families and Schools Together**

Families and Schools Together ("FAST") is a multi-level approach recognized as one of the leading programs in the nation addressing factors that put children at risk. FAST creates a family support for children who are exhibiting emotional and behavioral problems in school and bridges the gap between parents and the school.

FAST is designed to build protective factors for children and empower parents, hence helping avoid problems such as adolescent delinquency, violence, and addiction. FAST's long-term goal is to provide its program to all ten Title 1 elementary schools in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District and to establish and replicate the FAST model at other similar communities.

**netz 4 Life**

As the top grant recipient this year, JLOCC was inspired and uplifted by Ray Roman and his Santa Ana-based non-profit "netz 4 Life." Ray uses innovative educational leadership—building programs and the common language of basketball to engage and inspire at risk youth to restore

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their communities—one neighborhood at a time.
netz 4 Life aims to provide youth with a sense of hope that they are important and can change the world for a better tomorrow. Whether working in community parks, neighborhoods or on school grounds, netz 4 Life will “Reach Out & Embrace Tomorrow’s Leaders” throughout Orange County. With the aim to restore energy, vitality and pride to communities, and create roles for tomorrow’s leaders, JLOCC is proud to be a part of netz 4 Life and their efforts in the community.

Project Access

Founded in 1999, Project Access is the leading onsite provider of critical health, education and employment services to empower families, children and seniors living in low-income housing communities. Their goal is to help keep family members employed, children in school, and seniors active. Project Access works with affordable housing developers/owners in a partial fee-for-service relationship to bring free services to residents and in some cases those living within the overall community.

The grant from the JLOCC will be utilized toward the cost of supplies, field trips and incentives for the After School Tutoring and Enrichment Programs held at Orange County Family Resource Centers.
Representing the JLOCC  The Junior League of Orange County California, Inc. is actively involved at the local and state level in non-partisan, educational and advocacy efforts that support its focus areas, projects and programs.

The JLOCC has two delegates that serve on the Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC), which meets several times throughout the year to discuss current and proposed legislation. SPAC includes delegates from 16 Junior Leagues throughout the state, representing more than 11,000 women, and has been actively involved in legislative advocacy since 1971.

Supporting Legislation  This year SPAC was instrumental in helping pass legislation focused on Perinatal Depression Awareness. This was legislation originated through SPAC's annual “There Ought to be a Law” contest. After 18 months of advocacy work with Assembly members and Senators, ACR 105 was successfully signed into law designating each May as “Perinatal Depression Awareness Month” in California.

SPAC successfully advocated to bring greater attention to Perinatal Depression through supporting Assembly Concurrent Resolution 105. Perinatal Depression occurs during pregnancy and the postpartum period, and can take many forms, including depression, anxiety, and psychosis. National studies estimate 1 in 5 women suffer from these disorders—80% of whom go undiagnosed and untreated. ACR 105 was passed with unanimous bipartisan support in both the Assembly and Senate.

SPAC is committed to sponsoring or supporting pieces of legislation that have a direct impact on our 90 community partners throughout the State. Hundreds of bills are reviewed and monitored every year that are vital to its four focus areas of education, family support, health, and violence prevention. After evaluating the bills, SPAC votes to support, oppose, or take no position. If supported, delegates take an active role in notifying legislators of our support. The support bills are then brought back to the JLOCC for approval. During the last session, SPAC supported 28 bills of which 10 were signed into law.
JLOCC: Looking back over a full year of a shared vision of making a difference

June 2009
3 Annual Meeting

July
15-17 Training: Cal State Fullerton Summer School for Non-Profits

August
2 Impact OC: Share Our Selves (S.O.S) Backpack Event
11 Florence Crittenton: Pictionary at Willow Cottage
18 Florence Crittenton: Pictionary at Pine Cottage
15 Provisionals/Outreach & Recruitment: New Member reception
27 CASA: Restaurant Etiquette Dinner

September
8 Florence CrittenTont: Pictionary at Willow Cottage
9 Training: Back to Basics: Social Networking/Blogging
15 Florence Crittenton: Pictionary at Pine Cottage
19 Provisionals: Fall Bus Tour
23 General Membership Meeting at Sherman Library and Gardens
23 Transfers/League Life: post GMM gathering
25-27 Southwest Exchange Conference—Las Vegas, NV
28 Training: Back to Basics: Show Me The Money!

October
13 Florence Crittenton: Pumpkin decoration at Willow Cottage
14 General Membership Meeting at the Duck Club
14 Transfers/League Life: pre-GMM gathering
17 CASA: Life Skills Scavenger Hunt
20 Florence Crittenton: Pumpkin decoration at Pine Cottage
20 Training: Back to Basics: Q&A with the Board
22-25 AJLI Fall Leadership Conference
24 Transfers/League Life: Beach Bonfire
25 Impact OC: Halloween Party
26-27 Outreach & Recruitment: The Women’s Conference at the Long Beach Convention Center
27 Training: The Women’s Conference

November
5 Training: Back to Basics—Even Rich People Cut Coupons!
6-8 AJLI Organizational Development Institute—Las Vegas, NV
10 Florence Crittenton: Turkey bowling at Willow Cottage
12 TCC: Opening Night Gala & Cookbook Launch Party
13-15 TCC: General Admission
13 TCC: Preferred Shopping Breakfast
13 TCC: So Stressed Luncheon & Talk with the Authors
13 TCC: Maximizing the Potential of Women with Olympian Janet Evans
14 TCC: Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus
15 TCC: Fancy Nancy Tea Party
17 Florence Crittenton: Turkey bowling at Pine Cottage
21 Transfers/League Life: Theater Night at Segerstrom Hall

December
Impact OC: Human Options Toy Drive
Impact OC: Adopt-A-Family for the Holiday
2 Training: Planning Your Estate
3 CASA: Young Chef’s Academy Cooking Class
8 Florence Crittenton: Holiday cookie decoration at Willow and Pine Cottages
7 General Membership Meeting—Neighborhood Meetings
10 Transfers/League Life: Cookie Exchange
22 Transfers/League Life: Happy Hour
in the community!

January 2010
Leadership Institute at Headquarters
12 Florence Crittenton: Picture frame decoration at Willow Cottage
14 Transfers/League Life: Happy Hour
13 Training: Staying Healthy in your 20s, 30s and 40s
15 Transfers/League Life: Karaoke Night
19 Florence Crittenton: Picture frame decoration at Pine Cottage
23 Provisionals/Outreach & Recruitment: New Member Reception
28-30 AJLI Winter Leadership Conference—Savannah, GA

February
Impact OC: Pajama Project
6 Provisionals and Outreach & Recruitment: Spring Bus Tour
9 Florence Crittenton: Friendship bracelets at Willow Cottage
10 Transfers/League Life: post—GMM gathering
10 General Membership Meeting at Sherman Library and Gardens
16 Florence Crittenton: Friendship bracelets at Pine Cottage
20 CASA: Young Chef’s Academy Cooking Class
20 Transfers/League Life: Bowling Night Fundraiser at Irvine Lanes

March
1 Training: Making the Junior League Work for You
6 Impact OC: Second Harvest Food Bank
6 Transfers/League Life: Shamrock Soiree
9 Florence Crittenton: Shamrock goal posters at Willow Cottage
15, 16 & 17 General Membership Meeting—Neighborhood Meetings
16 Florence Crittenton: Shamrock goal posters at Pine Cottage
19 Transfers/League Life: Dinner and a Movie Night in Tustin
27 Impact OC: Treasure Egg Hunt
27 CASA: Live Well: A Fitness and Nutrition Session
30 Training: Love, Marriage & the Baby Carriage

April
11 Transfers/League Life: Hiking at El Moro
13 Florence Crittenton: Decorate flip flops at Willow Cottage
14 Training: Grant Writing
15-17 AJLI Annual Conference—Orlando, FL
17 CASA: Career Exploration Day
20 Florence Crittenton: Decorate flip flops at Pine Cottage
23 Transfers/League Life: Wine Tasting in Corona del Mar
23 Impact OC: Independent City
28 General Membership Meeting—Voting Meeting and Placement Fair

May
2 Outreach & Recruitment: Orange County Marathon
4 Training: 1-2-3s of Developing Websites
11 Florence Crittenton: Floral arrangements and flower pots at Willow Cottage
15 CASA: Life Skills Scavenger Hunt
15 Transfers/League Life: Manicure/Pedicure spa day in Newport Beach
18 Florence Crittenton: Floral arrangements and flower pots at Pine Cottage
19 CHOC Reading Program: Dr. Seuss Reading Day Event
21 Provisionals: Kids in the Kitchen Event at Hazard Elementary School

June 2010
2 Annual Meeting at Andreis Conscious Cuisine
Our potential is unlimited through the power of association focused on the vision of an OC community in which the health, safety and education of all individuals are supported. At the same time, as a training organization our members expand themselves, whether in the area of leadership development or personal growth.

Nominating and Placement
by Joanna James and Rayna Herman

**Nominating: Leadership within the League**
Nominating is the process where JLOCC’s leaders are selected. The process starts each Fall with the JLOCC Board reviewing the organizational/leadership chart. This year the Board implemented some powerful new changes that included streamlining committee womanpower, reorganizing some leadership positions and adding new ones where deemed necessary. Once the new chart was approved, the Nominating Committee, during the first week in November, got to work by developing a leadership survey and gathered data through in-person interviews in early January (something our League continues to do and that makes us unique). Our fact-finding concluded with a day-long retreat where we slated the incoming Board and the leaders for each committee.

We faced many challenges in 2009-2010, but our committee was able to deliver what we believe is a strong foundation of leaders for the incoming League year. We look forward to seeing the fruits of our labor in the 2010-2011 year.

**Placement: Members Developing Their Potential While Improving The Community**
Every JLOCC member is placed on a committee and is expected to contribute to the committee’s goals for the year. While each committee is tasked with a different aspect of the League’s mission, whether it is fundraising or a community service project, all committees contribute in some way to the overall mission of the League. Each year members receive new “placements” so that they have the opportunity to learn more about the League, build new skills, and meet other members, all while contributing to the improvement of our community.

The Membership Support Committee is tasked with matching the interests of approximately 230 Active members to the 29 JLOCC committees. At the annual Placement Fair and through the placement guide, members learn about the details of the possible placements, including the goals, time commitments and helpful skill to have or to develop.
Provisional Members

The Junior League of Orange County California, Inc. accepts new members—known as Provisionals—in the Fall and Spring. During their semester of training, the Provisionals work with their Provisional Advisor who helps them gain a working knowledge of the League, prepares them for their first active year, and facilitates connections and friendships.

Kids in the Kitchen

This year the JLOCC’s Provisional members adopted the Association of Junior Leagues International’s (AJLI) Kids in the Kitchen, an initiative designed to help communities address the urgent issues surrounding childhood obesity and poor nutrition. Kids in the Kitchen was first launched in 2006 by Junior Leagues in over 225 communities. The goal of the program is to educate and empower children to make good choices leading to healthy lives.

On May 21, 2010, the Provisionals held a Kids in the Kitchen event at Hazard Elementary School in Santa Ana. The event featured booths offering fun activities to teach good eating habits, exercise options, and the importance of establishing healthy habits at an early age. Hands-on learning activities included planting seedlings, using the hula hoop, “boot camp” basics, and a “healthy food game show.”

Kandace McMenomy, a Newport Beach Clinical Exercise Specialist and Health Coach certified through the National Academy of Sports Medicine, offered a presentation on the importance of eating well, especially at breakfast. The event includes examples of healthy meals and snacks to be consumed throughout the day.

More information about Kids in the Kitchen can be found at their website kidsinthekitchen.ajli.org. Information about fitness and nutrition tips from Kids in the Kitchen program partners the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), American Dietetic Association (ADA), Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA) and many more. The website also includes a virtual recipe collection from celebrity chefs, local restaurateurs, celebrity moms and nutrition experts, designed to teach young children healthy eating habits at an early age.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in joining our Fall or Spring class for the 2010-2011 League year, please see our website, jlocc.org and click on the link on how to receive information. We hold a New Member Reception in August and in January. Join us!
Who Are The Sustainers And What Have They Been Up To? The Sustainers are the 300 former Active Members who continue to support the JLOCC by volunteering at The Christmas Company, fundraising, serving in advisory roles to League committees, accepting active placements upon request, leading the Bear Hugs community project and paying dues. Sustainers also carry their volunteer skills out into the community to the many organizations in need of support.

This year was a fabulous year filled with outstanding events and meaningful contributions to our community. After enjoying a summer social and Duffy boat cruise in Newport Harbor, we kicked off the year with a gathering at the beautiful home of Sally Lawrence where we enjoyed delicious appetizers, wine and catching up with each other! We were delighted to welcome members of the Provisional Class to this event and enjoyed learning about their activities and projects.

The year continued with the Sustainers providing Package Check at The Christmas Company. At the December event, the Sustainers created beautiful holiday cookies at a cooking class held at Sur La Table in Newport Beach. We supported the Orangewood Children’s Foundation by providing new clothing and accessories that were given away as gifts at their annual holiday party. We were thrilled to join the Provisionals in February for a tour of Orangewood. An inspirational day of learning and sharing was certainly had by all who attended this event. We continue to support the Resource Center by stocking their pantries with food and personal hygiene products.

The annual English garden basket event at Sherman Gardens was a sold out event! All who attended made beautiful baskets that brightened the porches and homes of many Sustainers. The Spring social at Stacey Kinney’s gorgeous home was another wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends. The patio at Sage Eastbluff was the place to be in May!

This year’s Annual Sustainer Gathering was a smashing success with a record turnout where everyone enjoyed seeing friends and sampling delicious food. Also in May the Sustainer Committee prepared 50 duffels for the signature Sustainer project, Bear Hugs! The Sustainers are truly grateful and honored to help support the emancipated youth in our community.

I would like to thank the 2009-2010 Sustainer Committee. None of this year’s events and projects would have been possible without their leadership, dedication and tireless efforts.
Looking Ahead

It is a true honor to have been presented with the incredible opportunity to serve our Membership, Community Partners, and Supporters as President of the Junior League of Orange County for 2010-2011. During the past year as President-Elect, I participated in outstanding trainings and conferences offered by the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), which helped prepare me to serve our League. I am so excited to bring the ideas, information, and knowledge gained through this leadership training and connections with our sister Leagues as we continue to advance our League's legacy of impact in Orange County.

Under Kathryn's leadership during 2009-2010, JLOCC focused on a Back to Basics initiative. We evaluated our processes, templates, and organizational structure to strengthen our foundation. Now poised and ready for the extraordinary opportunities that the future holds it is with great enthusiasm that I look forward to JLOCC Breaking New Ground in the year ahead!

2010-2011 will be a year of continued innovation for the Junior League, both locally in Orange County and globally through AJLI. Association wide, Leagues are embarking on the implementation of a Strategic Roadmap to position us for success in a continuously evolving society, sustaining our organization for the next 100 years of the Junior League movement. This is such an exciting time to be connected as a Junior League Member, Community Partner, or Supporter!

I am so proud to be a Member of an organization with an incredibly rich history of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community. The legacy of Junior League Members and Leaders whose service and vision have shaped our community is visible throughout diverse organizations and various industries across Orange County. I thank each Member for your dedication and contribution to the success of our League. To our Community Partners and Supporters, we are so grateful for your continued collaboration and support in helping us fulfill our Mission.

I look forward to excitement, opportunity, and fun Breaking New Ground together in the year ahead! Cheers!

Denise Scott
President-Elect 2009-2010
Since its inception in 1976, The Christmas Company has served as the JLOCC's largest fundraiser. Traditionally held each October, The Christmas Company's main event is a shopping boutique where shoppers find unique gifts from over 90 vendors from around the country. In addition, many special events are held throughout the four-day show. Funds raised during The Christmas Company and the JLOCC's other fundraising efforts are used to support our Projects and furthers our mission. The fundraising efforts of the JLOCC have resulted in the contribution of over $7 million to the Orange County community since the organization's inception in 1956.
The Christmas Company 2009 Special Events:
- Opening Night Gala & Cookbook Launch Party “A Taste of the Season”
- Preferred Shopping Breakfast, So Stressed: The Effects of Stress on Women’s Health & What You Need to Know to Restore Your Energy, Joy and Balance Featuing Dr. Beth Hamilton & Dr. Stephanie McClellan on their book “So Stressed”
- Potential of Women: An Evening of Inspiration, Motivation, and Communication Featuring keynote speaker Janet Evans, Olympic Gold Medal Winner
- Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Fancy Nancy Tea Party—A Splendiferous Occasion! Featuring Fancy Nancy Author Jane O’Connor & Fancy Nancy Illustrator Robin Preiss Glasser

Twas o’er a month ’til Christmas was officially here
Excitement was mounting for that special time of year
Our 34th annual The Christmas Company was about to start,
One of the largest fundraisers in these here parts
The Steering Committee had been working hard all year
In hopes that the shoppers soon would be here
The time had come to bring A Vintage Holiday to life
And afterwards some of us could go back to being a good wife
The Gala was enchanting, festive, and sublime
With exquisite food, drink, and entertainment — a joyous time
We got dolled up and wore our pretty dress
The evening was certainly a brilliant success
With fantastic Special Events, people raved
Preferred, Fancy Nancy, Santa, Janet Evans, and the Dr’s were what everyone craved
Most were sold out, what a glorious thing
Thanks for spreading the news and all that it brings
The shopping was lovely with items galore
So much to see and so much to adore
Exhibitors were thrilled with the holiday atmosphere
Hope you got something special for you to hold dear
With memories to cherish we sit and assess
So many lives will be touched by our success
The service and charity it brings, you can’t disagree
What a huge impact in the community brought by TCC

Thanks everyone for all your hard work and support of
The Christmas Company 2009, you all helped make it very special.
I’m proud and honored to have been part of it!
—Janine Wald
TCC Chair
Orange County Fare
by Courtney Blackwell

After almost two years and many, many hours from the Cookbook committee, in October 2009, the Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. launched its first cookbook in over 20 years: Orange County Fare: A Culinary Journey Through the California Riviera. The result from this labor-of-love project is a gorgeous coffee table book. And, because each recipe underwent rigorous testing and evaluation, every recipe is easy to follow and delicious.

We’re not the only ones who think our book is superb! Orange County Fare has won the Silver Prize from the Mom’s Choice Awards. It was also a finalist in the Cookbook Category of the National Best Books 2009 Awards sponsored by USA Book News.

Orange County Fare has received much acclaim in the press, which translates to superb marketing for the JLOCC in whole. Articles about the cookbook have been published in 944 Magazine, the OC Register, Orange Coast Magazine, San Juan Capistrano News, the Laguna Beach Independent, The Newport News, numerous online blogs, and more.

And with each new printing of this cookbook, the JLOCC will raise more and more funds for our excellent programs and the community.
JLOCC Annual Fund Donors

Trailblazer ($500+)
- Kathryn Grant
- Janet Hamilton
- Erin Stone
- Jayrine Warner

Leader ($300-$499)
- Megan Matt
- Adriana Osorio
- Ann Caspers
- Janet Colclaser
- Carla Dillon

Partner ($101-$299)
- Jami Baker
- Mara Hampton
- Royna Herman
- Joanna James
- Monica Johnson
- Kathryn Grant
- Cookie Lee
- Jennifer Martin
- Melinda McCrea
- Heather McKenzie-Densmore
- Jennifer Baker
- Angela Rowe
- Kristin Scheithauer
- Denise Scott

Advocate ($51-$100)
- Jami Baker
- Craig Hampton
- Cookie Lee
- Kristin Scheithauer

Supporter ($26-$50)
- Jami Baker
- Cookie Lee

Friend (up to $25)
- Corinne Adams
- Carin Adler
- Katie Coates Ageros
- Victoria Ackerman

Note: The list is not exhaustive and includes various names and amounts corresponding to different donor levels and categories.
We would like to acknowledge and extend a heartfelt thank you to each of our supporters. Without you, we would not be...
able to continue our work in improving the Orange County community.
## JLOCC Statement of Financial Position

### May 31, 2009 (with summarized totals for 2008)

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### JLOCC Statement of Activities

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<td><strong>353,913</strong></td>
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If you want to see a copy of the full audit of the fiscal year ending May 31, 2009, please contact the JLOCC Treasurer at jlocc@sbcglobal.net. You may also review a copy at JLOCC Headquarters during normal business hours.
Our Strategic Objectives

One: Establish strategic alliances with community organizations and agencies that impact the diverse communities within Orange County, using those connections to improve the community through the effective action and leadership of our trained volunteers.

Two: Enhance membership engagement, commitment, and passion for the JLOCC to sustain and diversify our dedicated group of trained volunteer leaders.

Three: Create long-term financial stability through a diversified fund development plan.

Four: Develop and communicate JLOCC’s brand, what differentiates us, and what we can accomplish.

Five: Strengthen the JLOCC’s organizational effectiveness and accountability.