



**PROMOTING**  
*voluntarism*

**DEVELOPING**  
*potential*

**IMPROVING**  
*our community*

  
**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, INC.**  
*Women building better communities®*

**THE COMPASS**  
*Report to the Community*

**2011-2012**

CELEBRATING

57

YEARS OF  
SERVICE IN  
ORANGE COUNTY.

## OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. (JLOCC) 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, and 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.

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*The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (ALJI) is an organization of more than 155,000 women in 293 Leagues in four countries who make a difference in their communities every day. Their courage and commitment are the driving forces behind initiatives and institutions that make our communities healthier, more vital places to live. As a member of ALJI, the JLOCC strives to develop the lifelong community and civic leadership of women to serve as catalysts for lasting community change.*

## >> MESSAGE *from the President*



*Kristin Scheithauer*

PRESIDENT  
2011-2012

How is it possible that yet another very productive year in the JLOCC has flown by? Perhaps it seems to have progressed so quickly due to the tremendous energy and dedication of each of our members! 2011-2012 has been quite an inspiring year filled with many new beginnings and opportunities for our organization.

According to our Mission, as our members know so well, the **JLOCC 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.** Here are some of the ways that we have brought our Mission to life during the last 12 months:

### **PROMOTING VOLUNTARISM.**

One of the key accomplishments this year, which has truly affected every aspect of the JLOCC with the collaboration of each of our Councils, is the rollout of a brand-new, quarterly Provisional (or new member) program. Previously, there was just one time each year when women had the opportunity to join the JLOCC. Recognizing that women today face greater time constraints and take on more responsibilities with family and career than ever before, our new program offers four opportunities to complete the new member educational program at an individualized pace that ranges from 4 to 18 months.

The ways in which we promote voluntarism are also evident in our exciting fund development efforts. Highlights include the 36th annual The Christmas Company<sup>®</sup>, our \$10,000 Opportunity Drawing, the sale of our Orange County Fare Cookbook, and our role as a charity partner in the OC Marathon. Monies raised from these and other efforts allow us to positively impact the community through our vast array of projects.

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### **DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL OF WOMEN.**

In keeping with the efforts to make it easier for women to have the time to serve the community through membership in the JLOCC, we have also introduced an all-new points-based, tiered membership requirements program. It provides members with a menu of all of the ways in which they can design their own JLOCC experience, such as attending trainings of their choice and selecting fund development options in which to participate, so women can map out how they will meet their point totals based on their years of service within our organization. It's flexibility at its finest, and being able to select the timing and subject areas that bring our members the volunteer experience that is most meaningful to them is invaluable.

We best accomplish our effort to develop the potential of women through the wonderful training that we provide to our members. For example, from learning how to manage Committee and Council budgets to event planning, the exposure to new situations (and potentially new careers!) that the members of the JLOCC receive is second to none.

From a programming perspective, this year our up-and-coming leaders were able to participate in a truly unique Leadership Institute to foster their development, and we've also provided our members with exceptional trainings on diversity, nutrition and estate planning, to name just a few.

Further, the JLOCC hosted two noteworthy training conferences for the members of our sister Junior Leagues. In October, 13 Junior Leagues from as far away as New Mexico attended our Southwest Exchange conference, which our Sustaining Members so elegantly coordinated. In March, the delegates from the 16-League California State Public Affairs Committee converged in Orange County for an intense weekend of analyzing forthcoming legislation.

### **IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE ACTION AND LEADERSHIP OF TRAINED VOLUNTEERS.**

Through ongoing community project partnerships with organizations including Second Harvest Food Bank, Children's Hospital of Orange County, The Raise Foundation, Crittenton Services for Children and Families, Olive Crest and the Family Resource Center, and the Orangewood Children's Foundation, our membership positively touches the lives of countless individuals throughout the community.

Consistent with the momentum that began last year to establish issue-based community impact efforts, our Project Development and Scholarships Committee and Community Council researched and developed project proposals that reach into the areas of deepest community need. To highlight one new area of focus for the JLOCC, we are proud to launch our organization's effort to educate the public on the dangers of human trafficking. And, remaining true to our longtime attention given to the needs of local foster youth, the JLOCC has committed additional funds and womanpower to The Academy, a much-needed residential high school for local foster and at-risk youth that will soon be opened by the Orangewood Children's Foundation.

The tremendous impact, outstanding accomplishments, and extraordinary service demonstrated by our Provisional, Active, and Sustaining Members are truly awe-inspiring! I thank every member for her contribution to a successful year. I also extend heartfelt gratitude to our Community Advisors, nonprofit partners, and loyal contributors for their continued support of the JLOCC. On behalf of the 2011-2012 Board of Directors and our Membership, we proudly present The Compass!



# DIRECTORS *and Advisors*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our dedicated members serving on the Board of Directors bring a diverse array of communication, social service, legal, financial, and business skills to the JLOCC. They balance professional and personal obligations, working in nonprofits, private industry, government, and at home, and believe strongly in the Mission of the JLOCC and its positive power to improve the community through the action and the leadership of trained volunteers.



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BOARD  
*of Directors*

2011-2012

## COMMUNITY ADVISORS

Each year, the JLOCC seeks out members of the community to serve as advisors, lending their expertise in a variety of areas. Community Advisors serve as consultants to the JLOCC, 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.

Russell Brammer

Gene Howard

Zov Karamardian

Deborah Mayhew

Patricia McMaster

Daniel McQuaid

Jason Pyle

Elizabeth Toomey

Jeffrey Wilcox

Cal Winslow

# IMPROVING

*the Community*

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SCHOLARSHIPS & PROJECTS

ADVOCACY

# >> COMMUNITY *Council*

## JAYNINE WARNER, COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

This year, the Community and Project Councils were combined so that all aspects of community outreach, including JLOCC projects, Impact OC, Project Development and Scholarships, and the Community Advisors were rolled into one Council – the Community Council! Through this collaboration, the Community Council had an effective and inspiring year. Our 2011-2012 JLOCC Projects made a big impact in the community: We hosted events for relative caregivers and foster children with Olive Crest through the Kinship Support Services Program; fed the community through Adopt-a-Pantry events with Second Harvest Food Bank; gave emancipating foster youth a duffel bag filled with essentials through Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities; researched food systems and developed an educational manual through the Community Garden project; worked to strengthen families and prevent child abuse through Resources in Motion and The Raise Foundation; encouraged reading and promoted literacy through Children’s Hospital of Orange County; mentored at-risk girls at Crittenton Services for Children and Families; and met the immediate needs of our community through numerous “done-in-a-day” Impact OC events.

Not only did the Community Council host over forty events, which offered many participation opportunities for our members, but we also played a pivotal role in shaping of the future of the JLOCC through the five ballot measures that our Council recommended. Many thanks to the JLOCC membership, who overwhelmingly voted to affirm these ballot measures, including:

- A multi-year contribution in support of The Orangewood Academy, under development by the Orangewood Children’s Foundation
- Support of a human trafficking awareness campaign
- A partnership with the Blind Children’s Learning Center
- A partnership with the Down Syndrome Foundation of Orange County
- Continued support of Crittenton Services for Children and Families

Through each of these commitments, the JLOCC will have the ability to make a tremendous difference in the lives of at-risk youth in Orange County for years to come. I’d like to extend a special thanks to our Community Advisors, Sustaining Member mentors, and Community Council leaders. I am humbled by the work we have done this year, and I am excited about what lies ahead.



*Community  
Council*  
2011-2012

# >> BEAR HUGS *and Bear Necessities*

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## CHRISTINE GOLDHAMMER, BEAR HUGS AND BEAR NECESSITIES CHAIR

The JLOCC Sustaining Members continue to impact the community with their project – “Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities.” The focus of the Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities project is to support the approximately 300 teens who are emancipated annually 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. Many of the teens who emancipate from the county lack the support system that is normally present for teens when they are finishing high school and planning their futures. Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities provides these emancipated teens with necessary items and assistance to ease the transition to independent living.

Since the project’s inception over ten years ago, Sustaining Members have assembled and distributed duffel bags of “bare necessities” to as many of the emancipating teens as possible each year. Each Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities duffel bag is stuffed with essential items such as toiletries, towels, a blanket, umbrellas, flashlights, first aid and sewing kits, stationery supplies, alarm clock, and a small stuffed animal. Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities continues to distribute these duffels through the Independent Living Program of Orangewood Children’s Foundation.

In 2010, Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities was expanded, resulting in year-round assistance to Orange County’s emancipated youth. Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities supplies food and hygiene items to the Orangewood Resource Center. The Center provides youth in the Independent Living Program and the Rising Tide Communities with educational, career, and housing counseling support, as well as meals, laundry facilities, computers, and a place for the youth to relax. In addition, they keep pantries filled with food, hygiene supplies, baby products, clothing, and other items.

Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities also provides support for the Independent Living Program’s Independent City event. This one day event is set up as a mock city and offers youth from the Orangewood Independent Living Program an opportunity to experience real life situations including opening a checking account, finding an apartment, arranging for day care for make-believe children, and shopping for groceries within a budget. Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities provides and serves lunch for the 225 youth and volunteers attending the event. In addition, JLOCC Sustaining Members volunteer to help with the activities offered to the emancipated youth at the event.

The JLOCC Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities project has been such a success that it is currently being studied and replicated by other Junior League Sustaining Member groups throughout the United States. The Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities project is made possible through the generous financial support of the JLOCC and community donations. Financial, material, and volunteer support are always needed and appreciated so that we may continue to provide Orange County’s emancipated teens with the vital support they need.

# >> CHOC *Reading Program*

OUR FUNDRAISING  
EFFORTS HAVE  
CONTRIBUTED NEARLY

\$7M

TO THE ORANGE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY.



## ERICA ALLINGTON, CHOC CHAIR

In its third and final year as a JLOCC project, the Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) Reading Program has significantly expanded the CHOC Reading Club in an effort to support literacy. Open to all children who are receiving their “well visit” check-ups, this program provides each patient with a new book to encourage a love of reading and boost reading skills. Doctors use the books that are provided as teaching tools for the child during the exam and to speak with parents regarding the importance of reading daily with their child.

JLOCC members work hands-on in the CHOC waiting areas to build a passion for reading by organizing “Reading Day” parties with activities and fun that are related to book themes. JLOCC members support CHOC’s staff in sustaining their program by helping to build the Reading Program’s library with book drives in the Orange County area. JLOCC members raise the excitement for reading in the clinic and involve the children in such fun that reading becomes second nature.

### *JLOCC Sponsored Events*

- Back to School Reading Day
- Halloween Reading Day
- Fancy Nancy Reading Day
- “CHOC Loves Reading” Reading Day
- Book Drive



# COMMUNITY

## *Garden*

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### ANNE MARIE BOHRK, COMMUNITY GARDEN CHAIR

For the Community Garden Committee, the 2011-2012 Junior League year was dedicated to research. Early on in the League year, we discovered that we needed to gain a thorough understanding of the food systems in Orange County, such as understanding what types of food (i.e., fresh fruits and vegetables, food banks, and canned foods) are available to residents with unstable food sources; understand the who, what, and where of other nonprofits in Orange County that are presently working to alleviate hunger in our community; the eating habits of low-income families; issues that affect hunger vs. obesity; and land usage, land availability, zoning laws, local government jurisdiction, and much more.

We found that, in order to attain longevity and sustainability of the JLOCC Community Garden and to create educational components and lasting community partnerships, the process of establishing a project such as this takes a tremendous amount of time and effort. The actual planting process will be the “fruits of our labor” (no pun intended!).

We believed that a networked group of growing spaces would provide an opportunity for many partners to work together and emerge from existing silos while presenting the most cost-effective option for implementation and garden management. Further, the maintenance of several different growing sites would be most efficient for harvesting and distributing food in the community and result in the greatest positive impact.

Through our research and relationship building with the community and organizations that are involved in Orange County food systems, our Committee discovered that the issues that need to be addressed and the large-scale scope of the project would require several years of a grassroots approach and dedicated community partners.

It was our decision to continue to educate and build a growing awareness within the JLOCC by teaching members about a potential community garden for the future. We anticipate the opportunity to begin on a smaller scale and watch our efforts grow in the years to come.

We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about food. Our Committee members have even changed our eating habits and the ways in which we view food, and we all started our own gardens. We have been able to help our Provisionals with our annual Kids in the Kitchen event in 2011-2012, which is the fifth year in which the JLOCC has partnered with fifth-grade students at Hazard Elementary School in Garden Grove to encourage healthy eating and physical activity. It has been our pleasure and privilege to work closely with Gillian Poe, Executive Director of the Orange County Food Access Coalition; Jenna Flowers, Chair of the Healthy Lifestyles Committee and Board Member for the YMCA of Central Coast; and Jennifer Dewitt, Vice President of groOrganic.

# >> CRITTENTON SERVICES

*for Children and Families*

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## JENNIFER GLAVA, CRITTENTON CHAIR

By working with Crittenton Services for Children and Families, members of the JLOCC have an opportunity to connect with and make a positive impact on young women who are in transition. One of the programs offered at Crittenton Services for Children and Families is a residential treatment facility that provides a safe environment for girls between the ages of 13 to 17 who have been removed from their homes. The young women at Crittenton may have experienced abuse and neglect, or they may have entered the juvenile justice system as youth offenders. Some of these girls are pregnant or parenting, and oftentimes Crittenton takes in not only these young women, but also their children. By the time these young women arrive at Crittenton, they are in desperate need of role models, healthy relationships, and trust. JLOCC members model positive behavior and foster long-term relationships through monthly visits to the Fullerton campus, where these young women and their children reside.

JLOCC members and Crittenton clients interact through crafts and activities, to create a fun and relaxing space in the clients' structured daily schedule. The clients also have an opportunity to connect with each other and form bonds on a personal level. JLOCC members have experienced many rewarding moments through their involvement as volunteers at Crittenton. At first, many clients are hesitant when the JLOCC volunteers arrive, but as they see the same volunteers coming from week to week, they gain more trust. During one particular visit, a new mother was struggling with her lack of sleep with her brand-new infant, and a volunteer was able to show her how to swaddle her baby. From that day forward, every time this JLOCC volunteer arrived at Crittenton, the client would rush to her to share stories about her baby and seek parenting insights.

JLOCC members also enjoyed a very special holiday party with the young women, hoping to foster warm memories during this transitional period in their lives. The opportunity to watch the girls' excitement as they unwrapped small stocking stuffers and new pots and pans for two of the cottages was a great reminder of how impactful the Junior League can be through small gestures.

### *JLOCC Sponsored Events*

- Flip flop decorating
- Building a vision board
- Decorating picture frames
- Putting together cookbooks with recipes from committee members and decorating aprons
- Decorating masquerade masks
- Making ornaments and decorating cookies for the holidays
- Decorating cups
- Making floral arrangements

# >> IMPACT OC



## ERIN VARNADO, IMPACT OC CHAIR

Impact OC is focused on meeting the immediate needs in our community. Once a community need is recognized and approved by the Impact OC Committee, it is then taken on as a “done-in-a-day” project. Through the participation of our membership, Impact OC was able to assist over twenty organizations in our community and touch hundreds of lives! Impact OC strove not only to make a positive difference in our community, but also to provide our membership with many hands-on volunteer opportunities. Thanks to everyone who helped Impact OC provide support for the following organizations and events:

### *August*

Laguna Beach Relay for Life

### *September*

Crittenton Beauty Day  
Simon Scholars and Working Wardrobes  
Dress Event  
Orangewood Foster Family Picnic  
Families Forward Annual Gala

### *October*

Hope 4 Hanna, Autism 5K and Kids Run  
Girl Scouts of America, Girltopia

### *November*

Someone Cares Soup Kitchen

### *December*

CHOC Hospital Holiday Gift Drive  
Girls Inc. Winter Workers Carnival  
Operation Santa Claus  
Illumination Foundation Winter Carnival

### *February*

Ducks First Flight Field Trip

### *March*

CASA Etiquette Dinner  
“Belle of the Ball” Dress Drive

### *April*

OC Bar Foundation Career Day  
JoyJar Donation Drive  
Orangewood Independent City

### *May*

JoyJar Stuffing Party

# >> KINSHIP SUPPORT

## *Services Program*

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### JODI ESTWICK, KINSHIP PROGRAM CHAIR

JLOCC supports Olive Crest's Kinship Support Services Program, Relatives Raising Children. In partnership with Olive Crest, a family services organization that seeks to strengthen at-risk children and families, the JLOCC assists the Kinship Support Services Program to offer education, family-focused activities, and support services to relatives who are raising the children of their loved ones. Currently in Orange County, 60% of the children taken out of their homes are placed with relative caregivers, such as aunts, uncles, grandparents, and older siblings. Relative caregivers often have special needs that are linked to age, poverty, poor health, social isolation, and inadequate access to information and services. The Kinship program addresses the unique needs of caregivers and their families by designing support services to relieve the challenges that kinship families encounter.

This year, JLOCC members helped serve 118 caregivers and 231 children in Orange County by contributing time, talent, resources, and compassion. The Kinship Project not only supports our Mission, but it also helps to support Olive Crest's Mission of strengthening families of at-risk children. Our commitment to Kinship is valued by those whom we support, and we constantly receive heartfelt expressions of gratitude from the caregivers and children we serve.

#### *JLOCC and Kinship Support Services Program Facts*

- 40 children attended our "Lunch & a Movie" family event
- 76 backpacks were filled with school supplies distributed to at-risk K-12th grade students
- 85 pairs of shoes were donated to Kinship children for the school year
- Over \$4,200 in holiday contributions were provided to 25 children, representing 5 families with great needs
- Family bowling event was attended by 85 Kinship participants, representing 20 families and 50 children.
- More than \$1,000 in training materials were donated to the Kinship Resource Library



# >> RESOURCES

## *In Motion*

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### ROSIA SENH, RIM PROJECT CHAIR

This year, the JLOCC began a three-year partnership with The Raise Foundation's Resources in Motion (RIM) mobile unit. Since 1974, The Raise Foundation has been dedicated to stopping the cycle of abuse through education, advocacy, community collaboration, and comprehensive services for families and children. The goal of The Raise Foundation is to provide resources to strengthen families, making each family's home a safer place for children to grow up. With over 38,000 cases of reported child abuse and neglect in the county each year, it's clear that prevention programs and services are desperately needed in every Orange County community. In the first year with RIM, JLOCC hosted four Family Fun Days in San Clemente, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, and Lake Forest. The Family Fun Days provide an opportunity for client families to gain education, counseling, and community support. The committee also hosted an Egg Hunt and carnival games at The Raise Foundation's annual Blue Ribbon event at the OC Great Park in Irvine. This event draws over 4,000 attendees annually and is hosted to create community awareness of abuse.

#### *JLOCC and RIM Program Facts*

- Hosted four Family Fun Days to bring resources to strengthen families
- Touched over 800 lives in Orange County through Family Fun Days
- Touched over 4,000 lives through the Blue Ribbon Event
- 25+ committee volunteer hours a month
- 300+ committee volunteer hours each year

# >> SECOND HARVEST

## *Food Bank*



### COURTNEY BOITANO, SECOND HARVEST BACKPACK PROGRAM CHAIR

The Second Harvest Backpack Program had an eventful year! Our main focus was enhancing the knowledge of the backpack recipients by sharing healthy lifestyle strategies, including physical activity and nutrition tips. We hosted a cooking demonstration at one of the backpack program distribution sites with a finalist from the Fox Network Master Chef cooking show, Alejandra Schrader. Families attended the Saturday event with their children to learn how to prepare a healthy and cost-effective meal for only \$1 a person!

The JLOCC Second Harvest Backpack Program committee also stuffed backpacks for distribution and coordinated food drives at various locations to secure additional food for the Backpack Program and Second Harvest. The JLOCC Second Harvest Backpack Program Committee created nutrition and physical activity handouts to be included in these backpacks and a survey for the recipients to complete. We then followed up on these surveys with a focus group to create an open dialogue and help Second Harvest evaluate the satisfaction of the backpack recipients.

This year, the Second Harvest Backpack Committee also hosted Adopt-a-Pantry events throughout Orange County to distribute food free of cost to residents. This hands-on volunteer opportunity allowed a larger group of JLOCC members to witness what our efforts contribute to in the Orange County community.

#### *JLOCC Sponsored Events*

- Cooking demonstration with Alejandra Schrader in Santa Ana
- Backpack stuffing at Second Harvest Food Bank
- Backpack program focus group
- Multiple adopt-a-pantry events



# SCHOLARSHIPS *and Project Development*

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## ROYA FOHRER, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

This year, the Project Development and Scholarships Committee strove to serve our community's unmet needs with new projects designed to leave a sustainable, long-term impact and to provide JLOCC members with significant and meaningful volunteer opportunities.

The Committee drew on the research findings of the 2010-2011 Project Development and Scholarships Committee that determined that members were most interested in focusing their volunteer time and JLOCC funds on children's health and well-being, mentoring children, and family preservation. Along with guidance from the JLOCC leadership, the Committee identified "Children in Need" as the primary focus area for the incoming projects. In this context, "Children in Need" signifies not only children who need additional resources to live happy and healthy lives, but also areas of need that are not being fully addressed in Orange County.

The committee reviewed over 30 nonprofit organizations in Orange County, met with JLOCC Community Advisors and other prominent nonprofit leaders, polled JLOCC members, and conducted countless hours of online research in developing the new projects. The committee ultimately identified victims of human trafficking and children with special needs as the top two communities in Orange County within our focus area that are vastly underserved.

The issue of human trafficking came to the committee from JLOCC Community Advisors who work with foster children in Orange County. Foster children are particularly vulnerable to human traffickers in that they often lack a stable home life and support system. Due in large part to the resort industry in Anaheim, Orange County has sadly become a hub of human trafficking in California. Much of this human trafficking is domestic, with victims relocated to Orange County from other parts of the United States. As the issue of human trafficking is developing in Orange County, and legal and social services are determining how best to address the needs of victims, the average Orange County resident is unaware that this problem exists. The JLOCC will expand existing community-based education programs with input from and delivered to health care workers, social workers, law enforcement, teachers, child care workers, and JLOCC members. JLOCC volunteers will also conduct research on human trafficking in Orange County, the legal system, and social services' approach to addressing the needs of victims, as well as how other local counties are approaching the issue.

The second new project focus came from JLOCC members who work closely with children with special needs in Orange County. While children with select special needs do have a variety of resources, there are few support systems in Orange County that are focused on meeting the needs of children with visual impairments or Down syndrome.

## *Scholarship Recipients*

2011-2012

The Blind Children's Learning Center (BCLC) provides early intervention, education, and services for blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind children and their families to empower independence. The JLOCC's efforts at BCLC will take place in several stages, including a sports program to help students strengthen their balance and mobility, a music program to expand their exposure to and appreciation of music, and a parent support group to include educational programs as well as emotional support.

In a diverse community such as Orange County, many families do not have the personal resources to meet the needs of their children with Down syndrome, nor do they know where to access the resources that are available to them. The Down Syndrome Foundation of Orange County (DSFOC) serves over 100 families in Orange County, often free of charge. The organization has a broader reach as well; the educational and training materials that the DSFOC prepares serve over 5,700 families worldwide. JLOCC members will develop a lending library, run after-school activities, and develop a parent support group to help make a difference in the number of clients the organization reaches, the success of its programs, and its future longevity.

Additionally, JLOCC's existing partnership with Crittenton Services for Children and Families will be revised and extended for two years to help launch a targeted Life Skills Training and Mentorship Program. The Life Skills program will target a select group of adolescent girls at Crittenton's Fullerton campus, some of whom are pregnant or have infants. The Young Entrepreneurs Program will be designed to educate Crittenton clients about business development and finance. These programs will help to prepare clients for emancipation from the foster care system, build their self-confidence, and help enable them to live healthy, independent lives.



After extensive and thoughtful review of nearly 100 applications, the Project Development and Scholarships Committee awarded four extraordinary Orange County high school seniors scholarships of \$5,000 each, for a total of \$20,000 in higher education support. The JLOCC proudly congratulates the following students on their outstanding scholastic and community service achievements:

- *Ahmad "Ace" Haidrey, Woodbridge High School, Irvine*
- *Katherine Heaton, Troy High School, Fullerton*
- *Lizbeth Ortiz, Segerstrom High School, Santa Ana*
- *Mariel Sandoval, Santa Ana High School, Santa Ana*

# >> SIGNATURE PROJECT: *The Orangewood Academy*

## JAYNINE WARNER, COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

The JLOCC has a longstanding relationship with the Orangewood Children's Foundation that dates back to 1981, when we donated the net profits from The Christmas Company® 1980 as the seed money to build Orangewood Children's Home to replace the overcrowded Albert Sitton Home for Abused Children. We were also one of the first organizations to support The Orangewood Academy (The Academy), Orangewood's response to the terribly disproportionate number of former foster youth who have not graduated from high school, are incarcerated, unemployed, or homeless. Due to open in September 2013, The Academy will serve as both a home and educational facility for foster and at-risk youth in Orange County, giving the students consistency, stability, and support. The school is located on over 7 acres in Santa Ana, and will accommodate 320 at-risk and foster teens, including 80 who will live on-site.

In November 2006, our membership voted to dedicate a large portion of JLOCC financial and member resources in support of The Academy as our Signature Project, in order to optimize impact, strengthen community identity, and provide a dynamic volunteer experience for the membership. This year, the JLOCC Membership also voted with enthusiastic support to approve a multi-year contribution of \$150,000 to The Academy. Additionally, the JLOCC membership will have many hands-on volunteer opportunities on The Academy campus. While the exact extent of these projects will be clarified in the months to come, there are many possibilities for program development and may incorporate opportunities such as tutoring, mentoring, career planning, and supporting extracurricular activities, etc. Our involvement with the Academy will also create new and exciting programs to broaden our members' training experience and accommodate their wide variety of interests.

The JLOCC is honored to continue our support of the Orangewood Children's Foundation through our involvement with The Academy. With this partnership, the JLOCC is making an enduring, overwhelmingly positive impact on the lives of children who have faced tremendous odds. A special thanks to our membership, who continue to devote significant time, dedication, and passion towards assisting our foster youth.



*Orangewood  
Academy*

OPENING 2013

# >> ADVOCACY

## *Public Affairs Committee*

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### LAURA ANDERSON, SENIOR SPAC DELEGATE

The Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee (CalSPAC) is a non-partisan education and advocacy organization representing 16 member Leagues, nearly 10,500 members, and over a million dollars annually in support of community programs throughout California. The mission of CalSPAC is to take action on state and national issues that affect our community projects and focus areas, to facilitate communication among the member Junior Leagues of California on public policy, to educate Junior League members on selected issues, to provide training in advocacy skills, and to act as the representative of member Junior Leagues.

Since 1971, CalSPAC has represented the interest of its member Junior Leagues and the groups or issue areas addressed by Junior League projects across California to policymakers at the national, state, and local levels. CalSPAC advocates in four issue areas: health, education, family support, and violence prevention. The members of the CalSPAC delegation advocate for specific legislation that is relevant to member Junior League issues, educate their local Junior League members, and coordinate the exchange of information from community-based Junior League projects to policymakers.

Perinatal depression is a current focus area for advocacy. ACR 53, the Kelly Abraham Martinez Act, was passed in July 2011 and was co-sponsored by CalSPAC. The Act focuses on increasing awareness regarding the proactive measures that healthcare providers, women, and their families can take to understand risk factors and triggers related to perinatal depression. ACR 53 follows ACR 105, sponsored by CalSPAC and passed in 2010, which established May as Perinatal Depression Awareness Month in California. CalSPAC continues to raise awareness of this issue through the promotion of

the “Speak Up When You’re Down” campaign and maternal health education.

At the Fall 2011 CalSPAC conference, the delegation voted to focus efforts on human trafficking. Throughout the Junior League year, the delegation has been researching the issue and is currently working with national organizations and experts throughout the state, as well as collaborating with other Junior Leagues to identify opportunities for sponsored legislation in California.

JLOCC proudly hosted the CalSPAC Winter Conference in March 2012, which was attended by delegates from the 16 member Leagues, as well as many guest members from across California. Highlights of the conference included a human trafficking panel, review of over 50 bills, and the delegation’s vote to support 19 bills. Submissions from each Junior League were reviewed for CalSPAC’s “There Ought to be a Law” contest, and the idea submitted by JLOCC member Rebecca Douglass was selected as a finalist! Rebecca’s idea, which supports a streamlined process for minor youth who are requesting emancipation to secure work permits, will be researched further over the coming months, with the intent to secure an author and be put forth as CalSPAC-sponsored legislation.

In May 2012, JLOCC delegates attended the CalSPAC Spring Conference and annual Day at the Capital in Sacramento, where they had the opportunity expand their advocacy skills, review and discuss additional legislation, and meet with local legislators.

To follow CalSPAC’s latest advocacy and legislative efforts, please visit [www.calspac.org](http://www.calspac.org).

# PROMOTING

*Voluntarism*

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FUND DEVELOPMENT

CONTRIBUTORS

SPONSORS

## >> FUNDING *Outreach*

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### SARAH NOONE, FUNDING OUTREACH CHAIR

The Funding Outreach Committee has continued to support the Fund Development committees by initiating relationships with new contributors, such as Five Crowns Restaurant and Roadrunner Sports, along with deepening the ties to JLOCC's community supporters, friends and members. The committee's main activity during the year, the Annual Fund campaign, had a goal of \$35,000 with 100% member participation. As the Funding Outreach committee continues its dedication to the Annual Fund and its fellow Fund Development committees, it continues to work on strengthening this important non-event fundraiser as well as remaining committed to leaving a legacy of a proactive and healthy organization for future JLOCC members.



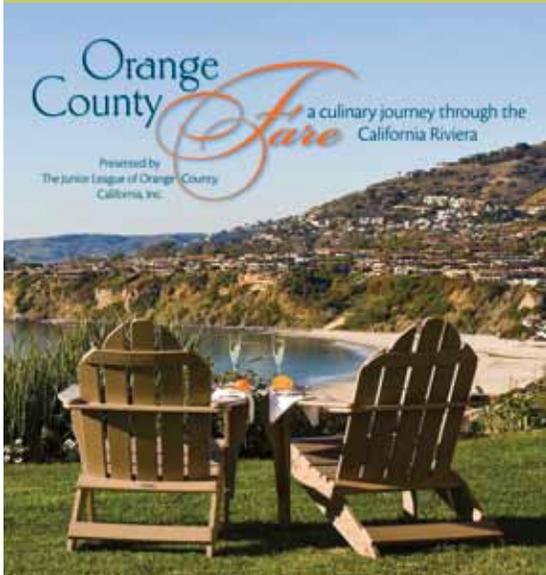
## >> OC *Marathon*

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### SARA YOUNG, OC MARATHON CHAIR

The JLOCC was chosen to participate in the OC Marathon as a charity partner for the second consecutive year. Junior League members, including Provisionals, participated on race day on May 6 by volunteering at a water station and cheering on runners (including our own JLOCC Race Team) as they made their way through the streets of Orange County. The Junior League's participation in the event raised funds to support our community projects. The JLOCC Race Team thanks its sponsors, toddland and Harbottle Law Group, and its many contributors.

## >> COOKBOOK: *Orange County Fare*



### MELISSA SINGLETON, COOKBOOK CHAIR

Since 1943, Junior League cookbooks have been an important ingredient in the fundraising efforts of Junior Leagues around the country. Today, more than 200 Junior League cookbooks are in print. 2011–2012 is the third year that the JLOCC's award-winning cookbook, *Orange County Fare: A Culinary Journey through the California Riviera*, has been sold to the community. *Orange County Fare* is a popular item with not just members of the JLOCC, but also with the larger community of Orange County. The cookbook has won the Silver Prize at the Mom's Choice Awards, was a finalist in the cookbook category at the 2009 National Best Books Awards, and was a finalist at the 2010 Ben Franklin Awards.

In addition to the delicious recipes, *Orange County Fare* includes beautiful photographs of Orange County taken by photographer Marc Weisberg, who generously donated his time and talent to our book. His photographs alone make this book a collector's item. Because California is a forerunner in the green movement, *Orange County Fare* is an eco-friendly book, published using environmentally responsible materials and processes including the use of paper with 10% post-consumer waste and agri-based inks. Our decision to publish an eco-friendly book prompted Earth Friendly Products to sign on as one of our premier sponsors.

*Orange County Fare* makes a great birthday, Mother's Day, teacher appreciation, and shower gift. *Orange County Fare* is sold at JLOCC Headquarters and at a variety of Orange County specialty retailers, including Roger's Gardens and Laguna Beach Books. For a complete list of retailers, please visit [JLOCC.org](http://JLOCC.org).

OUR VOLUNTEERS  
CONTRIBUTED OVER  
**14,000**  
*hours*  
IN THE COMMUNITY  
LAST YEAR.

# >> OPPORTUNITY *Committee*

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## CARLA POULIN, OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE, CHAIR

The Opportunity Committee had a busy year planning events to bring additional funds into the Junior League by partnering with local and national businesses. We started off the year with the Five Crowns Wine Pairing Dinner. Five Crowns has been a longtime supporter of the JLOCC, and we were pleased to have an event at their newly renovated restaurant. In their outside garden in Corona del Mar, JLOCC members and guests enjoyed an amazing four-course meal and wine pairing experience that was prepared by Executive Chef Ryan O'Melveny Wilson.

We raised over \$10,000 through our annual Opportunity Drawing. The drawing party was held at Nirvana Grille in Laguna Beach. Attendees had an enjoyable evening as they sampled various appetizers, socialized with friends, and toasted the \$10,000 grand prize winner as well as the bonus prize winners. The additional prizes were donated by Black, Starr & Frost, Roger Dunn Golf Shops, and the Winery Restaurant & Wine Bar.

Also this year, Bloomingdale's South Coast Plaza generously hosted a brunch and fashion show, Rebecca Taylor Boutique in Fashion Island hosted a shopping night, Veggie Grill in the Irvine Spectrum hosted a dinner fundraiser night, and Sinfulicious Body Care on Balboa Island hosted a three-week fundraiser. All events resulted in a percentage of sales coming back to the JLOCC, which allows us to extend our reach in to the community. We also have ongoing fundraising relationships with Spreebird, eScrip, Ralphs, and GoodSearch.

For more information about ways you can support the JLOCC, including registering for the Ralphs Community Partner Program, Spreebird, eScrip, and GoodSearch, please visit [JLOCC.org](http://JLOCC.org).



# >> THE CHRISTMAS COMPANY: *A Home-Cooked Holiday*

## JULIE ASHER, THE CHRISTMAS COMPANY CHAIR

This year, the JLOCC celebrated the 36th anniversary of our largest annual fundraiser, The Christmas Company®. The 2011 show, themed “A Home-Cooked Holiday,” raised over \$235,000 to support the JLOCC’s Mission and projects. Our unique shopping extravaganza featured over 100 exhibitors from all over the country, as well as an extraordinary lineup of special events. This year, in an effort to keep our shoppers constantly informed, we introduced our new Web site for the event, [www.shoptcc.com](http://www.shoptcc.com). We extend a special thank-you for the generous support of our patrons, exhibitors, membership, and contributors for making this “Home-Cooked Holiday” an incredible success!

## SPECIAL EVENTS:



### **Preferred Shopping**



### **Opening Night Gala**



### **Yoga Event**

*Featuring YAS Founder Kimberly Fowler*



### **Girls' Night Out**



### **PJs & Pancakes**



### **Cooking Demo & Book Signing**

*Hosted by Zov Karamardian of Zov's Bistro & Bakery*



### **Fancy Nancy Tea Party**

*Featuring Fancy Nancy Author & Illustrator  
Jane O'Connor & Robin Preiss Glasser*



The Christmas Company® Steering Committee  
2011-2012



Opening Night Gala



Yoga Event



PJs & Pancakes



Cooking Demo & Book Signing  
with Zov Karamardian



Fancy Nancy Tea Party

# >> CONTRIBUTORS

2011-2012

## **BENEFACTOR - \$10,000 +**

The Jacqueline M. Glass Family\*

## **TRAILBLAZER - \$5,000 - \$9,999**

The Capital Group Companies, Inc.

Jaynine and Dave Warner

## **LEADER - \$2,500 - \$4,999**

Asher, Julie\*

Boeing

The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation

Burton, Carrie and Bob\*

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Pigors, Melinda\*

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## **PARTNER - \$1,000 - \$2,499**

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Earth Friendly Products

Edwards, Raquel

ExxonMobil Foundation

Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund

Hall, Heidi

Hamilton, Janet

Morgan Stanley Foundation

WE Conference\*

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Ashby, Jean

Asher, John

Asher, Robert

Bloomington's - South Coast Plaza

Harbottle Law Group

Jan's Health Bar

Meurer, Hilary

Prudential California Realty

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Black, Gwendolyn

Caring Companions at Home

Central County United Way

Determan, Lisa\*

Finn, Stephanie\*

Five Crowns Restaurant & Steakhouse

Gonzales Oxen, Jennifer\*

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Kinney, Stacey\*

Leasure, J. William

Martin, Jennifer\*

Matt, Joe

Rebecca Taylor

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Scheithauer, Kristin\*

Society of Women Engineers - Orange County Section

Thompson, PhD, Sandra

Zech, Shannon

Zethraus, Roy & Lee

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**FRIEND - \$100 - \$249**

Asher, Margaret  
Bissin, Julie  
Brechtel, Erika  
Brekke, Sarah  
Castro, Tanya  
Chang, Cyndy  
Cox, Christine  
Coy, Jolene  
De La Pena, Margot  
Dillon, Carla  
Drum, Marian  
Drury, Josie  
Edison International  
Evans, Diana  
Fluor, Martha  
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Foundation  
Fulton, Jim & Denise  
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Grant, Kathryn  
Hanlon, Jennifer  
Hawkins, Lori\*  
Holguin, Poppy

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Kocaya, Jennifer  
Kreiss, Pattie  
Leasure, Melissa\*  
Lee, Cookie  
Luttio, Carolyn  
Marshall, Elaine\*  
Martin, Jane  
McKenzie-Densmore, Heather  
Mizutani, Eileen  
Moore, Linda Grigg  
Nutt, Anne  
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Rodi Shryock, Dori

Rome, Melanie  
Rosenthal, Jeni  
Rowe, Angela  
Sansone, Marian  
Scott, Denise  
Shafer, Christy  
Shigenaka, Susan  
Sorensen, Patricia  
Steele, Elizabeth  
Stone, Carolyn  
Stone, Erin  
Sullivan, Alison  
Tracy, Erma Jean  
UnitedHealth Group  
Wahler, Valaree  
Walsh, Robin  
Warmington, Leta  
Warren, Karen  
Wechsler, Cheri  
Wertz, Donna  
Wilson, Sarah  
Xanthos, Paula  
Young, Sara\*

*As of May 31, 2012*

*\*Contributed to more than one campaign*

# >> SUPPORTERS

2011-2012

3-Thirty-3 Waterfront  
4imprint, Inc  
686 clothing, 686 clothing  
Above All Catering  
Addington Confections  
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Beach Family Cosmetic Dentistry  
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Beauty Society with Jamie Davis  
BedHead Pajamas  
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Blondies Custom Couture  
Bluewater Grill  
Body Back of Huntington Beach  
Body Works Lifestyle  
Bodywork by Jess  
Bonert's Slice of Pie  
Born, Jamie & Randy  
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Christian, Kaci  
Classic Kids Photography

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CobbleStay.com  
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Constellation Wines US  
Cooper, Kathy  
Core et Barre  
Crabtree & Evelyn  
Crawford, Ellen  
Creemer, Annie  
Crevier BMW/Mini  
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Crunch Fitness  
Cutco Cutlery  
Direct Carpet  
Diva Domestica  
Dolly's Sweet Dreams Cotton Candy  
Epicuren Discovery  
Equinox Sports Club, Irvine  
Espinosa, Alex  
Espinosa, Whitney  
Extreme Boot Camp, Tustin Ranch  
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Five Crowns  
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Freedland, Annie Foster  
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Fun Files  
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Happy Family  
Harvest to Home  
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House of Big Fish and Ice Cold Beer  
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Images Salon  
Inlay, Tom  
Inside Out, Wardrobe Rehab  
Intercontinental The Clement Monterey  
Irony Home  
It's All About the Cake  
J. Carroll Corporation  
Jack Winn Salon and Body Center  
Jenna Abbate at Vogue Salon  
Jenner Rose Photography  
John L. Blom Custom Photography, Ltd.  
JP Designs  
kangaroo designs  
Kath, Adam & Lindsey  
Keurig/Green Mountain Coffee  
Kodweis, Robert  
Kona Tanning Company  
K'ya Bistro Bar  
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Lawry's Restaurants, Inc.  
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Markee, Carole  
Massage by Daniel  
Massage Envy\*  
Maya Trade Corporation  
McMaster, Patricia  
Melissa's Produce  
Memories of Me Photography  
Move It Momma Fitness Studio  
Moxxie Essential Care  
Mustard Express  
Mychael Darwin Custom Jeans  
NA, Desiree  
Napa Style  
Natural Charms  
Nekter Juice Bar  
Newport Rib Company  
Nirvana Grille  
Oakwood Worldwide  
One Kings Lane  
Orange Coast Magazine  
Pad & Paper  
Palisoul, Jenna  
Palisoul, Pam and Phil  
Panera Bread  
Patrick Flynn Photography  
Pebble Beach Company  
Peet's Coffee and Tea  
Pelican Hill Resort  
Playlist  
Plum District  
Pole Fitness  
Ponte Family Estate Winery  
POP!

PopChips  
Posh Party Box  
PPS Parking  
Preferred Contractors  
Primp Make-up Lounge  
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Rent the Runway  
Roberto Mantellassi USA  
Roger Dunn Golf Shops  
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Rowley Portraiture  
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RunwayJunkie.com, Inc.  
Seattle Cashmere Accessories  
Segerstrom Center for the Arts  
Serenity Salon & Spa  
Sharkey Art  
Sharon Chipres at Soleil Crew Salon  
small shop [a brand styling studio]  
Snail's Pace  
SoleMates  
Soto Law Group  
Southwest Airlines Co.  
Spa Gregorie's  
SprayWhite Salon  
Starbucks Coffee  
Steve Carlson/Food Smackdown  
Street Surfing, LLC  
Stroller Strides Huntington Beach and  
Fountain Valley  
Studio Seaside  
The Auld Dubliner Tustin  
The Balboa Bay Club & Resort  
The Bar Method Newport Beach  
The Castorena Group

The Container Store  
The Hotel Hanford - Costa Mesa  
The Living Christmas Company  
The Melting Pot - Irvine  
The Nail Lounge  
The Princess Store  
The Winery Restaurant & Wine Bar  
Timree  
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Toddland  
Toni & Guy  
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Tuftex Carpets of California  
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Ushirogata, Ted  
Vernice Vita Inc.  
Vive Entertainment  
Wall, Peter & Jery  
Waterfall Resort Alaska  
WE Conference  
What a Dish Cafe & Catering  
Whitlock, Jessica  
Wilksen, Leigh  
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Working Wardrobes Hanger Resale Boutiques  
Wyndham Hotel Orange County  
Wyndham Vacation Resorts  
Yas Fitness Centers  
Zen Spa OC  
Zov's Bistro  
Zulu Nyala Game Lodge

*As of May 31, 2012*

*\*Contributed to more than one campaign*

# DEVELOPING

*the Potential of Women*

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TRAINING

MEMBERSHIP

EVENTS

## >> TRAINING *Council*

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### KIMBERLY POLITE, TRAINING DIRECTOR

The Training Council serves as a springboard to prepare leaders and to encourage their growth within the Junior League. The JLOCC is a training organization, and the Training Council's Outreach and Recruitment, Programming, and Provisional Committees help to usher prospective, new, and existing members through training activities that enrich their lives as women, professionals, and volunteers.



## >> PROGRAMMING

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### KIMBERLY REYNOLDS, CHAIR

The Programming Committee offered many training activities that helped to improve the personal and professional skills of JLOCC members. Monthly trainings addressed subjects including personal finance, self defense, wine pairing, health and wellness, community involvement, and organizational and life diversity. The Programming Committee also organized general membership meetings to facilitate member interaction and helped to continue the JLOCC's commitment to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community.



## >> OUTREACH *and Recruitment*

### CARRAN GANNAWAY, CHAIR

The Outreach and Recruitment Committee is responsible for implementing creative ways to attract and educate prospective members about the JLOCC. Outreach and Recruitment kept in touch with prospective members and hosted quarterly new member open house receptions. The Committee also works with the Provisional Committee as new members officially join the Provisional program and begin to learn about the Junior League.

## >> PROVISIONAL *Committee*

### KATHERINE AHLSEWEDE, CHAIR

Provisional members are the future of the Junior League. The Provisional Committee is a group of nominated leaders who develop and coordinate the Provisional training curriculum. These leaders guide and educate the new Provisional class during their initial year as JLOCC new members.

This year, Provisional members participated in four comprehensive trainings conducted by current and past leaders that covered the topics of League 101, Leadership, Projects, and Fund Development. Trainings are offered on a rotating basis throughout the year. Provisional members also participated in hands-on volunteer activities, including CHOC Reading Day, Bear Hugs, and CASA, and they will culminate the year with their signature project, Kids in the Kitchen (KITK). KITK is an event geared towards fighting obesity and helping kids and families plan, prepare, and consume more nutritious meals.



# >> LEADERSHIP *Development*

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## KIMBERLY POLITE, TRAINING DIRECTOR

The Training Council also offers members of the Junior League opportunities to get outside training experience by attending conferences and seminars that promote the JLOCC's Mission. This year, the JLOCC sponsored members' attendance at events including the Cal State University Fullerton Summer School for Nonprofits, AJLI Southwest Exchange, the AJLI Organizational Development Institute (ODI), and the WE Conference. Cal State University Fullerton's Summer School for Nonprofits provided training in fundraising, nonprofit administration, communications, and grant writing. The JLOCC hosted this year's Southwest Exchange, a conference in which members from all Junior Leagues in the Southwestern United States convene to learn from each other and listen to a series of engaging speakers. The AJLI ODI offers emerging and current Junior League leaders the opportunity to learn about core Junior League functions and exchange information on best practices. The WE conference was a community event geared towards women's empowerment.

The training highlight of the year was the Leadership Institute, an intense, multi-session course designed to help members enhance and refine their leadership skills, with a special emphasis on developing future board members. Core competencies that comprised the Leadership Institute curriculum include: leadership skills, Orange County community and league organization, and problem-solving. The program concluded with a session on the practical application of leadership skills, which included a mock board meeting.



OUR MEMBERSHIP  
INCLUDES  
NEARLY

700

TRAINED  
VOLUNTEER  
LEADERS.

# >> NOMINATING *and Placement*

## ERIN STONE, NOMINATING AND PLACEMENT CHAIR

The Junior League's diverse and dedicated membership is likely its most vital resource. It is through the talent and commitment of our members that the Junior League makes its impact. The Nominating and Placement Committee functions to help members determine how they will serve in the organization.

Our leader nominating process reflects the member-driven nature of our organization, by providing multiple channels for member involvement. Each year, we change our team of more than 70 leadership roles. The Nominating and Placement Committee honors the input of the members when slating the organization's leaders. Through a process that upholds complete confidentiality and utilizes consensus building – a process where decisions are made through informed discussion, equal opportunity to contribute, and consensus is ultimately reached – the Nominating and Placement Committee works collaboratively to determine leaders. The Committee is privy to perspective on future goals from the Board of Directors and President-Elect and is focused on looking at the big picture of the organization and encouraging long-term member development.

Members who will not serve in leadership in the coming year also have ample opportunity to sharpen skills and gain new expertise. The Junior League offers Committee placements in the areas of operations, finance, membership, training, communications, fund development, community projects, and outreach. Our members have successfully used skills they've obtained through their service in the Junior League in their professional, civic and volunteer endeavors.

# >> SUSTAINING *Members*

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## STEPHANIE PAGGI, SUSTAINING MEMBER CHAIR

Profound commitment, invaluable training, ongoing community impact, and lifelong friendships describe the more than 350 Sustaining Members of the JLOCC. Sustaining Members have given years of service and received years of training. As Sustaining Members, their charge is to support the JLOCC Vision and Mission, support the achievement of the JLOCC's strategic plan goals, utilize their training in the community, and promote continued interest in the organization.

Sustaining Members range in age from their early thirties to early nineties. They are single, married, divorced, and widowed. They are mothers and grandmothers. They are lawyers, public servants, educators, accountants, engineers, artists, authors, businesswomen, and stay-at-home moms. The one common bond among Sustaining Members is that they are all highly trained volunteers.

Sustaining Members are led by a nine-member committee that is responsible for planning and implementing a program promoting inclusiveness, membership cohesion, and mutual respect among and between all membership groups. Committee procedures align with JLOCC Bylaws and Policies. The Sustaining Members' program is a "menu of opportunities," that balances social events, support for the Sustaining Members' project, Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities, and opportunities for Sustaining Members to share their wisdom and experience through advisory roles, leadership positions, mentorships, and "Sustainers at your Service." Each Sustaining Member has the option to make her Sustaining experience whatever she wants it to be. This year, 73 Sustaining Members chose to re-engage in the Junior League in a leadership, advisory, training, or support position.

Of particular note this year was the emphasis on improved and more personal communication through the "Sustaining Scoop" – an email newsletter sent monthly to all Sustaining Members. Additionally, the advisory role of Sustaining Members was significantly broadened through the development of the first Mentor Resource Team for the Community Council. Lastly, a formal Committee transition process to ensure ongoing development of the program was developed and implemented.

Sustaining Members value the opportunity for continued involvement in the JLOCC. Re-engagement is increasing, the retention rate has increased, and Sustaining Members are visible, valued, and proud to be members of the JLOCC – an organization with a legacy of positive impact on the Orange County community through the work of a membership exhibiting passion, commitment, and integrity.

### *2011-2012 Sustaining Member Accomplishments*

- Year #2 of Bear Hugs and Bear Necessities Project expansion
- Instituted monthly "Sustaining Scoop"
- Continued "Giving Back" to key businesses supporting the JLOCC
- Implemented a Mentor Resource model for new leaders
- Continued implementation of Committee Placement process
- Instituted a formal Committee Transition Process
- Ongoing alignment of committee procedures with JLOCC bylaws/policies



# JLOCC

## *2011-2012 Events*

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Day at the Races



Mimosas & Makeovers at Sephora



Spring Opportunity Drawing



Sustainer Luncheon at Bayside



Sustainer Mingler at Side Door



Five Crowns Wine Pairing Dinner

## >> MESSAGE

*from the President-Elect*

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*Danielle  
Arnerich Combs*

PRESIDENT  
2012-2013

I am both honored and humbled to serve this organization and the Orange County community as the 2012-2013 Junior League President. During my time as President-Elect I have had the opportunity to work with some amazing women; members of our League here at home and members of Leagues that are a part of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI). Each time I am astonished by the talent, dedication and innovation these women bring to their Leagues. The members of our organization use their diverse backgrounds and experiences to tackle the issues plaguing our community with professionalism and determination, knowing that if we work together we can create awareness and long lasting change.

In 2011-2012 President Kristin Scheithauer lead us as we Created Connections both within our League and within our community. We have seen some amazing developments in the last year under her leadership.

In the next year we will all work together to Strengthen Our Future and secure our place in the Orange County community as an organization of women that can achieve lasting and permanent change. This starts with a commitment to our most valuable asset, our members.

In the coming year you will see efforts that will support our members in the work they do and strengthen their effectiveness through mentoring, training and a continued focus on personal development. You will see innovative ways to increase revenue sources by educating our contributors about the value of partnering with us to solve the issues that affect our community. We will also refine the way we communicate our purpose in the community, emphasizing that the JLOCC is a unique organization that makes an impact by training its volunteers to be catalysts for change.

By building on the innovations and improvements that have been made in our League over the last few years, we will strengthen our place in the Orange County community demonstrating to our supporters that we are an important stakeholder in many of the issues and causes that are unfolding in our community. But none of this is possible without our amazing and dedicated members who continue to reach above and beyond to make our projects, fundraisers, trainings and community events a success. Thank you for the opportunity to be apart of this incredible organization.

I truly look forward to working beside each of you in the coming year.

Danielle Arnerich Combs, President 2012-2013

# >> FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2011-2012

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

May 31, 2011  
(with summarized totals for 2010)

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>	Permanently <u>Restricted</u>	Totals <u>May 31, 2011</u>	Totals <u>May 31, 2010</u>
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 267,833	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 267,833	\$ 222,997
Certificates of deposit, short-term	114,872	-	-	114,872	196,996
Inventory	108,248	-	-	108,248	125,604
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	<u>4,422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,422</u>	<u>4,358</u>
Total Current Assets	495,375	-	-	495,375	549,955
Non-Current Assets:					
Investments - mutual funds	299,925	-	-	299,925	245,612
Certificates of deposit, long-term	127,143	-	-	127,143	115,200
Property and equipment, net	535,905	-	-	535,905	556,622
Deposit	12,000	-	-	12,000	-
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	<u>-</u>	<u>15,623</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>53,623</u>	<u>43,930</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>974,973</u>	<u>15,623</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>1,028,596</u>	<u>961,364</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
(Continued)  
May 31, 2011  
(with summarized totals for 2010)

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>	Permanently <u>Restricted</u>	<u>Totals</u> May 31, 2011	<u>Totals</u> May 31, 2010
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 32,339	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,339	\$ 19,268
Scholarships payable	20,000	-	-	20,000	10,000
Due to AJLI	23,094	-	-	23,094	21,468
Deferred revenue	<u>59,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,618</u>	<u>60,770</u>
 Total Current Liabilities	 135,051	 -	 -	 135,051	 111,506
Net Assets:					
Unrestricted	1,335,297	-	-	1,335,297	1,355,883
Temporarily restricted	-	15,623	-	15,623	5,930
Permanently restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>
 Total Net Assets	 <u>1,335,297</u>	 <u>15,623</u>	 <u>38,000</u>	 <u>1,388,920</u>	 <u>1,399,813</u>
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 <u>\$ 1,470,348</u>	 <u>\$ 15,623</u>	 <u>\$ 38,000</u>	 <u>\$ 1,523,971</u>	 <u>\$ 1,511,319</u>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended May 31, 2011  
(with summarized totals for 2010)

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>	Permanently <u>Restricted</u>	Totals <u>May 31, 2011</u>	Totals <u>May 31, 2010</u>
Revenues and Other Support:					
Fundraising, net of expenses of \$423,187	\$ 236,085	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 236,085	\$ 303,653
Dues and fees	81,433	-	-	81,433	85,288
Contributions	22,758	-	-	22,758	28,088
Interest and dividend income	10,415	942	-	11,357	14,696
Net appreciation on investments	16,024	9,298	-	25,322	19,304
Other revenue	958	-	-	958	2,941
Net assets released from time restrictions	<u>547</u>	<u>(547)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues and Other Support	368,220	9,693	-	377,913	453,970
Expenses:					
Program services	(297,732)	-	-	(297,732)	(284,620)
Supporting services:					
Management and general	(19,469)	-	-	(19,469)	(18,533)
Fundraising	<u>(71,605)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(71,605)</u>	<u>(69,117)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>(388,806)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(388,806)</u>	<u>(372,270)</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(20,586)	9,693	-	(10,893)	81,700
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>1,355,883</u>	<u>5,930</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>1,399,813</u>	<u>1,318,113</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 1,335,297</u>	<u>\$ 15,623</u>	<u>\$ 38,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,388,920</u>	<u>\$ 1,399,813</u>

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

For the Year Ended May 31, 2011  
(with summarized totals for 2010)

	Program Services	Supporting Services		Totals May 31, 2011	Totals May 31, 2010
		Management and General	Fundraising		
Bonuses	\$ 1,326	\$ 76	\$ 798	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,475
Committee expenses	842	30	113	985	946
Community assistance	90,865	-	-	90,865	96,183
Conference, convention & meeting	11,384	67	252	11,703	9,927
Depreciation	16,738	1,073	4,008	21,819	28,738
Dues and fees	9,259	2,432	13,857	25,548	23,268
Equipment rental	4,328	278	1,036	5,642	5,013
Food	332	21	32	385	140
Insurance	9,447	584	2,179	12,210	12,184
Miscellaneous	3,780	137	513	4,430	4,286
Payroll taxes	5,015	322	1,201	6,538	7,512
Postage	3,133	207	686	4,026	2,927
Printing	9,590	46	471	10,107	3,012
Professional fees	16,769	1,076	4,016	21,861	19,822
Public relations	-	8,786	8,787	17,573	15,986
Rent	1,256	81	132	1,469	2,373
Repairs and maintenance	4,355	279	1,043	5,677	6,386
Salaries	45,710	2,632	27,512	75,854	73,565
Supplies	10,667	679	2,503	13,849	12,284
Taxes and licenses	1,054	68	253	1,375	292
Telephone	3,776	242	904	4,922	5,139
Training	39,171	53	187	39,411	28,234
Travel	4,250	-	-	4,250	4,390
Utilities	4,685	300	1,122	6,107	7,188
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 297,732</u>	<u>\$ 19,469</u>	<u>\$ 71,605</u>	<u>\$ 388,806</u>	<u>\$ 372,270</u>



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