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One decade ago, the JLOCC elected to dedicate its financial and volunteer efforts on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Child Abuse Prevention.

Facts Regarding Adolescent Pregnancy

- The United States still has the highest teen birth rate among Western industrialized countries. Each year, approximately one million U.S. teenagers become pregnant. Of those pregnancies, about 78 percent are unintended.
- Children of teenage mothers lag in standards of early development.
- Teenage mothers’ family incomes tend to be lower than incomes in families where childbearing is delayed until adulthood.
- The education level attained by teenage mothers is lower than that attained by non-teenage mothers.
- Teenage mothers are not as likely to be married as are mothers who delay childbearing.

Adolescent pregnancy affects the entire Orange County community.

Facts Regarding Child Abuse

- In 2002, nearly 26,000 cases of child abuse/neglect were reported in Orange County.
- In 2002, five innocent children were killed as the result of child abuse.

Child abuse is 100% preventable.

JLOCC Focus Area POLICY STATEMENTS

Adolescent Pregnancy

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

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

Child Abuse

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

The JLOCC believes in searching out the challenges our community faces and, most importantly, we believe in finding solutions to those challenges.
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The child is carefully crafting a heart shape using kidney beans. This activity is part of a larger community impact initiative, emphasizing the importance of community service and personal expression. The image captures the moment of creation, highlighting the child's focus and the beauty of the simple task at hand.
The Junior League is firmly committed to the development of partnerships between the public and private sectors in our community. Each year, the JLOCC Board of Directors invites a number of community leaders to serve as our Community Advisors. While some of these leaders represent our current Community Partners, others volunteer their time, skills and knowledge to help JLOCC members better serve the community. These committed individuals are called upon throughout the year to advise the League in their respective areas of expertise. In so doing, they provide our members with invaluable information and training. Thanks to all who have generously donated their time to our community and to all who have worked to help the JLOCC better serve our community.

We would like to extend a special thanks to our 2002-2003 Community Advisors:

The Honorable Marian Bergeson
California State Senator (retired)

Captain Joe Davis
Orange County Sheriff's Department

Ms. Pat Halberstadt
Executive Director
Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove

Mr. Gene Howard
Executive Director
Orangewood Children's Foundation

Ms. Amy Mitchell
Director of Development
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Dr. Michael Riley
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County of Orange

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The Junior League of Orange County and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Capistrano Valley

Partnering to Expand the Horizons of Club Members

By Sharon Somogyi
Director of Program Services, Boys & Girls Clubs of Capistrano Valley.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Capistrano Valley and the Junior League have shared a strong partnership over the past four years. The Junior League's first association with the Clubs was a $100,000 grant to help build our new facility. More recently, the Junior League has brought the "World is Mine" to fourth and fifth grade girls and "Awesome Destinations" to co-ed middle school students.

Lori Saxman, the lead staff person at the Club, believes both programs give members of the Boys & Girls Clubs opportunities and experiences outside their reach. Lori stated "many members have expressed they could not afford to visit and see the places they have gone . . . . Others have stated it is the relationships they build with the Junior League women that they enjoy the most".

Thirteen year old Tory said: "I like it because the people are nice and they are fun to hang out with. It's fun to go places with them because you never get to spend time with them." Junior League members build relationships, express concern and offer compassion to members of the Clubs, giving them an added edge to succeed in life. Role modeling professional women who volunteer and give back teach Club members the importance of staying involved in their communities, being civic minded and caring for others unknown to them. The Clubs' mission "to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens" is mirrored with the programs the Junior League offers. On behalf of the young people of today, the Clubs thank and appreciate the Junior League for caring about today's youth and tomorrow's future.
Impact Orange County Committee Participates in Teen Mentoring Day

The JLOCC’s Impact Orange County committee responds to immediate needs in our community by researching and implementing events and projects within the JLOCC focus areas such as done-in-a-day projects. Last fall, the committee had a unique opportunity to participate in the Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center’s semi-annual “Reach for the Stars* Teen Mother Mentoring Day. The day-long event was held at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher law firm in Irvine. The JLOCC co-chairs of the event were Karen Robison and Debbie Sperry.

The mission of the Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center (OCCAPC) is to break the generational cycle of child abuse, domestic violence and teen pregnancy in Orange County. The “Reach for the Stars” event is part of OCCAPC’s “Teen Voices, Teen Choices” program. The program discourages teenage pregnancy by sending teen parents to local high schools to speak to their peers about the realities of teen parenting. This program is a perfect match for the JLOCC’s teen pregnancy prevention and child abuse prevention focus areas.

Forty-three teen mothers participated. Each girl was paired with a volunteer professional woman, including seven JLOCC members, who acted as the girl’s mentor for the day. The event was a “Day of Inspiration” for the girls, where they built self-esteem, learned about career opportunities and realized that many people have obstacles in their lives, but with determination, these obstacles can be overcome.

The event used a multi-faceted approach to provide support and assistance to each girl. The keynote speaker was Tanya Brown of the Nicole Brown Charitable Foundation who spoke about ways to increase self-esteem. During another part of the day, the mentors assisted the teens in setting career and parenting goals. Later, everyone was treated to a relaxation exercise from a Tai Chi instructor. The day concluded with a job interview skit and interview clothing fashion show.

Every effort was made to make the girls feel special. The Impact Orange County committee collected donated items to create gift bags for each attendee. A 17-year-old teen mother summed up the day by saying, “I think today was the best day a single teen mother could ever have. They treated us like equals and we got to have a normal day without kids.” The girls greatly appreciated all that was done for them.

“I think today was the best day a single teen mother could ever have.”

By Anne Burns, Impact Orange County Committee Chair
JL Member since 1991. Mother of two.
The Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove

Changing Lives

By Joan Riley Ford, League Life Committee, JL Member since 2000. Adjunct Professor, Rancho Santiago College/Santa Ana College.

The JLOCC takes pride in providing ongoing volunteer and financial support to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove. This is a unique, special organization that offers children a positive place to go during non-school hours, particularly when there is no adult at home. The JLOCC is proud to help support this quality organization with hundreds of volunteer hours as well as financial assistance. The COMPASS is honored to profile two individuals whose lives have been changed through their association with this organization.

Sherwin “Shake” Durham – Branch Director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove:

JF: How many kids do you have here at Boys & Girls Clubs?
SD: During the summer session, we see about 200 kids daily and close to 290-300 a day during the fall at this site. We have six different sites in Garden Grove, with ages ranging from 18 months old to high school. Our motto is “From Diapers to Diplomas”.

JF: I love that motto!
SD: Our Chief Professional Officer, Pat Halberstadt, came up with that. She really cares, and it shows. She’s very hands-on. She comes and visits our sites and is always actively involved. She’s been in the organization for more than 25 years and knows it inside and out. She knows everyone by their first names. We have a quality organization here, and it trickles down from the top.

JF: With all of the kids that you have come through here, do you get to know each of them personally?
SD: Yes, the majority of them.
JF: Why did you first want to come here and be a part of the Clubs?
SD: For experience and to be around kids. I used to travel a lot entertaining kids when I was with the Harlem Globetrotters. I’ve always liked giving back.

JF: Tell me more about the Boys & Girls Clubs. Are they simply places for the kids to come after school or before school, or both?
SD: Our business hours are 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. We do busing before and after school and take the kids to and from school. We cater to about 15 different schools right now.

JF: Tell me about Sean Vukan, the young man you’ve mentored.
SD: I came to know him about five years ago when I first started here. He was in seventh grade. He was a shy kid who wanted to be an athlete. My goal was to build confidence in him and to let him know that if you work hard at something, you can achieve your goals.

JF: Had he had the opportunity to play these sports before he came to the Boys & Girls Clubs?
SD: No. This was his first chance.
JF: Have you seen his confidence change a lot since he’s been here?

SD: I have. Yes. He didn’t have much confidence. Now he’s a leader. I’ve always wanted to have that group of kids that goes through high school and beyond, that ultimate group of role models that will further the role of the Boys & Girls Clubs and what we produce.

JF: It sounds like being involved in the Clubs has changed his life.
SD: It has. He just graduated from high school this past year and is going to college. While he was here, he was Member of the Month, Youth of the Year, Keystone President, and now he’d like to work here while attending college.

JF: So Sean is a role model?
SD: Yes. My vision, my focus, is for kids to finish school, go on to college, and to go after their dreams. To have dreams.

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Interview with Sean Vukan, teen member of Boys & Girls Club for five years:

JF: Tell me some of the things you've gotten out of the Boys & Girls Clubs.

SV: They've taught me how to be a leader, to speak my mind, not to be afraid of anything. They've basically set me up to do what I want to do in life. When I first came to the Clubs, I didn't have much direction, but they've set me up with programs and plans for my future goals.

JF: So they helped give you a vision for your future?

SV: Yes.

JF: What is your favorite part of being involved in the Clubs?

SV: Working with the younger kids and being a role model to them. That really helps me out in my own life, too.

JF: So you've been able to withstand peer pressure because you want to be a good role model to these kids.

SV: Exactly.

JF: What are some of the programs you've been involved in through the Boys & Girls Clubs?

SV: I ref basketball games. I was also Keystone President.

JF: Tell me about that.

SV: Keystone is a leadership program for teens aged 14-18. You have to be in high school to qualify. Every year we have a regional conference and a national conference. Last year at the national conference, we had 1800 teens from across the country. It was in Houston. The conference is a place and time for kids to talk about issues involving teens, while having a good time too.

JF: That's wonderful. Not everyone can be a Keystone President. You were also Member of the Month, right?

SV: I was. I helped out the staff for a month. I was surprised to get that honor because teens don't usually get it. It was surprising and felt all of my hard work had paid off. That was a good summer for me. I'd proved myself, and it felt like everything came together for me in 1999.

JF: Tell me about the Youth of the Year award.

SV: That was for being a good role model to the younger kids, for helping out during the year, doing projects in the community, being involved in the clubs. That got me the honor for Garden Grove, in the teen category.

JF: Tell me how you feel you've changed as a person from when you first came here to where you are now?

SV: Back then, I was shy. People like Shake and other staff got me involved. They told me things to do, helped me out, guided me, and got me set up in programs. The past couple of years I've become more outgoing.

JF: Tell me more about your relationship with Shake.

SV: Shake's always been there for me. I can always talk to him about stuff that's going on. He guides me with school, always telling me that I'm doing a good job. Without his guidance, I don't think I'd be here today, in college. I still have my parents, but you always need that extra person to push you along, and Shake's that person who pushes me along. He believes in me. I don't want to let him down.

JF: So who is Shake to you personally in your life?

SV: A really good role model and a really good friend.

JF: How do you think being involved in the Clubs will help you in the future?

SV: My career. Giving me the skills I need in life. And then I can pass on what I've learned to other kids. I want to pass on all that Shake has given to me, so it can go full circle.

JF: So this place has given you total confidence to follow your dreams?

SV: Total confidence.

“JLOCC programs provide our youth the opportunity to experience places they otherwise would not be exposed to in their daily lives.

Thanks, Junior League, for the opportunities you are giving to our members.”

—Theresa Garrity, Director of Education and Grant Administration
Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove
Projects and Programs

An Overview of Just Some of the Ways the JLOCC Has Served Orange County Children and Teens in 2002-2003

FREE ARTS FOR ABUSED CHILDREN - Free Arts for Abused Children of Orange County trains JLOCC volunteers to work with children in family shelters, residential care facilities, and at the dependency court. Free Arts encourages these youngsters to channel their emotions, release their anger and develop positive self-esteem while having fun. Our volunteers have the unique hands-on opportunity to utilize the power of dance, drama, writing, music, painting, and other avenues of creativity as a form of therapy for abused, abandoned, and neglected children.

LAURA’S HOUSE - Located in San Clemente, Laura’s House is a home for abused women and children. By creating interactive events, JLOCC volunteers help the children and teens at Laura’s House escape the trials they face living at an emergency shelter. The overarching purpose of these activities is to reinforce to these children and teens that life without violence does exist. The activities provide an opportunity to do so in an enjoyable, relaxed atmosphere.

OLIVE CREST “ADOPT A HOME” – JLOCC volunteers work with the staff at Olive Crest, a group of residential facilities for abused, abandoned, and neglected children, to sponsor events at two “adopted” homes. Our members use their creativity and resources to plan activities for the children or teens of the selected homes and also plan a home improvement project for each house.

S.E.E.K. – SERVICES TO ENCOURAGE AND EMPOWER KIDS S.E.E.K. is collaborative effort between the JLOCC and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Capistrano Valley, to create a model multi-faceted project that offers innovative programs and comprehensive services for the entire family.

The S.E.E.K. programs are:

- **The World is Mine** (Garden Grove and Capistrano Valley) – JLOCC volunteers plan a series of mentoring programs in which JLOCC members serve as role models and mentors to girls between the ages of 9 and 11 who have been determined to be at risk for teen pregnancy. This program is designed to help these girls see the benefits and opportunities that result from postponing parenting in favor of continued education and, in general, from making positive, well-informed choices.

- **Awesome Destinations** (Capistrano Valley) – This mentoring program provides JLOCC volunteers the opportunity to act as role models and mentors to at-risk boys and girls, ages 11-14. The focus is on identification of the wide variety of career opportunities that will be available to them. Emphasis is placed on continued education and goal setting.

- **Family Resource Library** (Garden Grove) – Located at the Family Campus, the Family Resource Library is available for use by the entire Orange County Community. This library is one of the few locations in Orange County where families can receive valuable materials and guidance to assist them with day-to-day parenting questions and concerns in a family-friendly environment. Workshops and special events involve collaborations with business, education, social services, health care and other community-based organizations.

- **B.O.S.S. – Business Oriented Success Skills** (Garden Grove) This program, designed by JLOCC volunteers, serves youth between the ages of 14–18. The goal is to prepare participants for their first jobs and to help them identify colleges that offer educational programs that will help them reach their career goals.

IMPACT ORANGE COUNTY – This project responds to immediate needs in the community by researching and implementing “done-in-a-day” projects and events within the JLOCC focus areas.

BEAR HUGS – A project developed by JLOCC Sustainer members, provides “Bare Necessities” to emancipated teens in Orange County. Each teen is given a duffle bag filled with essentials such as toiletries, towel sets and a blanket plus stationery supplies, an inspirational book, phone cards, flashlight and an alarm clock. Sleeping bags are also available for those emancipated teens who “couch-surf” or, in a worst case scenario, will be homeless.
Junior League Programs Impact the Youth of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove

By Theresa Garrity, Director of Education and Grant Administration, Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove.

Over the past five years, the Junior League's SEEK (Services to Encourage and Empower Kids) programs have greatly impacted the youth of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove. We have been fortunate to have instituted, developed, and implemented the World is Mine, Awesome Destinations and Business Oriented Success Skills (B.O.S.S.) mentoring programs. Every year, we have many youth ask to participate in the JLOCC's programs — they know they are going to have fun, and more importantly, they know that participating will give them the opportunity to team up with mentors who care about their futures! The Junior League programs have greatly affected our youth by giving them the opportunity to see and explore new places and experiences that they would not have otherwise been exposed to without the JLOCC programs.

The children who were part of the 2001-02 Awesome Destinations program are still talking about going to the Someone Cares Soup Kitchen in November 2001. Here, teen members made baskets for families that otherwise would not have had a Thanksgiving meal. They also packaged diapers, baby food, clothes, socks and other vital supplies for needy families. This activity was indeed special for our teens as many could directly relate to the experiences of the families whom they were assisting. This meaningful project had an extremely positive impact on the participants. It was wonderful to witness the effect that it had on their outlook.

The Junior League programs have impacted over 300 of our most at-risk youth. They provide the opportunity to communicate and work with women from all walks of life, backgrounds, careers and interests. Children and teens are taught the importance of setting goals and how to reach those goals. The youth learn from the JLOCC volunteers' experiences and from the activities and projects to which they are exposed. We have had numerous youth come back to the Clubs saying they want to go to college and have professional careers as a result of these experiences. We are so pleased at the significance of this development — so many of these youth will be the first ones in their families to go to college and pursue professional careers!
"Lock Down." The words reverberated around me as I listened to the Group Home Counselor's introduction. The Group Home we visited for our first Free Arts Day event was a “level 12”, one level below a "lock down" facility. The children in the home had been sent there after "flunking out" of every other home or foster care situation where they had been placed. Many of them were on medication; and all of the staff members had been assaulted at least one time during their work in the facility.

I was nervous. I was not alone. Tense smiles and anxious eyes could be seen on the faces of other Junior League volunteers who sat with me at the worn brown table, in a small pastel room where we had been escorted and promptly locked in. We waited. Our Free Arts Advisor went through basic protocol: we weren't to touch the children unless we asked their permission- then a quick pat on the arm or the back was sufficient; we weren't there to teach manners, scold or lecture; we should not compliment someone’s work unless it was specific and sincere. We listened and nodded.

The children were escorted into the large room where we had set up tables for arts and crafts: jewelry making, stationary and collages, painting, Christmas Ornaments, box decorating. The home seldom allowed mixed gender activities. This was a special privilege and we were assured, by the home counselor, that the children would be on their best behavior. She was right. If you did not know that these children were disadvantaged, you would see a group of energetic children doing what all children do: teasing, flirting, laughing, creating, dreaming. And for some this is all that the day meant to them, a chance to visit with their friends. For others, it seemed important that we were the only ones not obligated in some way to be there, that we wanted to be with them.

As I sat helping them make cards and collages, I was stunned by the creativity of some and saddened by the messages of others whose artwork was filled with red and black, pictures of guns, disfigured people, skulls and gory images. A card left unfinished on the table was a picture of a man and a woman completely in blue, someone had written underneath the picture "love is cold." My heart went out to these beautiful young victims, whose lives had been so scarred through no fault of their own. I wondered how our arts and crafts projects could ever make a difference. I didn’t have to wait long for an answer...

Our next event took place at Orangewood Children’s Home, a familiar place to those of us who have been with the Junior League for any length of time. It seemed like a breath of fresh air after being in a level 12 and level 14 facility for previous Free Arts Projects. The day would be spent with children aged 5 to 10, helping them with wonderful craft projects: creating construction paper turkeys and bean art, face painting, making toy drums and tennis ball dolls. The event was hosted by committee members Marcy Myers and Natalie Bow. There was something for everyone and the children were animated and excited.

When they learned that, in addition to crafts, they would also get pizza for lunch, they were delighted. But, this delight paled by comparison to their reaction when they were told that they could have second helpings. They bubbled with happiness. You could hear them enthusiastically whisper to one another "seconds", "they said we could have a second helping." We were so touched by how significant this small gesture was to them and happy to be a part of providing it to them.

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The crafts took their minds off pizza for a while. Happy painted faces ran around from table to table trying to decide which craft they would do first. The room was full of the type of energy only children can generate. While I put the supplies in order, I turned to see two huge brown eyes of a 6 or 7-year-old boy staring at me, waiting politely for me to finish. As he carefully picked out the materials and color for his drum and laid them in front of him, he told me his name was Joseph. With great care he measured each item and cut it precisely. Remembering our orientation about compliments, I told him that he was very good at measuring and that this was a great skill to have. He told me that his dad had taught him how to do this. He smiled as he said, "he was the best of all my dads, I'm making this drum for him." As we cut and glued, Joseph said "I'm making it blue that's my dad's favorite color." A few minutes later he stopped working on his project and looked down, he looked sad as he said, "I can't give this to my dad because he died." I looked down and tried to smile and be reassuring: "Well, I believe that when you love people, they are always with you in your heart. I'm sure your dad loves you and knows how much you love him." He listened, without looking up. He looked at his hands for a long time, then picked up a piece of tape and started to carefully measure and cut again as he said, "Let's make the other side blue too, he likes blue."

As we debriefed at the end of the Orangewood event, I remembered a conversation I once had with a therapist who worked at a children's group home. He knew about Free Arts For Abused Children and told me how special it was for the children. He felt it was a way for the children to have fun, communicate on different levels, and interact with people from the community that they could view as role models. He said the children thought it was "cool" that people from the "outside" would come and do these things with them. He went on to say that the children really looked forward to the event and talked about it long after the event was over. It was pretty special to them.

Standing on the patio looking into the room full of children with pizza sauce outlining their smiling faces, I see that this was a special day for these children too. We talked about the children we had interacted with, how cute, how charming, how sweet they were. We wondered how these innocent children could be the victims of abuse, abandonment and neglect. It seemed so unfair, so mind-boggling. We wanted to adopt them all. But we had come there to make a difference and in some small way we had.

As I drove home from Orangewood, the sun was shining on a crisp November afternoon. Pulling into my driveway, I heard Karen Carpenter's voice singing on the radio: "Bless the beasts and the children." I stayed in the car to hear the rest of the song: "Bless the beasts and the children, keep them safe, keep them warm." While I whispered the words, I saw the faces of all of the children that we had met through Free Arts For Abused Children. "Bless the children, keep them safe, keep them warm."
JLOCC Partners with Laura’s House and Receives

**Spirit of Philanthropy Recognition**

By Charlene Lee, Laura’s House Committee Chair.
JL Member since 2000.
Brand Marketing Manager, ConAgra Foods and member
Board of Directors, Pediatric Research Foundation.

Since 1994, Laura’s House, a non-profit domestic violence agency, has provided safety and support to hundreds of women and children. In 1999, the JLOCC selected Laura’s House as one of its community service projects for a three-year term, and has since enjoyed the opportunity to allow kids to be kids. Angie Rowe, JLOCC Community Director, describes: "The League members working on this project plan activities and events for the children and teens to help them escape the challenges of the emergency shelter, and show them that a life without violence does exist."

The initial project proposal submitted to the JLOCC by Laurie Jones, Laura’s House Volunteer/Outreach Manager, stated: "Adopting the children of Laura’s House as one of your projects would give the children something to look forward to on a regular basis. The adventures would not have to be huge or expensive, just predictable, and done by people with cheerful, happy hearts."

During the past three years, over twenty events have been executed through hundreds of volunteer driven planning hours. As Jones commented: "The League is dedicated to the belief that a group of women can be a powerful force for change. The Junior League offers women the opportunity to implement change in their communities and to connect with other women with a concern for present and future generations."

In November 2002, the Junior League of Orange County was recognized by Laura’s House as an Honoree in the category of Outstanding Volunteer Group, and awarded the Spirit of Philanthropy Medallion. Jones states: "Thanks to the involvement of this dynamic group, wonderful childhood memories are being made for children whose childhoods have not been full of pleasant memories. We thank and salute the Junior League of Orange County for continuing to enrich the lives of the children of Laura’s House."

Thank you, Laura’s House, for being a part of our hearts and enriching our lives during the last three years!! And thank you for the wonderful recognition!

The Spirit of Philanthropy Award is presented by the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (formerly the National Society of Fund Raising Executives [NSFRE]). Since 1985, the Orange County Chapter of AFP has celebrated the philanthropic contributions of volunteers and allied professionals in our community. National Philanthropy Day, observed since 1986, is a day celebrated across our nation to recognize the vital role philanthropy plays in our daily lives.
Junior League Volunteers Bring Possibilities to Olive Crest's START Program

Imagine being uprooted from the only life you have ever known – even if it is one filled with pain, betrayal, anger and neglect – and placed in a new environment, all alone. This is reality for the youth in Olive Crest's START program. The Junior League works with Olive Crest to provide hope to these youth.

Olive Crest provides needed shelter, care, and professional treatment to boys and girls who have been traumatized by abuse, abandonment, and/or neglect. The START Program (Short Term Assessment, Restabilization, and Treatment) provides highly structured care and evaluation for teens between the ages of 11 and 17. On average, a child remains in the program for 30 – 90 days during which the Olive Crest staff evaluates the child and makes recommendations for future, long-term placement or reunification with family.

The Junior League of Orange County (JLOCC) is committed to making this difficult, stressful time of transition more bearable. The JLOCC- Olive Crest partnership is in its third year. Each year, a new committee of JLOCC volunteers combines creativity and resources to organize special events and home improvement projects for the teens in the START program.

On a recent outing, the Olive Crest youth and JLOCC volunteers visited the Marine Mammal Center, Home of the Sea Lions, in Laguna Beach. The group learned about the center's operations and the many sea lions and seals that the center has rescued. A tour of the center provided the opportunity to see some of the rescued animals on their way to recovery. The outing culminated with lunch and a Wyland studio tour.

Valene Corcoran, Directory of Community Involvement at Olive Crest expressed her feeling about the role the League plays in the children's lives: "The Junior League volunteers bring possibilities to our kids… the possibility to know that someone cares enough about them to spend an evening with them just getting to know them. The gifts given to the teens, the dinners, the outings — each one of these puts a little fun in the lives and a little hope in the hearts of these kids who come to Olive Crest with so little."
“Is Your New Year’s Resolution to Train More?”

By Rachel Hanks, Publications Committee.
JL Member since 2001. Marketing Consultant.
Mother of one.

Where would the JLOCC be without our Provisional class? For the new or “Provisional” members of our organization, the idea of improving the community is not just a goal… it is their reality. The reality is that this mission of volunteerism requires dedication, hard work, and lots of specialized training.

The JLOCC is committed to enhancing Provisional members’ advocacy skills, understanding, teamwork and interaction through training. We educate our Provisional members to better understand our community’s needs through various means, including a project bus tour orientation. Provisional class member Wendy Beaumont, explains: “The Bus Tour was an educational and emotional day for us. We were exposed to past projects of the JLOCC and saw how we can really impact the community. We learned how thankful children and organizations are to the JLOCC and that we too as future League members can make a difference in someone’s life. I think that the Bus Tour is a great way to educate Provisional members on the JLOCC, our community and the many ways we can make a difference.”

The Provisional class also attends general meetings and has an opportunity to work on one of several Spring Provisional projects. This project provides the Provisional class with the opportunity to “get their feet wet” working with Active members. They are also prepared to work with some of the children who are encouraged to flourish and realize their hopes and dreams through programs the JLOCC partners with such as: Free Arts for Abused Children, the Boys and Girls Clubs, Olive Crest and more.

“Being a Provisional has given me the opportunity to work with a dynamic group of women dedicated to impacting our community.”

—Jennifer Dunn, JLOCC Provisional member

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The Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc., reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. If you are interested in supporting our training seminars or in becoming a Provisional member, please contact our League Headquarters at (949) 261-0823 or visit our Web site at www.jlocc.org.
The JLOCC implemented an advanced level leadership development program, The Leadership Institute, this year following two years of research and development into the needs of membership and the community for trained volunteers. The Leadership Institute consists of four core competencies: 1) Leadership Skills, 2) Knowledge of Self/Leadership Style, 3) Orange County Community Issues with particular attention to JLOCC focus areas: child abuse & teen pregnancy prevention, and 4) Junior League Organization. The Institute culminates with a mock board meeting to illustrate how these areas come together within the league.

Kathy Jennings and Eva Montdille, from “Creative Encounters,” taught the Leadership Skills Training. Participants engaged in a fun challenge trying to move a metal ball from one end of the room to the other through PVC pipes with different configurations and holes. Working together as a team, listening to and making decisions together, they accomplished this task under the time limit and gained a new understanding of team building.

JLOCC Community Advisors and Orange County Leaders Gene Howard, Executive Director of the Orangewood Children’s Foundation, Pat Halberstadt, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove and former County and State legislator, The Honorable Marian Bergeson, led the Community Training. Participants learned about the impact that the JLOCC has had on the community through the hours JLOCC members dedicate to direct service and fundraising. We were able to see how JLOCC efforts have helped to reduce child abuse through intervention programs. The speakers reminded us our contributions will be even more critical in the upcoming year, as the government funding of intervention programs have been drastically cut by state and federal budgets.

For the Knowledge of Self and Leadership Styles Training, members first completed and received scoring on the Birkman Method, a Personality Test which helps leaders assess and utilize strengths and limitations. The Leadership Institute welcomed Jean Lubas, Senior Associate of League Services with the Association of Junior Leagues, International, Inc., (AJLI) and a member of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, NJ. Ms. Lubas reviewed the Birkman Personality Test with participants and highlighted how, regardless of personality style, we can work together utilize each other's strengths and needs to accomplish our League goals.

Our own JLOCC member and 2002-2004 AJLI Board of Directors member Julie Siebel and Sustainer member/Past President Stephanie Paggi led the League Organization training. Participants learned about the history of the JLOCC, which began as the Newport Harbor Service League, and how the JLOCC fits into the larger organization, the AJLI. The Leadership Institute ended in February when immediate Past President Jennie Webb and current President Nancy Ringman led a mock board meeting. Participants faced experienced challenges as a “Board” and had substantive discussions about membership issues, fundraising, and League finances.
Trumpets sounded as nearly 2000 people entered the *Enchanted Castle* at the Orange County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 19th for the Opening Night in celebration of the 27th annual *The Christmas Company*. The new VIP room at this year’s Gala was a fabulous success that offered the sell out crowd a delicious dinner catered by Culinary Adventures, silent auction voucher, and party favors!

The popular, traditional Gala also featured an assortment of dining from some of Orange County’s finest restaurants, Gallo wines, a vast array of silent auction opportunities, and as always, preview shopping with the year’s collection of vendors. This year’s Gala was especially popular with the men as In & Out hamburgers were served next to the big screens displaying the first game of the World Series.

**Shopping Extravaganza!**

Sunday kicked off four fantastic days of exhibitor shopping. The day began with the Tiffany & Co. preferred shopping breakfast followed by three American Girl fashion shows. Over 20,000 shoppers and Special Event goers entered the building to a wonderful display provided by Strouds. Other highlights included a luncheon and discussion with Leslie Hindman, hostess of the popular HGTV series ‘At the Auction’. The Sustainer Package Drop was another huge success, enabling shoppers to leave their packages and eat lunch at the Pavilions Café or continue shopping. Our creative Sustainers even added little red wagons this year, providing an added service to our shoppers by carrying packages all the way to their cars!

We would like to extend a big thank you to all our wonderful PLATINUM sponsors, PAVILIONS, STROUDS, ABBEY EVENT SERVICES, WESTERN EXTERMINATOR COMPANY, GALLO OF SONOMA, LYMAN DRAKE, FIJI WATER, BACARDI, DAVID WILHELM’S CULINARY ADVENTURES CATERING, PEPSI, BACCHUS and THE AMSTERDAM. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the children in our community ---we could not put on this incredible Orange County tradition without all of you!

For information on how you can participate in The 28th annual *The Christmas Company* October 18-22, 2003, please call: (949) 261-0823 or visit our website, www.jlocc.org.
statement of financial position, May 31, 2002

ASSETS

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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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statement of activities for the year ended May 31, 2002

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Functional expenses

| Program services               | 435,750  |
| Supporting services            | 79,556   |
| Total functional expenses      | 515,306  |
| Change in net assets           | (128,533)|
| Net assets, beginning of year  | 1,301,668|
| NET ASSETS, MAY 31, 2002       | $1,173,133|

Our fiscal year runs June 1 – May 31. Audited figures for 2002-2003 will be available in September 2003.
The JLOCC is dedicated to the empowerment and well-being of young women and men through education, volunteer training, adolescent pregnancy prevention and child abuse prevention. The JLOCC Scholarship program is just one of many ways we seek to promote excellence in self-sufficiency.

This year the JLOCC will be awarding up to $20,000 in scholarship grants to high-school seniors planning to attend an accredited college or university. We are seeking qualified applicants who are either involved in one of our League programs or in another community program, or who have been involved in one of our programs in the past. The scholarships, in amounts up to $1,000 per year, are paid out over a four-year period.

Over the past five years, more than 10 young women have benefited from our scholarship program. Two recent winners are currently attending top-rated California universities.

Lara Raya, a 2001 JLOCC scholarship winner, is a student at U.C. Berkeley. She is considering majoring in psychology with an emphasis in social welfare. Lara says Berkeley was initially tough, but adds that she really likes her school. When she is not studying, Lara finds time to work as an intern at the Chicano-Latino Affairs office and is an active member of BAMN, an organization that promotes affirmative action and the elimination of the SATs.

Another 2001 winner, Maricela Sandoval, is attending the University of California, San Diego and majoring in engineering. She enjoys living on campus and is amazed at how many students she has met from all over the United States and other countries. Maricela has decided to also explore women’s studies because of the scholarship she received from the JLOCC. In her spare time, Maricela is involved with “Alternative Spring Break” where she is planning a trip to Mexico to help build a home for an orphanage.

Like our previous scholarship winners, Lara and Maricela are thrilled at the prospect of the League providing them with additional scholarship funds for the next three years and are grateful for the lifelong educational benefits the scholarships provide them.

The JLOCC Scholarship Committee promotes excellence and self-sufficiency through post-secondary education scholarships. If you know of prospective candidates who would benefit from future scholarship awards of up to $1,000 annually for four years, please contact us for an application. As Lara and Maricela can attest, the ability to avail oneself of educational opportunities can make a permanent difference in a young person’s life. While preference is given to applicants who have participated in a Junior League project, all eligible applicants will be considered.
As school returned to session and the leaves started to fall last September, the JLOCC’s Project Development Committee and Community Grants Committee hosted a special breakfast for approximately 85 members of Orange County’s non-profit community and local leadership. Our strategy was to unite our community by sharing information on the community’s needs and the capabilities of the JLOCC. We set two goals to achieve through the breakfast: garner from the community information on the areas in greatest need and educate the community about our new Grants Committee and the opportunity to apply to be one of the JLOCC’s Projects.

To be eligible for a grant from the JLOCC or to become a JLOCC project, proposals must center on the JLOCC’s focus areas: child abuse prevention and/or adolescent pregnancy prevention.

Community Assistance Grants are available from the JLOCC to support programs that might not otherwise happen without an influx of needed funds. For our 2002-2003 fiscal year which runs through May 31, the JLOCC has budgeted a maximum of $50,000 for that purpose.

Project applications were also available. Unlike grants, projects entail an on-going partnership with the JLOCC where the JLOCC commits dedicated volunteer hours and fully or partially runs the project in question, as opposed to simply funding it. The League is currently reviewing the over one dozen completed applications, and the projects will be selected in late April. The selection process for both the grants and the projects will start anew June 1st.

To learn more about how to become involved with the JLOCC through our community grants or projects, please call JLOCC headquarters at (949) 261-0823 or visit our website at www.jlocc.org.

Gene Howard, Executive Director, Orangewood Children’s Foundation, addresses the crowd at the Community Breakfast.

Pat Halberstadt, Chief Professional Officer, Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, shares her experience working with the JLOCC at the Fall 2002 Community Breakfast.
SPAC Moves Ahead With Member Involvement

The Junior League of Orange County’s (JLOCC) Public Affairs Committee has historically been a source of political and legislative information to members and has acted as a link to legislative issues affecting our focus areas of adolescent pregnancy prevention and child abuse prevention. Additionally, we have two delegates who are also active at the state level with the Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) which acts as a cohesive front for the Junior League chapters throughout California and represents Junior League interests to our State legislators in Sacramento. SPAC also has a history of sponsoring effective legislation within the focus areas of the California member Leagues.

This year, JLOCC's Public Affairs Committee has been quite active. A week before the November election, our committee hosted a Propositions Workshop at Junior League Headquarters. This workshop educated members and guests on many of the ballot propositions. There were speakers on both sides of the issues present, including: Larry Agran, Mayor of Irvine; Tom Fortune, Principal of Government Relations for the Orange County Transportation Authority; Charlotte Pirch, representing the League of Women Voters; Keith Coolidge, Associate General Manager of the Municipal Water District; Rick Davis of the Davis Group; Gary Moody of Arnold's All Stars; and Mike Kilbourn, President of Legislative and Management Strategies. The issues discussed included transportation, water, and education as well as the future of a new Orange County airport and the Great Park in Irvine. This workshop proved to be very informative and is traditionally hosted by the Public Affairs committee prior to November elections in order to help educate our members as well as community members on the issues.

Our SPAC delegates also kept busy on the legislative front. They attended the SPAC Fall Conference in Fresno where Junior League legislative goals were discussed. The conference served as a forum for addressing the goals of the California Junior Leagues. SPAC does not endorse candidates, but is specifically issue oriented, following legislation that affects those served by the projects of the sixteen California Junior Leagues. Support by the Junior Leagues is a coveted endorsement for many bills in front of the California Legislature, and the SPAC delegates spend a great deal of time studying proposed legislation, with great care given to any “endorsement” vote. Since 1971, SPAC members have written letters and testified in Legislative hearings in both support and opposition to legislative bills. In the last six years, sponsoring legislation, instead of waiting for someone else to do so, has also become part of SPAC's program. For more information on the Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee, please contact League Headquarters at (949) 261-0823.

A look at some of the pending legislative initiatives that SPAC has chosen to support:

AB 1488 (Bates)  Adds the violation of a domestic violence protective order to the list of crimes requiring a hearing prior to release on bail and would allow the judge to set bail at an amount other than that specified in the schedule of bail for that offense.

SB 52 (Hollingsworth)  Appropriates $15 million from the General Fund for distribution to county sheriffs for the implementation of county SAFE teams. The explicit purpose of SAFE teams is to reduce violent sexual assaults through proactive surveillance and arrests of habitual sexual offenders.

AB 134 (Cohn)  Accelerates penalties for repeat domestic violence offenders.
Women Building Better Communities

By Julie Siebel, Ph.D., 2002-2004 AJLI Board of Directors.
JL Member since 1989.
Assistant Director of Major Gifts, Scripps College.

In 1971, the JLOCC joined the Association of Junior Leagues, International. Started by fewer than 100 young women in New York City in 1901, the Association’s membership has since grown to encompass four countries, 296 communities and 193,000 women. The Association remains headquartered in New York City, and provides leadership training, consulting services and networking opportunities for all member Leagues. While there is a professional staff to facilitate these services, like the JLOCC, the Association remains a volunteer, membership-driven organization.

The Association is overseen by an all-volunteer Board of Directors, comprised of League members selected to reflect the geographic diversity and size variations of the League. Members of the Board are seated for a two-three year term. The Board uses a form of Policy Governance to help direct the efforts of the members and staff. Currently, the Board is implementing the Collaboration for a Healthy Future program, while also addressing issues of membership diversity, League growth and expansion, internationalism, collective versus individual action, and fund development.

This year, I am honored to represent Area VI on the Association Board. Area VI is comprised of the 45 Leagues within the eleven western United States, western Canada and Mexico City. While this is a great honor for the JLOCC, I am not the first of our membership to hold an Association governance position, and know that I will not be the last. In the recent past, Janet Colclaser, Dee Knapper and Anne Nutt, all past JLOCC presidents, have served on different governance committees that have played a role in shaping the Association’s future.

As a member of the Board, I have the chance to visit other Leagues, meet many intelligent and interesting women, gain invaluable experience, and help envision the future for the Association’s second century. Yet, in this first year of my two-year placement, I always find myself pleased to be able to return to Orange County and our amazing League. We are part of the larger Association of Women Building Better Communities. And here at home, we truly are Trained Volunteer Women…building a brighter future for children!
Inspired by what you have read in these pages? Wondering how you can help improve the community? Wondering what role you can play in helping all children and adolescents realize their hopes and dreams? Then…keep reading.

There are many ways you can become involved with the Junior League of Orange County.

WE WANT YOU!

The Junior League of Orange County (JLOCC) belongs to a century old organization with members representing 296 Junior Leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Great Britain. The women in these Leagues come from diverse backgrounds, bring with them diverse experiences and have diverse interests. Yet all have one thing in common: a strong commitment to volunteerism. For nearly half a century, we have been making a major contribution to our community, here in Orange County.

“The Junior League changed my life.”

—Gayle Wilson, former California First Lady and Past President, Junior League of San Diego

The JLOCC reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to volunteerism. Our members share a vision of the organization in which each individual member is supported and encouraged to increase her experience, knowledge and leadership skills while becoming an effectively trained volunteer.

JLOCC membership provides women with the training and education necessary to acquire the skills, knowledge and experience needed to be effective volunteers and leaders in our community.

To learn more about joining the JLOCC, please

• Contact our League Headquarters at (949) 261-0823
• Email us at: jlocc@sbcglobal.net
• Visit our website at www.jlocc.org.

Your Support Makes Our Projects and Programs Possible!

As a non-profit organization, the JLOCC is dependent on the kindness of friends…and strangers. The generous support of the JLOCC by community members enables us to continue our efforts to ensure that Orange County's children and adolescents flourish and that Orange County is, indeed, a better place for them to realize their hopes and dreams.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

WON’T YOU CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THE JLOCC?

The JLOCC appreciates and accepts gifts made by cash, check or major credit card. Perhaps your employer will MATCH your gift…please inquire!

Donations in the form of stock or bonds can also be made. Please consult your tax advisor as such gifts may have a unique tax benefit to the donor whereby she or he can deduct the current fair market value of the donation and avoid paying capital gains tax on the security.

You may also wish to consider making an outright bequest to the JLOCC through your will or trust, or to honor a special occasion or person.

WE VALUE YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU to all who have supported and continue to support the JLOCC. We would not be where we are today without you. More importantly, thousands of Orange County children would not be where they are today without you!

Our supporters include (but are by no means limited to) individual financial donors, corporate donors and our faithful Christmas Company shoppers each year. Some donate used cellular phones to be given to victims of domestic violence. Others donate time, services, or offer discounts to help support the League. Still others donate goods and services to be auctioned at our two annual fundraisers, A Christmas Company Opening Night Gala and the Spring Fundraiser.

A Special Thanks to the Taco Bell Corporation!

For the last five years, the Taco Bell Corporation has most generously donated space for the JLOCC to hold its general membership meetings. On Wednesday evenings as we file into the building, the security guard greets us with the warmest of smiles, making our members feel welcome indeed. As we settle in and prepare for the meeting ahead, we cannot help but reflect on the generosity of Taco Bell and the impact its support of the League has on the community. By supporting the JLOCC, the Taco Bell Corporation enables us to devote increased financial resources to our projects and programs, thereby assisting the JLOCC in fulfilling its mission.

For some people, “Improving the community” is just an expression. For us, it’s our Mission.