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Report to the Community

Celebrating
50
years of service



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Women building better communities.

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Women Building Better Communities



Mission

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The Power of Association

Formed in 1921, the Association provides continuity and support, guidance and leadership development opportunities to 294 Junior Leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. Through regional, national, and international meetings, comprehensive resources, customized consultations, League and member benefits, AJLI adds value to its member Leagues in their fulfillment of the Junior League Mission.

The Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. is proud to be a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc.



Mission

The Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The JLOCC reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

Vision

The members of the JLOCC share a vision of an Orange County community in which the health, safety and education of all individuals are promoted and supported.

The members of the JLOCC share a vision of the organization in which the experience, knowledge and leadership skills of all members are promoted and supported.

Get Involved

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

The Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. If you are interested in joining, please contact us at 949.261.0823 or jlocc@sbcglobal.net. You can also visit JLOCC online at www.jlocc.org.

Celebrating Fifty

Celebrating 50 Years of Service in Orange County: Living and Leaving Our Legacy



In 294 communities across the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom, Junior

Leagues have been the driving force behind the kinds of initiatives and institutions that make communities better, more vital places to live – building shelters for the victims of abuse and neglect; developing programs to assist teens in eliminating the behaviors that lead to adolescent pregnancy; promoting literacy, school readiness, and safe and healthy families; advocating for historic preservation; pioneering innovative and incomparable leadership development programs; and more. The approximately 800 women of the Junior League of Orange County, California are privileged to have been a part of this proud heritage of giving over the last 50 years.

Our volunteer members reflect a wide range of backgrounds, interests, and professional pursuits, and work together to identify unmet needs, forge effective coalitions and partnerships, inspire shared solutions, and initiate changes. Time and time again, we have been among the first organizations to step up to the plate and tackle our community's biggest challenges.

In the years following our organization's inception as the Newport Harbor Service League in 1956 by 44 founding members, we have expanded to represent a major

metropolitan area encompassing nearly 800 square miles, 34 incorporated cities, and an estimated population of over 3 million people. During this evolution, League members have generated the ideas that resulted in the founding and sustenance of our county's most renowned and powerful organizations, including the Volunteer Bureau (now known as the Volunteer Center of Orange County), Orangewood Children's Home, New Directions for Women, Court Appointed Special Advocates, CAST (Child Abuse Services Team), and Christmas in April/Rebuilding Together, to name but a few.

Today we continue to fortify the organizations we select as our partners. Our ambitious agenda in the areas of child abuse prevention and adolescent pregnancy prevention resulted in our bringing on three new collaborative partners during the 2005-2006 year: the Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center, where JLOCC members developed and implemented a strategic child abuse prevention plan to incorporate community outreach and awareness, parenting education, and therapeutic arts intervention for children; Casa Teresa, where JLOCC members developed, and now will implement, oversee, and evaluate, a mentoring program for young homeless pregnant women; and Girls Incorporated Action for Safety, where JLOCC members served as volunteers in workshops that focus on training girls to protect themselves from abuse and harassment, and developed a community awareness campaign for child abuse prevention. We also are fortunate to have continued our existing projects and would like to extend a special thank you to our colleagues at YMCA, where our members have developed an exemplary model for

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instilling, in at-risk youth, a life-long pattern of volunteerism; CASA, where we develop events that are fun, educational and memorable in a venue that allows volunteer advocates to spend quality time with CASA kids away from the group or foster home environment; Canyon Acres, where our members serve as mentors and friends to children who suffer from a variety of emotional and psychological disorders due to family histories of child abuse, substance abuse, family violence and mental illness; Orangewood Children's Foundation, where our Sustainer members provide hope and encouragement to emancipating teens in addition to the "bare necessities" of life; and the numerous collaborators who assist and support our Impact Orange County "done in a day" projects.

As you know, a "legacy" is a passing of something very important from one generation to another. I can't think of a more compelling legacy than the 3 prongs of our mission statement, created by our predecessors so many years ago. They evidence a spirited and lofty heritage, and define every aspect of our time together:

- "promoting voluntarism";
- "developing the potential of women";
- and "improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers".

We "live" these three prongs in every way, every day, but we also "leave" them for those who will follow us.

The key factor in our success – and the principal reason our members and partners choose to associate with us –

is our exceptional training curriculum. Our members continually strive to identify and offer relevant training opportunities, "in the classroom," "on the job," and through powerful advocacy, to support our League, our community, and our individual, personal goals. Over the course of their League careers, our members come to recognize that the "developing the potential of women" component of our mission statement is a truly unparalleled and most influential force that unifies over 170,000 women – and the communities in which they live – worldwide!

"Junior Leagues have been the driving force behind the kinds of initiatives and institutions that make communities better, more vital places to live..."

Thank you so much to all our volunteers and supporters for giving their hearts, time, and talents to the JLOCC. Each individual contributor is affecting lives and improving the community, and collectively we are making an enormous impact. And let's remember that the League's story is far from finished. We have spent our 50th year tracing, commemorating, and celebrating our rich history through the decades, but perhaps even more importantly, imagining, planning, and implementing even more growth into the future. Together, we will "live" and "leave" a legacy of a better Orange County.

Loyally,

Vicki Lynn Hassman

Vicki Lynn Hassman
2005-2006 President





Vicki Lynn Hassman
President
Junior League member for 12 years



Christine Goldhammer
Community Director
Junior League member for 13 years



Angie Rowe
President - Elect
Junior League member for 8 years



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Junior League member for 4 years



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Junior League member for 7 years



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Junior League member for 4 years



Jessica Hodes
Secretary
Junior League member for 5 years



April Young
Projects Director
Junior League member for 4 years



Lynn Hemans
Treasurer
Junior League member for 6 years



Susan Puskarich
Training Director
Junior League member for 6 years



Danielle Arnerich Combs
Communications Director
Junior League member for 4 years



Jane Martin
Sustainer Representative
Junior League member for over 30 years

Each year the Junior League of Orange County invites outstanding individuals in the community to serve as Community Advisors. Each Advisor brings a wealth of information, a wide variety of expertise, and wisdom regarding our community.

Genevieve Anton is the president of Anton Communications, Inc., a public relations firm. A former journalist with more than 20 years of print and broadcast experience, Genevieve now specializes in media strategy, outreach and training, as well as crisis management. Prior to becoming a journalist, Genevieve was a member of the Executive Staff of the White House, where she worked on the political team that briefed Congress.

Dr. Lisa Baron is Assistant Professor of Organization and Strategy at the Paul Merage School of Business, University of California, Irvine and has coached and consulted several large and small organizations. She has received numerous awards for her key research and teaching areas which include negotiation and communication, relationship between beliefs and behaviors, diversity and gender in organizations, and intergroup relations.

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

Pat Halberstadt has been the Chief Professional Officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove for more than 30 years. She serves on the California State School-Age Care Advisory Committee, BGCA Child Safety Committee, United Way Board of Directors and the Board of Directors for Healthy Smiles for Kids OC.

Mary MacIntyre Hamilton is a local philanthropy consultant, and is a partner of HamiltonBeyl Philanthropy Consulting, which specializes in leadership development, strategic planning for non-profit organizations, foundation program development, fund development and executive recruitment. Mary was the former founding Executive Director of The Fieldstone Foundation. She was a Junior League Member in the 80's. She is married to Dr. Harry Hamilton and is the mother of four grown children.

Shelley Hoss has 19 years of experience in the nonprofit field, focusing primarily in programs serving at-risk children, and is currently the President of the Orange County Community Foundation. She most recently served as Executive Director of Girls Incorporated and spent 10 years overseeing programs for the Orangewood Children's Foundation.

Judge Pamela Iles was appointed to the South County Municipal Court in 1983, and later elevated to Orange County Superior Court in 1998. She has long sat on many commissions and committees, including the Republican Task Force on Child Abuse, and spearheaded development of the OC Family Resource Center.

Deborah Mayhew is a public relations consultant and freelance writer with a strong background in agency and corporate communications. She has developed and implemented comprehensive public relations and advertising programs and projects for a diverse range of clients in the areas of health care, tourism, television, and the retail sector. In addition to JLOCC, recent community involvement includes the Los Angeles Commission Against Assaults Against Women, The Raise Foundation, and the Newport Community Counseling Center.

Jeffrey Wilcox is a Certified Fundraising Executive and the immediate past president of the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. He is the former Executive Vice President of United Way of Greater Los Angeles and Executive Director of CHOC Foundation for Children at Children's Hospital of Orange County. He is a member of five local boards and President and CEO of Executive Consulting in Long Beach, a full-service management consulting firm exclusively for nonprofits.

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

JLOCC Throughout the Years

1956
1957

44 founding members established the Newport Harbor Service League in September.
Organized the Community Volunteer Bureau to coordinate and encourage volunteer work with the local area agencies – today known as the Orange County Volunteer Center.

1958
1959

The permanent Ways & Means project, The Danish Coffee Garden, at Sherman Gardens was opened and staffed six days a week by members.



1964
1965

First project completed – the Philharmonic Concert Previews – and successfully turned over to the Newport Harbor Women's Philharmonic Board.



1965
1966

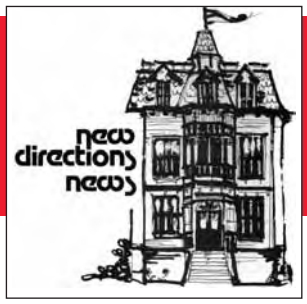
Anniversary Ball held to celebrate the first ten years of the Service League.

1973
1974

Project Impact – Assessment and Treatment Services Center of The Coastal Orange County (ATSC) was established. League members served as community educators and advocates, receptionists and interviewers and conducted a high-level county-wide seminar of the juvenile justice system. The cookbook Epicure was produced.

1975
1976

ATSC chosen as one the 30 best juvenile justice projects in the Nation. New Directions for Women – a halfway house for recovering alcoholic women – was established.



1978
1979

Three councils were established to facilitate coordination and communication: Community, Communication and Membership. A choral group known as the "Anchorbelles" consisting of Actives and Sustainers began trouping in December.

1979
1980

Admission boundaries changed to include all of Orange County.

1983
1984

The first Shell Award was presented to Tom Stephenson of KOCE.

1984
1985

Computer purchased and mailing lists were programmed.

1985
1986

Hosted the Southwest Exchange at the Balboa Bay Club. Tenth anniversary of *The Christmas Company*.

1988
1989

The JLOCC was the host League for the 67th Annual AJLI Conference, "Advancing a Children's Agenda".

1992
1993

Focus Areas were selected: Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Child Abuse Prevention. New headquarters was purchased at our current location.

1994
1995

The Monte Carlo Night, spring fundraiser, was initiated.

1998
1999

The League partnered with Cal State Fullerton to conduct a countywide, televised Town Hall meeting focusing on the status of children in Orange County.

1999
2000

Created the long-term project Services to Encourage and Empower Kids (SEEK) with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove and the Boys and Girls Club of Capistrano Valley.



2002
2003

JLOCC recognized by Laura's House as an honoree in the category of Outstanding Volunteer Group and was awarded the Spirit of Philanthropy Medallion at the National Philanthropy Day luncheon. Adopted the AJLI Logo and tagline, "Women building better communities."

2003
2004

SPAC sponsored a bill that established a centralized database for agencies to use when certifying foster families.

1961
1962

Community Welfare Project established at Fairview State Hospital consisting of musical therapy, later to become an occupational therapy program for teenage girls.

1963
1964

Volunteer Service Bureau received the coveted Disneyland Community Service Award of \$2,000.

1971
1972



February 11, 1971 Junior League of Newport Harbor became the 218th league and the 19th league in Region XII. State Public Affairs Committee was formed by the California Leagues. Each League was represented by two delegates.

1972
1973

Casa Delhi, a community center in Santa Ana, was started to show the residents how to be volunteers. The Environmental Nature Center was voted in as a project. Non-secret admissions were voted in. The JLNH was one of the first Leagues to change this policy.

1976
1977

The Christmas Company was held and netted over \$30,000 – voted in as an annual fundraiser.



1977
1978

The Child Advocate Newsletter was established as a project.



1980
1981

The League held a 10th anniversary reception at the South Coast Repertory Theater. All net proceeds from *The Christmas Company* were given as a challenge grant to the community to replace the Albert Sitton home, a new facility that became known as Orangewood.

1981
1982

The League began use of a new structure: Councils, 17 members on the Board of Directors, Director -at-Large, combined Admission/Provisional Committee. First year of a five year management plan and use of a master calendar. League Lobbers and Paper Place began as Administrative Fundraisers.

1986
1987

First "Speak-up" at the January general meeting involving the entire membership in the future planning process. The name was officially changed to the Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc.

1987
1988

\$68,000 was given to past projects in celebration of the 15th anniversary. The Child Advocate Newsletter awarded first prize in AJL Public Relations Contest. New logo was approved.



1995
1996

JLOCC moved into the current headquarters.

1996
1997

Girl's Hope home in Fullerton is opened with furnishings provided by the JLOCC.

1997
1998

JLOCC gave \$100,000 to kick-off the capital campaign for the Boys and Girls Club of Capistrano Valley.

2000
2001

The JLOCC Family Resource Center was opened at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove. The JLOCC Teen Room was dedicated at the Boys and Girls Club of Capistrano Valley.

2001
2002

The League participated in the Donate-A-Phone project. "Bear Hugs" project was begun by the Sustainers.

2004
2005

\$15,000 in college scholarships was awarded to students who had participated in a past or on-going JLOCC sponsored program or organization.

2005
2006

The JLOCC celebrated 30 years of *The Christmas Company* and 50 years of service to the community.



In September 1956 forty four founding members began a great journey as they created the Newport Harbor Service League. Many of these women had been members of Junior Leagues from other cities and wanted to recreate their experience in their new home of Newport Beach. They had the vision to realize the community could benefit from the programs and projects they would create – and benefit it has!

Early Projects

One of the first projects started by the Newport Harbor Service League was a Community Volunteer Bureau to coordinate and encourage volunteer work with other local agencies. From this beginning the bureau, now known as the Orange County Volunteer Center, continues to serve the community by training volunteers through workshops, providing collaborative models for non-profits to work together and housing a non-profit library that is a tremendous resource to the community. Over the years the League has collaborated with other institutions, such as Fairview Hospital, to create programs to benefit teenage girls; Community Welfare Project and Music Therapy; Drug Education Program; Project Dope Stop and, in conjunction with the Newport Harbor Women's Philharmonic Society: Philharmonic Previews and the Philharmonic Juniors.

Project Development in the 1970s

After becoming the Junior League of Newport Harbor in 1971, the League began to focus its projects to align with the national goals of the Association of Junior Leagues. The goal to Increase Impact of the Community inspired Casa Delhi – a community center in Santa Ana which was started in conjunction with the Volunteer Action Center satellite office, to show the residents how they could be volunteers. Sewing, cake decorating and English were the first courses offered. Using the Newport Mesa School District as a co-sponsor, the League adopted the Environmental Nature Center as a project including a Paleodocent program. League members were given extensive training as docents and then took fossils to the classrooms to educate students on the paleontology of the immediate area.



To highlight the second AJL goal, Improved and Continuing Membership Education, the League began Project Impact – Assessment and Treatment Services Center of Coastal Orange County in 1973. In addition to funding a full-time psychologist, the League members served as community educators and advocates through a Speakers Bureau, acted as receptionists and interviewers for clients and conducted a county wide seminar on the juvenile justice system. In 1975, Pam Wilder, a Junior League member, stood up at a Junior League meeting and announced she was an alcoholic and the “Action on Alcoholism” project was founded. League and community members were trained about alcoholism and were placed in various alcohol related fields under the guidance of the Alcoholism Council of Orange County. The project resulted in the development and funding of a halfway house for women recovering from alcoholism called New Directions. This project has helped hundreds of women over the years and remains a viable non-profit with its own governing board today. In 1977 the Child Advocate Newsletter was begun - a quarterly publication that featured articles on children, drug abuse prevention and educational issues.

Recent Projects

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) was started in 1986 to create adult advocates for children in the foster care system. Several League members have become CASAs and today this nonprofit agency is a vital part of the Orange County community. To respond to immediate needs in the community

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"Done in a Day" projects were created; initially they included food drives and assistance to the homeless community. In 1992, after much research and thought, the League adopted two focus areas for its projects – Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Child Abuse Prevention. Projects in these areas were created in collaboration with community agencies already working in those areas, such as Canyon Acres, the Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Incorporated, Share Our Selves and Casa Teresa, to name a few.

Fundraising History

In order to raise funds for the projects, the Newport Harbor Service League began a permanent Ways & Means project, the Danish Coffee Garden. Housed at Sherman Gardens in Corona del Mar, the Danish Coffee Garden was opened and staffed six days a week by members. Through the sixteen year association the Danish Coffee Garden had with Sherman Gardens the League raised more than \$168,000. Some of the early recipients of grants from these funds included Fairview Hospital, Girls Club of the Harbor Area, American Field Service, Volunteer Bureau, Children's Art Workshop, Children's Hospital of Orange County, and Project Schooltime.



I. Magnin Fashion Show

In addition to the Danish Coffee Garden, the League had a separate fundraiser for several years – the I. Magnin Fashion Show, that solely benefited the Symphony for Youth program in conjunction with the Newport Harbor Women's Philharmonic Society. When the Sherman Foundation, which owns Sherman Gardens, informed the League that it could no longer house the Danish Coffee Garden due to its status as an operational research foundation, the creative women charged the Ways & Means committee to research new methods of fundraising. *The Christmas Company* was begun in the fall of 1976. Still going strong after 30 years, *The Christmas Company* has raised several million dollars for Junior League projects. One highlight in the history of *The Christmas Company* came in 1980 when the League voted to give all of the funds raised, \$117,000, as a challenge grant to the Orange County community and Orangewood Children's Home was established. It remains to this day a national model of how public-private partnerships work and was a first for Orange County. In addition to *The Christmas Company*, the League has had several spring fundraisers including Monte Carlo nights and most recently, "Golf Tournament by the Sea."



Monte Carlo Night 1997

The Organization's Growth

The Newport Harbor Service League became the Junior League of Newport Harbor in 1971 – the 218th League in the United States. As the years evolved it became apparent that the members and projects of the Junior League were having a far reaching effect in the county and, after careful thought and research, the League voted to change the name to the Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. – the JLOCC that we know today.

The Junior League has had a remarkable impact on the Orange County community not only through the development of substantial projects such as CASA, New Directions and ATSC, but through the tireless efforts of the volunteer members who have given their time and resources to make Orange County a better place to live. The members have impacted the lives of thousands of children and created a legacy that today's members are proud to carry forward for the next fifty years.

CASA Special Events Sunsets After Three Incredible Years



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a program that trains community volunteers to serve as powerful mentors and advocates for Orange County's most severely abused, abandoned and neglected children. The first CASA program was started in 1977 in Seattle, Washington. During over 30 years of intervention in children's lives by adult volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates, there have been clearly demonstrated and documented benefits to the children. Studies have shown that when a child is assigned a CASA there are significantly better long-term outcomes such as less time spent in foster care, fewer placement changes, higher number of kids returned home, more services ordered for the child by the court, more frequent hearings to order and follow up on the child's progress and significantly increased percentages of children who were adopted. All of these factors contribute to the health and well-being of children.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Orange County was founded in 1985 with major support from the Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. (JLOCC). During CASA's 21 year history, the JLOCC has remained involved as a significant community partner.



The JLOCC has provided support to CASA over the past three years through its CASA Special Events Project. JLOCC volunteers plan and execute 6 events per year for CASAs and their children to enjoy. Events this year included a pottery painting and pizza event, craft tables and assistance with the annual CASA Holiday Party, jumping, playing and pizza at Scooter's Jungle, a bowling bonanza at Irvine Lanes, a performance of Beauty and the Beast at the Santa Ana Children's Theater and a day at the Long Beach Aquarium.



The CASAs appreciate having events they do not have to plan or finance and the children thoroughly enjoy attending the events with their CASAs as well as seeing and visiting with other children or even siblings who are in other group or foster home placements.

It has been very rewarding to talk to the children and the CASAs during hosted events. The children are very open and happy to talk to adult volunteers who are there just for them. April Rath, CASA Special Events committee member, stated, "At each JLOCC/CASA event, I have been questioned by different children asking who I am and why we are doing this for them. They are amazed at the smallest kindness by people who want to be there for them and are not being paid or assigned."

The CASAs and their children have been very appreciative of the 6 events sponsored and hosted by the JLOCC for each of the past three years. The success of the project in supporting CASAs and their children has inspired CASA Orange County to research ways to fund ongoing planned events in years to come as the JLOCC sunsets the CASA Special Events Project this year and has resulted in the launch of a permanent new special events auxiliary.

For more information about Court Appointed Special Advocates call (714) 619-5151 or contact them online at: www.casaoc.org.



Canyon Acres Committee Teams up for Fun

It's been another wonderful year for both the kids of Canyon Acres and the committee members from the Junior League. The Junior League and Canyon Acres have had a successful partnership for the last 3 years. The women of the League have enjoyed exciting events with the kids and have witnessed the positive impact our involvement has had on the kids of Canyon Acres.

Canyon Acres Children's Services is the only facility in Orange or surrounding counties serving the most severely abused and emotionally troubled children between the ages of 6 to 12. It is here that children are provided with the highest level of care and therapeutic treatment. Most importantly, Canyon Acres provides a home to children who suffer from a variety of emotional and psychological disorders. These disorders are due to family histories of child abuse, substance abuse, family violence and mental illness.

The Canyon Acres committee has had the opportunity to work with the children in the two community-based group homes, one for boys and one for girls, based in Anaheim Hills. Six children live in each home, where they begin the process of transitioning back into the community and learn how to live as a family. Many of these children have moved from the highest level of care to the group homes, a less restrictive environment, where they have the opportunity to participate in activities that would not otherwise be possible.

Each year, the Junior League committee has been divided into two "teams." Six women spend the year with the girls' group home and the other six women spend their time with the boys' home. This allows League members to build strong relationships with the kids and really get to know them. The committee plans monthly events for the kids in each home.

The girls' team planned many fun activities this year. Some of the most memorable events included dinner at Buca De Beppo, bowling at Lucky Strike in Orange, dinner and the show at Medieval Times, and a luxurious evening getting pampered at a nail salon in Newport Beach. The girls also received a lesson in self-defense at a Tae-Kwon-Do class. When asked how they felt about the Junior League, one of the girls got a big smile on her face and just gave the "thumbs up" sign. Actions can speak louder than words!

The Canyon Acres boys also enjoyed several exciting events. The boys also went bowling at Lucky Strike, painted ornaments for holiday gifts, spent an afternoon at the Discovery Science Center, and had their own pizza making party at a restaurant in Downtown Disney. It was usually all about the food with the boys!

The level of success of this year with Canyon Acres can be contributed to the overwhelming dedication of the committee members. The committee was lucky to have seven returning women who volunteered on the Canyon Acres committee over the last 2 years. Committee member Jennifer McAuliffe said, "I grew so attached to the kids last year and really wanted to work with them again. I was thrilled to be able to be on the committee again this year."

Lori McCartney, Canyon Acres Committee Chair, shares, "Not only has it been a great experience to form such strong relationships with the kids, it's been exciting to witness the success of the Canyon Acres programs. We've had the opportunity to see some of the kids who have been returned to their families or who have been adopted. It's been a little hard to say goodbye but a wonderful feeling to know the Junior League is supporting an organization that is really making a difference in these boys' and girls' lives."



Boys' Team



Girls' Team

Girls Incorporated Action for Safety Program Starts with a Kick

The JLOCC has teamed up with Girls Incorporated of Orange County, part of the national nonprofit Girls Incorporated organization, for a three-year project to enhance and improve its Action for Safety program. The Action for Safety program is a twelve-hour self-defense and violence prevention course for girls 9-11 years old, consistent with Girls Incorporated's dedication to inspiring all girls to be "Strong, Smart and Bold." The course teaches self-defense in many ways – physical, mental and verbal – to avoid violent situations and increase girls' personal safety. As well as providing funding for program supplies and to enhance Girls Incorporated's effectiveness in the community, the JLOCC committee members, headed by chair Lori Wagner, serve as trained volunteers for the Action for Safety workshops. The committee is also producing training materials for the program and assisting Girls Incorporated in the development of a community awareness campaign to prevent child abuse.

Tewinkle Action For Safety Class



In November 2005, committee members began training with martial arts instructor Bear St. Clair of Bear Essential Combat in Costa Mesa to learn the self-defense skills necessary to assist in the Action for Safety workshops. St. Clair and his staff are committed to working with the JLOCC and Girls Incorporated teaching young girls the basic moves needed to fend off a possible attacker. The committee and St. Clair began their hands-on self-defense presentations with the Action for Safety girls in December at both the Aliso Viejo Resource Center and Tewinkle Middle School in Costa Mesa. The girls in the program quickly learned kicks, escape rolls, how to drop an attacker from behind and the "spider guard" to regain position after being pushed to the ground – all with St. Clair's caveat that these techniques are a last resort when all else fails. The girls joined together with partners to try out the moves they learned and had a great respect for St. Clair (they had to do push-ups if caught talking during class), wanting to hear more about his martial arts background. During the holiday season, JLOCC committee members provided a four-day training session at Girls Incorporated headquarters in Costa Mesa. As always, the Action for Safety girls were thrilled to see for themselves how powerful they can be.

2006 kicked off to a great start with the committee arranging an Action for Safety seminar on internet safety by Costa Mesa Police Officer Kelly McGovern. Due to the overwhelming response from the girls, Officer McGovern has since discussed various safety topics with them. The trainings at Tewinkle continued biweekly, and another week long intensive training session was held at Girls Incorporated headquarters in April, with the girls becoming more and more comfortable using the techniques that they learned from St. Clair and his staff. Finally, in April the committee hosted a day of self-defense training at Bear Essential Combat studios open exclusively to Girls Incorporated, the JLOCC and invited guests. Bear St. Clair and his staff gave personal safety advice, taught many of the moves the Action for Safety girls learned and provided the opportunity for attendees to practice their skills. The committee is proud to have shared this valuable knowledge.

Casa Teresa – Home with a Heart



Founded in 1976, Casa Teresa provides a loving temporary home for single, pregnant women, mainly in the 18-23 age range. These women have nowhere to go and have chosen to keep their babies after birth or to place them for adoption. Casa Teresa provides a place for these women in transition and surrounds them with a warm environment of shared housing, responsibility and rehabilitation. More than 2000 mothers and babies have passed through the doors of Casa Teresa to a better life.

Casa Teresa offers three different programs for its residents:

- The Parenting Program – for women who choose to parent their baby
- The Adoption Program – for women who choose to place their baby for adoption
- The Transition Program – an extended program for women after the birth of their baby



Casa Teresa offers high quality training and education programs in the areas of prenatal care, parenting, health and nutrition tailored to the needs of each resident.

Career counseling, financial guidance and life skills are stressed, increasing the probability of a successful future for the mother and baby. Most of all, the nurturing of Casa Teresa's staff and volunteers provides the mothers with self-esteem and hope for a brighter future.

The JLOCC Casa Teresa Committee has had the pleasure of working with Casa Teresa throughout the year in developing a mentoring program for the Transition Program. The Committee toured the facilities and met with the Executive Director and the staff psychologist to determine the challenges the residents face and their views on mentoring. After speaking to the staff and some of the mothers at the home, you can see that Casa Teresa truly is a "Home with a Heart." The committee researched existing mentoring programs in the community. Various aspects of the mentoring program included applications for the women and potential mentors, first meeting checklists, training supplies, mentor activity forms and an evaluation process.

A former resident of Casa Teresa said, "While I was at Casa Teresa, I learned many things about life, parenting, and most importantly, unconditional love. The staff showed me what my responsibilities were to my child as well as to myself. Because of them, I have flourished and made a successful future for us." The mentoring program the JLOCC has created and will implement in the next two years will continue to provide the residents of Casa Teresa that same support as they transition into their new lives.

Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center

This year, the JLOCC began a partnership with The Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center (OCCTAC) to help develop a Strategic Child Abuse Prevention Plan and a Resource Library focused on child abuse prevention for families, educators and therapists working with the Santa Ana community. JLOCC members work hands-on with the children and families at monthly community workshops and receive training on a variety of topics, such as child abuse factors, cultural understanding and the benefits of therapeutic arts.



The Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center is a local non-profit organization dedicated to the education, empowerment and therapy of at-risk and special needs children and youth of very limited resources in Orange County. Although the agency is relatively young, it currently helps over 300 students and their families on a weekly basis. The center operates out of a storefront in downtown Santa Ana and offers bilingual instruction in art, dance and music to help children better express themselves. The OCCTAC offers a variety of programs including an Early Start Program for children six months to eighteen months of age. This early intervention program aims at educating parents and their young children to enhance their cognitive, language, motor and social development. The Preschool Program, for children aged three to five, educates parents and their children providing school readiness activities, art, music and parenting classes. The After-School Program serves older children in the community and offers a wide variety of classes including piano, guitar, choir, harp, dance, painting,

drawing, graphic arts, computer, homework and literacy support as well as parenting and leadership training. All of these programs are offered to children with and without disabilities. Dr. Ana Jimenez-Hami and her wonderful staff offer a place for students of all ages to go and enrich and empower their lives through art and music.

During the second phase of the project, JLOCC members will serve as hands-on volunteers in workshops for children at risk of abuse while their parents are in parenting classes and will monitor and evaluate the success of the child abuse prevention plan. The JLOCC looks forward to being a part of this exciting project with the OCCTAC!



YMCA Youth Take Pride in Giving Back to Their Community

In 2004 the JLOCC partnered with the YMCA of Orange County to develop the YMCA Youth Service Corps Project, a program designed to instill a life-long pattern of volunteerism in youth deemed at high risk for adolescent pregnancy. The YMCA reports that in research conducted by the Department of Health, community service has the strongest evidence of intervention/reduction of teen pregnancy rates.



JLOCC members mentor youth to plan, implement and evaluate community service projects. Approximately 45 adolescents are enrolled in the program. Ranging in age from 12 to 15 years old, these youth have been selected for the program due to failing grades or risk of retention. JLOCC members meet with the students monthly to coordinate each community service project then select a day within 2 weeks of the planning meeting to implement the project. Projects are selected based on a connection to the curriculum in the classroom as well as the benefit to the community.

This year the JLOCC members and youth decided to adopt two local charities to give back to throughout the year. Over 200 lunches were made for the children of Share Ourselves and the YMCA youth stuffed holiday stockings filled with hygiene kits for the Orange County Rescue Mission. Another project focused on recycling and cleaning up the community. The youth collected cans and plastic bottles and donated the proceeds of their collections back to the charities

they had worked with earlier in the year. A total of \$50 was collected!

In February, the YMCA Youth Service Corps visited the Silverado Senior Center in Costa Mesa and made Valentine's Day cards with the seniors. The seniors were thrilled to share their stories with the youth and spend the day working together on art projects. It was wonderful to see the smiles on everyone's faces as cards were exchanged.



The most rewarding aspect of the program for the women of the JLOCC was to see the youth gaining respect for their community, enjoying giving back and understanding how community service can be a part of their daily lives. Committee Chair, Kathryn Grant, shares "The smiles on their faces and the level of enthusiasm during planning meetings was truly wonderful."

JLOCC Makes an Impact in the Orange County Community



The Impact Orange County committee gives back to the local Orange County community by designing and implementing "done-in-a-day" projects and events. The committee provides hands-on volunteer opportunities that result in an immediate impact on the community and provides information relevant to adolescent pregnancy and child abuse issues.

This year's Impact Orange County committee kicked off the year by coordinating a Back-To-School backpack drive with Share Ourselves (SOS). SOS, a volunteer based organization, serves the impoverished and working poor populations in Orange County. JLOCC members helped stuff backpacks with a wide variety of school essentials and distributed them to hundreds of families to get children in need off to a great start for the school year!

The committee's next event brought Halloween fun to children at the Eli Home. The Eli Home provides emergency shelter for abused and neglected children and their mothers, often victims of domestic violence. Impact members dressed up in costumes and provided an afternoon of pizza and games in the sunshine at a park nearby the Eli Home. Activities included decorating trick-or-treat bags, a spider ring toss, toilet paper mummy wrap, eyeball obstacle course race as well as decorating cupcakes in the shape of spiders and pumpkins. The Halloween celebration ended with a grand finale as the children used their newly decorated trick-or-treating bags to collect Halloween candy from a pumpkin-shaped piñata after each had taken a swing at it! It was a fun and positive event for the children who otherwise were not permitted to trick-or-treat on Halloween.

Another opportunity for the committee to make a positive impact was at a Thanksgiving dinner for Toby's House in Capistrano Beach. Toby's House provides shelter for homeless pregnant women and their children while they begin to reconstruct their lives. Impact OC brought a Thanksgiving dinner to the women and children of Toby's House, and the JLOCC members spent time with the women, who seemed happy to share time and conversation with those outside the home.

The Orange County Marathon was Impact OC's January event. The committee worked with Olive Crest to represent their organization, providing volunteers at the race. Olive Crest is dedicated to preventing child abuse, treating and educating at-risk children and preserving the family through an array of innovative programs including specialized education, foster care and adoption, family preservation, and residential homes. Over 30 JLOCC members got involved with this project, volunteering at the start and finish lines, encouraging weary runners and assisting in every possible aspect of the marathon from handing out water to placing medals around the runner's necks at the finish line.



Impact OC's February event was held at St. Joseph's Ballet, a nonprofit organization which provides dance, academic and family programs to low-income youth in Orange County. Each year ballet students with perfect attendance in the program are awarded a Valentine's Day party. JLOCC Impact OC members donned pink and red and hosted a fun-filled afternoon of pizza and activities, including face painting, Valentine's card making, cupcake decoration and a hat craft. The event was a hit as the children took home their prized crafts and cupcakes!

A Mother's Beauty Day at the Interval House focused on pampering the women with makeovers, manicures/pedicures and hair cuts/styles while their children made Mother's Day gifts. The Interval House provides victims of domestic violence with shelter and comfort as they get their lives back on track.

The Impact OC committee finished off the year with Working Wardrobe's prom event, benefiting needy teenagers by providing each with a prom outfit and her own personal shopper to help plan attire for her special evening.

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Bear Hugs provides a duffel bag of bare necessities to as many of the emancipating teens as possible each year. Each Bear Hugs duffel bag is stuffed with essential items such as toiletries, towels, a blanket, umbrellas, flashlights, first aid and sewing kits, an inspirational book, stationery supplies, phone card, alarm clock and small stuffed animal. Sleeping bags are also available for teens with no permanent address that may end up "couch surfing" or are in danger of homelessness. The duffels are distributed through the Independent Living Program of Orangewood Children's Foundation. The JLOCC Bear Hugs project is currently being studied and replicated by other Junior League Sustainer groups in chapters throughout the United States.



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Thirty Years of Fundraising with *THE CHRISTMAS COMPANY*



In October, the Junior League celebrated 30 years of its signature fundraiser, *The Christmas Company*. "Christmas in the Quarter" marked the anniversary of the League's most successful fundraiser, with proceeds going toward the fulfillment of JLOCC's mission and benefiting Orange County's children and adolescents, as well as toward the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Christmas Company premiered in 1976, put on by the Junior League of Newport Harbor and chaired by Barbara Bray. Held at the Registry Hotel, (now the Radisson Hotel John Wayne Airport), admission for *The Christmas Company* was \$1.50 in advance and \$2.00 at the door. There were 29 exhibitors, providing over \$30,000 to the JLNH Community Trust Fund.

For the second year of this successful fundraiser, *The Christmas Company* was staged at the Newporter Inn, (now the Hyatt Newport Beach), in a festive tent on the parking lot. Chair Carol Lind and the committee raised a net profit for the Community Trust Fund in excess of \$47,000.



In November 1978, *The Christmas Company* moved to the Orange County Fairgrounds which became its long-time home. After a decade holding the event in November, the show outgrew its location and moved to the two buildings where it has been held through 2005 - with one big change. Due to a conflict in scheduling, the show was changed to October and holiday items from Halloween to Christmas and Haunakkah appeared in vendor booths in addition to the gift and boutique merchandise offered.

The Junior League's *The Christmas Company* has had different themes for each show. For many years the League handed out *The Christmas Company* calendars, which featured *The Christmas Company* artist for that year. Shoppers looked forward to receiving their "treasured" calendars every year!

A highlight of 1988's *The Christmas Company*, "The Romance of a Victorian Era", chaired by Meredith Moody, was "A Morning with Martha Stewart." This special event added a new dimension to the show and helped raise more than \$265,000. More than 20,000 shoppers purchased \$777,000 of merchandise from 44 exhibitors.

In 1989, an additional day was added to *The Christmas Company* show, chaired by Ann Denk, which provided an additional net of \$12,000 for a total net profit of \$274,000.

Thirty years of *The Christmas Company* is truly a milestone! The Junior League wishes to thank all the generous donors, exhibitors, members, and community attendees, whose annual support of and participation in this event helped raised funds for our training and development programs and community projects and programs, making a difference for Orange County's children and adolescents!

JLOCC Brings Christmas Back to the Quarter



The 30th Anniversary of *The Christmas Company* was celebrated in true Mardi Gras style. For the past 30 years, the members of the Junior League of Orange County, California Inc., generous donors, exhibitors, and faithful attendees have had a hand in shaping *The Christmas Company*. This support allows the JLOCC to continue to raise funds that support the League's training and programs, projects, grants, and scholarships that work toward adolescent pregnancy prevention and child abuse prevention.

Nearly a year before the event, when "Christmas in the Quarter" was chosen as the theme, *The Christmas Company* Steering Committee looked to celebrate the charm and magic that was part of New Orleans. As the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina continued to unfold, and member's hearts went out to those affected, the question of the appropriateness of the theme was addressed. Deciding that they were presented with an opportunity to show support to the community of New Orleans, the JLOCC Board of Directors voted in favor of donating a portion of the proceeds from *The Christmas Company* to assist in rebuilding the community via Rebuilding Together, a project supported by the JLOCC in Orange County and also supported in New Orleans by the Junior League of New Orleans. The League hoped to "Bring Christmas back to the Quarter".



Christmas in the Quarter kicked off with a fun filled opening night gala. Attendees got a first look at the amazing exhibitors lined up along Bourbon Street. They experienced the flavors of Orange County's finest restaurants in the French Quarter. For attendees purchasing VIP tickets, the Voodoo Lounge was the place to be seen. A terrific silent auction was available for bidding in Jackson Square!



The days that followed were filled with terrific special events. Sunday began with the ever popular, Preferred Breakfast, presented by Rafinity Custom Jeweler, followed by the American Girl Fashion Shows. The Pink Wasabi fashion show featured the Lilly Pulitzer clothing line modeled by JLOCC members. The four days of *The Christmas Company* included a one of a kind shopping extravaganza, with over 85 exhibitors from around the country. There was something for everyone!

The Christmas Company does not happen without the support of our members and our generous donors. Thank you to those who made a monetary contribution, donated a silent auction item, a product or a service, participated as an exhibitor, or gave their volunteer time. It is this continued support that allows *The Christmas Company* to raise funds each year and make a difference in the lives of children in the Orange County community.

The Junior League would like to give a special thanks to *The Christmas Company's* 2005 Diamond, Platinum, and Gold Benefactors:

DIAMOND	PLATINUM	GOLD	
A. Gary Anderson Family Foundation Abbey Event Services Targus	Cookie Lee Jewelry Pavilions Western Exterminator Company	BOOMERS! Golf, Games, Go-Karts and More Five Crowns Restaurant Gallo of Sonoma	GolfTEC Meyerhof's Fine Catering Orange County Fair and Exposition Center

Golf Tournament by the Sea

Spring was off to a swinging start at the first annual JLOCC "Golf Tournament by the Sea", held Friday, March 31, 2006 at the Monarch Beach Golf Links in Dana Point.

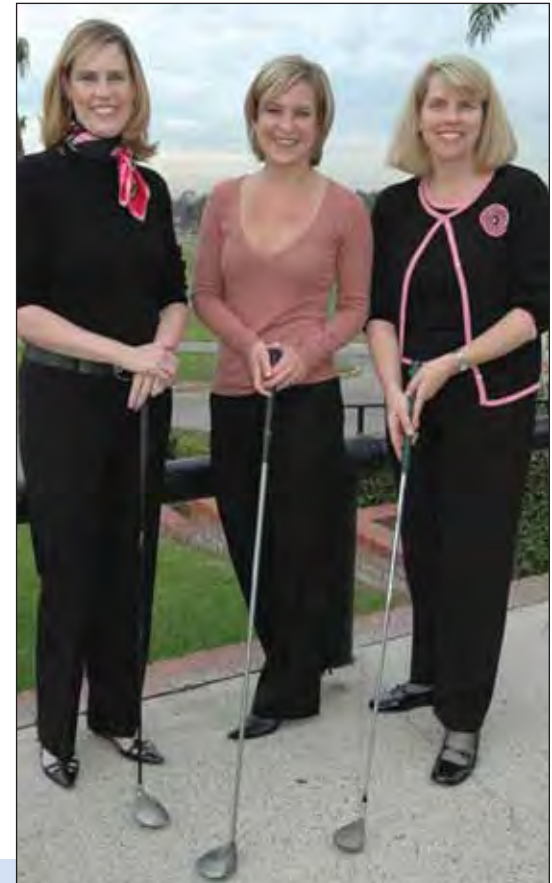
The event welcomed both golf lovers and non-golfers alike, and brought a new opportunity for businesses and individuals to help the JLOCC fulfill its mission and vision of a community in which the health, safety and education of all individuals are promoted and supported.



The fundraiser kicked off with a fabulous tournament where golfers were treated to an afternoon enjoying one of Southern California's most prestigious courses overlooking stunning views of the Pacific. Players competed in Hole in One, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Putting Contests throughout the tournament as they made their way across the greens.

The tournament was followed by a wonderful cocktail party at the 19th Hole, including a gourmet reception of hors d'oeuvres and signature cocktails. An Opportunity Drawing was held featuring an amazing array of prizes, including Diamonds, Dinners, Sporting events, Spa Days, and Golf Packages.

The Junior League wishes to thank all the sponsors, players, volunteers, and attendees who helped make Golf Tournament by the Sea a great fundraising success!!



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SPAC Delegates – The Voice of the JLOCC

The Junior League of Orange County is actively involved at the local and state level in nonpartisan, educational and advocacy efforts that support its focus areas, projects and programs.

The JLOCC has two delegates that serve on the State Public Affairs Committee of the Junior Leagues of California (SPAC). SPAC includes delegates from 16 Junior Leagues across the state, representing 12,000 California women. The delegates work together to represent the interests and focus areas of each member League to policy makers. SPAC delegates:

- Advocate for specific legislation relevant to member League issues
- Educate Junior League members
- Coordinate the exchange of information from community-based projects to policy makers

Each representative is assigned bills related to Junior League focus areas to study and present findings to SPAC. After evaluating each bill, the delegation votes to support, oppose, or take no position. In 2005, more than 3,200 bills were introduced in both the California State Senate and Assembly. SPAC took support positions and advocated for 47 bills. Of these, 25 were signed into law, 20 became two-year bills, and only two were vetoed.

In Orange County, the League's public affairs committee is responsible for building relationships with the local legislative delegation and educating the JLOCC membership about public affairs and legislative issues. The committee arranges legislator receptions, ballot proposition workshops, member trainings and similar activities.

This year, the committee hosted a legislator meet & greet and arranged for Assemblyman Todd Spitzer to speak at the February General Membership meeting. Assemblyman Spitzer emphasized the importance of being tuned into and involved in local issues and he helped to kick off the JLOCC's annual There Ought to Be a Law contest. Each year, the League asks its members to submit ideas for bills that could improve the lives of the community the JLOCC serves. Ideas are judged on originality, fit within JLOCC focus areas, feasibility, and whether or not current law on the subject exists. The winning submission is presented to the State Public Affairs Committee for further review and action.

The committee also worked with Judy Barrett Miller, a partner in the government relations firm Sacramento Advocacy, on a public affairs training for the membership. The JLOCC has an established relationship with Barrett Miller due to her work in assisting SPAC delegates with reviewing legislation and communicating with the legislature.

The JLOCC's public affairs efforts illustrate the commitment to supporting systems, services and programs that reduce and eliminate the behaviors that lead to child abuse and adolescent pregnancy.

"SPAC delegates not only represent their own League in this statewide organization, they are also the voice of League projects and the women, children and families being served. Through their advocacy work, SPAC delegates communicate that important perspective with the Legislature. Well-crafted public policy is a partnership, and Junior League is playing a vital role in that process in California." – Judy Barrett Miller, Sacramento Advocacy



**Assemblyman Todd Spitzer &
Vicki Lynn Hassman**

Trained Volunteer Women...

Members of the JLOCC are frequently asked by potential donors, sponsors, community partners, future members and even the media – what is the Junior League? As the Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. celebrates 50 years of service to Orange County and its 35th year as a Junior League, members can take pride in a mission statement that answers this question, one that is as strong and vital today as it was when it was first written. The mission of the Junior League of Orange County is three pronged:

- To promote voluntarism,
- To develop the potential of women, and
- To improve our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers



As a non-profit service organization comprised entirely of volunteers, it is natural that members believe in the power of voluntarism to effect change within their community and to promote that concept in all of the League's actions and programs. It is equally understandable that as a service organization one of the most important driving tenets is the desire to continually work to improve the community by identifying existing and emerging community needs and then partnering with various community organizations to develop and implement programs to serve those needs.

An equally important part of the mission of the organization, and in fact the mission of all Junior Leagues across the world, is a strong belief in developing the potential of women. It is a goal of the JLOCC to develop its members not only to be effective volunteers, but also to be effective leaders within the community. It is because of this component of the mission that the women of the Junior League of Orange County are empowered, through leadership training and development, to take action in their community. And as a result of this action and the League's programs in the community, the JLOCC is not only developing the potential of the women within the organization, it is also touching the lives of the young women and children its members work with by setting examples for them to follow; mentoring and teaching them necessary life skills and behaviors; and helping them to realize their own potential as members of our society.

As part of an ongoing commitment to developing the potential of women, the Junior League of Orange County offers a multitude of training opportunities for League members at all levels. From the very start, the women who join the Junior League of Orange County begin down a path of development that will continue throughout their tenure within the League. The first year for every member is spent being trained on the mission, programs and operations of the JLOCC, and concludes with planning and implementing several "done in a day" projects to support the goals of the League. By doing this, members are properly prepared for the active roles they will take within the organization and within the community.

Building a Brighter Future for Children

Beyond this, each year the Junior League of Orange County provides its members with a variety of training opportunities that are designed to improve the skills and information necessary for one to be an effective and productive leader and volunteer in the community. These training opportunities include:

- General trainings, such as “Effective Fundraising Techniques” and “Overcoming the Fear of Public Speaking”
- Program specific trainings that are designed to educate members on the purpose and goals of a particular collaboration and provide them with the appropriate skills necessary to work with the community effectively to achieve those goals.
- Community and professional speakers at general meetings to provide members with detailed information on the issues the communities face as well as ways to improve as volunteers.
- Leadership Institute, a training series designed to help members enhance and refine their leadership skills with a special emphasis on developing future board members.
- Joint regional Junior League trainings designed to strengthen leadership skills for emerging and current League leaders and to exchange ideas and best practices found throughout all Junior Leagues which can then be applied within our own communities.
- External seminars conducted by leading training organizations and speakers.
- On the job training. Through their experiences within the League, members are constantly expanding their knowledge-base and skill sets. Each year they take on a different role within our organization. One year they might be fundraising, the next year they might be mentoring young women. All members are encouraged to try something new by getting involved in areas of the League where they may have no experience at all. They rise to the challenge and thrive in the experience.



The skills that JLOCC members obtain from the various trainings they attend and the positions that they hold within the League are invaluable to their personal growth, as well as the growth of the organization and community in general. Many members have taken these skills and gone on to become community leaders both in the private and public sectors, continuing the practice of effecting change within the community long after they have been Active members of the organization. Through the efforts of these trained volunteers and the League's financial resources, we enable the programs, initiatives and institutions that make our communities healthier and more vital places to live.

So, what is the Junior League? Trained volunteer women building better communities. That's the Junior League.

Scholarship Committee Helps Students Achieve Their Educational Goals

The 2004 – 2005 Scholarship Committee faced the difficult task of sifting through applications and deciding on the most qualified scholarship candidates from participants in past and present JLOCC projects. A total of \$15,000 was awarded to seven deserving students. There are many wonderful achievements to point out about the recipients including leadership positions, voluntarism, extracurricular activities, honors classes and impressive grade point averages.

Juliana Martinez moved to the United States from Columbia when she was eight and she joined St. Joseph Ballet when she was 10. She also attended the prestigious Sage High School and she would like to eventually go to medical school to become a neurosurgeon.

Brittany Cuozzo became involved with St. Joseph Ballet when she was nine. She spent the summer of her junior year dancing in Boston. She also enjoys volunteering at St. Norbert Church and St. Joseph Hospital and she would like to become a physical therapist for dancers.

Yesenia Deras moved into Girl's Hope at the age of 14. She enjoys volunteering at Boys and Girls Club, Boys and Girls Hope, SCION, and Corazon. She would like to major in business and study to become an accountant.

Genovpetry Calderon joined St. Joseph Ballet in 1997. She volunteers for Toys For Tots. Genovpetry has worked for Rose's Mexican Food and Fisher and Price LLP. She would like one day to become an attorney.

Kathleen Curameng entered the foster care system at the age of 15. She volunteers at California Youth Connection Organization and Kaiser Hospital. Kathleen would like to go to college to study nursing.



Mary Hernandez has been dancing with St. Joseph Ballet since 1996. In the past two years, she has volunteered over 400 hours as a candy striper for St. Joseph Hospital. She would like to major in aerospace in college and would later like to work for NASA or Boeing.

Adam Bateham was born in Cambodia and was adopted when he was an infant. He has worked to overcome many obstacles in his life including health issues and the death of his adoptive mother in 2004. Adam would like to go to college and study clinical psychology.

Winners for 2005 – 2006 include Stephanie Bruschini, Luz Camarena, Brittany Cuozzo, Kaela Hildebrand, Candice Knowles, Crystal Naranjo, Adriana Reyes, and Ramona Thomson.

The Scholarship Committee along with the entire JLOCC wishes each of these students the best of luck as they strive to achieve their educational goals.

Community Grant Encourages Youth to Say YES to Employment

Since 1970, 26,000 youth made over \$16,000,000, thanks to Youth Employment Service (YES) of Costa Mesa. YES is a recipient of a \$5,500 grant awarded by the JLOCC at the conclusion of the 2005 – 2006 League year. YES was selected by the Community Grants and Scholarship Committee as an organization that has never before partnered with the League in a year when the League received a record number of grant applications. Why?

YES makes reality JLOCC's interest in helping at-risk youth by realizing that employment can be a life-changing experience. Through the organization's personal development and job placement programs, youth ages 14-22 learn responsibility, dependability and social skills that will carry-over into adulthood, helping them to become productive and valuable members of the community. YES will use JLOCC funds for educational materials, supplies and refreshments for the career exploration and leadership/service learning component of their program, which involves weekly sessions during which youth are introduced to a variety of career and educational opportunities.

YES realizes that, as cited in the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy's report, *Emerging Answers: Research Findings on Programs to Reduce Teen Pregnancy* (Kirby, 2001), programs to prevent teen pregnancy increasingly concentrate on helping young people develop skills and confidence, focus on education, and take advantage of job opportunities and mentoring relationships with adults. The long-term benefits of early employment for youth include a higher sense of self-esteem and self-confidence, a feeling of belonging and contributing to the community, better emotional and physical health, and financial independence.

JLOCC is impressed with the results!

A former YES youth, Michael, shared, "I'm a graduate from Costa Mesa High School and now a sophomore at Brigham Young University in Utah. I was born in Inglewood, California and raised in Orange County. By the time I was 15 years old, I was put in a group home...I came to YES in 1999 because I wanted to further my skills and search for a career. YES helped me get a job. They helped me prepare a resume, and they prepared me in all aspects of how to be ready for a job out in the real world. The staff was great in helping me in all the points I needed to be successful."

At YES, youth are encouraged to take inventory of their talents, skills and accomplishments, which, in turn, leads to a greater sense of self confidence and a positive attitude when talking with future employers. Youth are also encouraged to look at their challenges and to develop realistic expectations for their initial work experiences.

Thanks to Youth Employment Service, almost 42,000 young people have received pre-employment, job readiness, job search and job retention skills – making Orange County a stronger, healthier and safer community.

The Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. salutes the efforts of YES and is proud to award the organization a grant to continue the good work already being done. We look forward to a long and lasting relationship – in the interest of at-risk youth throughout Orange County.

Other organizations the JLOCC is proud to support with grants include Art & Creativity for Healing, Blind Children's Learning Center, The Gary Center, Laurel House, Maternal Outreach Management System (MOMS), Orange County High School for the Arts Foundation, Orange County Rescue Mission – House of Hope, and the Women's Transitional Living Center.



A Celebration of the Past with a New Plan for the Future



This year marks 50 years of service by members of the Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc., (JLOCC) to our ever-expanding communities. The JLOCC has reason to be proud of the many achievements and contributions that have been made during those years – from a major gift to the campaign that served as the foundation of Orangewood Children's Home to the creation of Bear Hugs, and the many scholarships, grants, and volunteer hours that have been contributed to countless worthy nonprofit organizations.

The JLOCC began as the Newport Harbor Service League in 1956, but the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., (AJLI) has an even longer history – its inception dates back to 1901. Famous Americans including Eleanor Roosevelt number among past members. There are now close to 300 Leagues, not only in the United States, but also in Canada, Great Britain, and Mexico, making it an international organization with limitless horizons.

Just as working together on a local level has produced impressive results, combining forces with Junior Leagues on an international level brings the JLOCC even greater strength. Therefore, the League is celebrating its 50th anniversary by allying the chapter more closely with the international entity and initiating the use of the AJLI logo to identify the Orange County chapter.

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International alliance brings the JLOCC a variety of tools to better communicate the breadth and nature of the efforts and the results the League is achieving in changing communities for the better. Public Service Announcements created by AJLI have been provided in print and voice formats to disseminate this message through local publications and radio stations. These announcements depict Junior Leagues' choice of programs and activities to support – preventing domestic violence and hunger, promoting children's health and cultural affairs, and others. They reinforce the League's good works with the statement, "I bet the Junior League is behind this."

The AJLI Newsletter, "Connected," will keep members informed regarding the activities of sister Leagues around the world. Other printed materials, such as the Junior League brochure, will serve to update the League's image with the slogan, "Communities Change." The AJLI identity standards will give JLOCC's materials a uniform look and add to the cohesiveness of marketing and advertising presentation.

In addition to the benefits provided by international connection, the JLOCC has continued to develop its own stories of personal change as a result of the training and experiences the members have been afforded in Orange County. JLOCC membership has become more diverse as a result of the growth and change in the local communities. Through the varied activities of League members and their fundraising efforts, the JLOCC has gained in support from the business community as well.

As the number of women in the workforce has increased during these uncertain economic times, the need for women working as volunteers has also continued to grow. Women are responding to that appeal regardless of their increasingly busy schedules. The JLOCC looks forward to continuing to reward their efforts with a quality experience that is rich in training and in the development of meaningful friendships – both in our Orange County home and through a bond with women around the world.

Statement of Activities For the year ended May 31, 2005

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Net Revenue & Support:	
Fundraising Events:	
<i>The Christmas Company:</i>	
<i>The Christmas Company</i> revenue	\$ 615,144
Direct Expenses	(389,554)
Net direct support from <i>The Christmas Company</i>	\$ 255,590
Spring Fundraiser:	
Spring Fundraiser revenue	\$ 90,320
Direct expenses	(54,377)
Net direct support from Spring Fundraiser	\$ 35,943
Miscellaneous Fundraising Events:	
Miscellaneous Fundraising Events Revenue	\$ 23,267
Direct Expenses	(998)
Net direct support from Miscellaneous Fundraising Events	\$ 22,269
Total net fundraising revenue	\$ 283,802
Contributions	\$ 1,986
Donated materials and services	\$ 3,045
Dues and fees	\$ 95,459
Interest and dividend income	\$ 15,934
Unrealized loss on investments	(2,919)
Other revenue	\$ 1,080
Subtotal revenue and support	\$ 398,387
Net assets released from restrictions	\$ 30,145
Total net revenue and support	\$ 428,532
Functional expenses:	
Program services	\$ 328,608
Supporting services	\$ 44,448
Total functional expenses	\$ 373,056
Increase in unrestricted net assets	\$ 55,476

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Support and revenues:	
Contributions	\$ 1,395
Interest income on perpetual trust	\$ 1,773
Unrealized gain on educational scholarship	\$ 2,684
Total support and revenues	\$ 5,852
Net assets released from restrictions	\$ (30,145)
Decrease in temporarily restricted net assets	\$ (24,293)

PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Increase in permanently restricted net assets	—
Increase in net assets	\$ 31,183
Net assets at beginning of year	\$1,218,125
Net assets at end of year	\$1,249,308

Statement of Financial Position May 31, 2005

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 365,435
Investments	\$ 435,194
Accounts receivable	\$ 10,295
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$ 7,333
Total current assets	\$ 818,257
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	\$ 45,579
Property and equipment, net	\$ 616,390
Total assets	\$1,480,226

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 24,967
Due to the Association of Junior Leagues International	\$ 25,235
Deferred revenue	\$ 139,216
Scholarships payable	\$ 41,500
Total current liabilities	\$ 230,918
Net assets:	
Unrestricted	\$1,202,334
Temporarily restricted	\$ 8,974
Permanently restricted	\$ 38,000
Total net assets	\$1,249,308
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,480,226

These statements have been excerpted from audited financial statements prepared by Conrad & Associates.



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"For many years, Taco Bell has supported the Junior League of Orange County. We are proud to have helped make a difference by contributing resources to this worthy cause and look forward to many more years of assisting this outstanding group of women."

Lynn Hemans - Taco Bell Corporation

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