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HISTORY OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS

1	Museum of Arts & Science	\$65,095.87	1950-73
2	Wesselman Park Nature Center	41,160.78	1967-75
3	Crisis Prevention Nursery (Ark)	33,100.00	1982-88*
4	Challenge	30,000.00	1979-84
5	University of Evansville & Shanklin	27,335.23	1951-67
6	Just Kids	21,200.00	1985-88*
7	Survive Alive	20,000.00	1987-88*
8	Ice Skating Facility/City of Evansville and Grand Opening	19,322.51	1975-78
9	Evansville Association for Retarded Children, Hopeland	18,364.51	1963-67
10	Child Guidance Center	18,000.00	1950-61
11	Science Discovery Room	13,500.00	1977-78
12	Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra Youth Concerts	11,668.29	1950-61
13	Hillcrest Home	10,999.51	1951-53
14	Volunteer Placement Bureau	10,561.65	1948-51
15	Bikeway System-Evansville	10,000.00	1980-81
16	Mid-States Art Purchase Award	9,000.00	1963-72
17	Bucket Brigade	8,600.00	1980-85
18	Historic Preservation Book	8,389.06	1975-77
19	Shelter-Care Facility for Youth	7,500.00	1975
20	Evansville Association for Retarded Citizens	7,500.00	1986-88*
21	CASA	7,000.00	1985-88*
22	Helping Children Grow EARC	6,000.00	1987-88*
23	Historic Preservation Feasibility Study Old Jail	5,000.00	1979-80
24	Zoo Docent Program	5,000.00	1983-84
25	WNIN Radio	5,000.00	1985-86
26	Teenage Pregnancy Conference	5,000.00	1986-88*
27	Mission of Grace	5,000.00	1987-88*
28	Plays for Living	4,749.76	1969-75
29	Be an Askable Parent	4,249.00	1985-86
30	Junior Great Books	4,217.08	1965-76
31	Hospice	4,075.00	1983-84
32	High School Art Show	4,049.60	1968-76
33	Legal Aid Society	4,000.00	1987-88*
34	WNIN-TV, Channel 9/Collage	3,868.21	1971-77
35	Walkway Winter Wonderland	3,750.00	1980-81

36	Mental Health Association	3,700.00	1986-88*
37	Reitz Home Preservation Society	3,633.40	1973-75
38	Guide to Handicapped	3,400.00	1978-79
39	60th Anniversary Conference	2,500.00	1986-88*
40	Quick Response Fund	2,500.00	1986-88*
41	Albion Fellows Bacon Center	2,350.00	1986-88*
42	Grantsmanship Seminar	2,300.00	1979-80
43	Neighborhood House	2,069.81	1946-61
44	Exploring Childhood	2,036.00	1977-78
45	Children's Theatre	2,000.00	1986-88*
46	Evansville Drug Committee	1,987.46	1971-73
47	Five Sense Store	1,972.46	1976-78*
48	Radio Committee, Broadcasts	1,808.56	1946-52
49	"Pierre the Pelican" Program	1,600.00	1979-81
50	Evansville Arts & Education Council	1,591.08	1970-73
51	Drug-Alcohol Abuse Project	1,500.00	1980-81
52	Zoo Beautification	1,437.45	1967-69
53	Evansville Blind Association	1,400.00	1950-51
54	Red Cross	1,327.00	1986-88*
55	Volunteer Career Development in the Community	1,235.00	1979-80
56	Red Cross Handicap Swim Program	1,160.00	1968-71
57	Chemical People	1,150.00	1983-84
58	T.O.U.C.H.	1,125.00	1985-88*
59	Puppetry	1,022.46	1970-76
60	Evansville Community Chest	1,000.00	1954-55
61	Washington Children's Home	1,000.00	1970-78
62	Historic Preservation	801.73	1970-78
63	Patchwork Central	800.00	1986-88
64	Rape Prevention Film Project	700.00	1979-80
65	Evansville Crime Alert	496.00	1969-70
66	Carver Community Organization	477.70	1954-55
67	Child Abuse and Neglect Task Force	200.00	1980-81
68	Me/Me		1985-88
69	Willard Library		1986-88
70	American Cancer Society	1 volunteer	1987-88
71	Legal Aid Society	2,000.00	1987-88
72	Mission of Grace	2,500.00	1987-88
73	Evansville Association for Retarded Children - Helping Children Grow	6,000.00	1987-88
74	Ohio Valley Hospice - Child Bereavement	1,000.00	1988-89
75	Red Cross AIDS Awareness	4,100.00	1988-89

76	Literacy Center	2,000.00	1988-89
77	Over the Rainbow Playground	44,079.50	1990-91
78	Hillcrest Washington Youth Home	37,794.00	1990-91
79	Moving into the 90's: Child Care and Parenting	4,000.00	1990-91
80	Hands on Discovery	30,500.00	1991-97
81	Hillcrest Washington Youth Home	2,900.00	1991-92
82	Recycling Awareness Day	3,850.00	1991-92
83	Grant Writing Program	1,900.00	1991-92
84	Moving into the 90's: Child Care and Parenting	5,100.00	1991-92
85	Economics of Staying in School	1,500.00	1991-92
86	Moving into the 90's: Child Care and Parenting	5,100.00	1992-93
87	Let's Be Partners: Cedar Hall Elementary School Lending Library	15,200.00	1992-93
88	The House that JLE Built: Habitat of Evansville	25,500.00	1992-93
89	Boys & Girls Club of Evansville Liberal Arts Center	40,000.00	1992-93
90	Turning Dreams into Realities: A Grant Writing Program	1,400.00	1992-93
91	Hillcrest Washington Youth Home School Incentive Program	2,900.00	1992-93
92	Economics of Staying in School	1,500.00	1992-93
93	Little Lambs	45,000.00	1993-99
94	Cedar Hall Elementary: Family Learning Center	11,000.00	1996-97
95	Public Library Bookmobile	30,000.00	1997-98
96	Old Courthouse: Cupola Lighting	8,000.00	1997-98
97	Community Health Care Center	3,400.00	1998-99
98	Child Care Center Project	500.00	1998-99
99	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Campaign in partnership with Evansville ARC	20,750.00	1999-00
100	Junior Achievement of Howard Roosa School	2,400.00	1999-00
101	Area Council PTA Clothing Drive	500.00	1999-00
102	Owensboro Junior League Disaster Relief	500.00	1999-00
103	YMCA Diamonds Program	500.00	1999-00
104	Mom-to-Mom Mentoring Program	volunteers	1999-00
105	Vanderburgh County Canine Unit	1,620.00	1999-00
106	Mom-to-Mom Mentoring Program	500.00	2000-01

107	“Computers for Kids” at St. Vincent Day Care	6,000.00	2000-01
108	Evansville Association for the Blind	20,000.00	2000-01
109	American Cancer Society Wig Bank	2,500.78	2000-01
110	Eastside Christian Church Child Care Ministry	2,500.00	2000-01
111	Fairlawn Children’s Center Playground	2,500.00	2000-01
112	Evansville ARC Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness	2,500.00	2000-01
113	Building Blocks Child Care Center	20,000.00	2001-02
114	Neighborhood Educational Enrichment Development Site	2,500.00	2001-02
115	Muscular Dystrophy Association	1,020.00	2001-02
116	Albion Fellows Bacon Center’s Forum	2,500.00	2001-02
117	ARK Crisis Prevention Nursery	2,500.00	2001-02
118	Christian Life Center’s Grace House	2,500.00	2001-02
119	Mom-to-Mom Mentoring Program	500.00	2001-02
120	Evansville ARC Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness	2,500.00	2001-02
121	Teddy Bears for children in local hospitals	2,416.00	2001-02
122	Ark Crisis Prevention Nursery	20,000.00	2002-03
123	Mom-to-Mom Mentoring Program	500.00	2002-03
124	Big Brothers Big Sisters	2,400.00	2002-03
125	Albion Fellows Bacon Center Playground	2,500.00	2002-03
126	Family & Children’s Service - Developing Families Project	1,100.00	2002-03
127	Ozanam Family Shelter Library	2,000.00	2002-03
128	Riley Memorial Angel Tree Society	1,000.00	2002-03
129	Little Lambs	3,200.00	2002-03
130	Mom-to-Mom Mentoring Program	500.00	2003-04
131	Riley Angel Tree	1,000.00	2003-04
132	Albion Fellows Bacon Center	3,500.00	2003-07
133	Big Brothers Big Sisters	1,013.00	2003-04
134	Family & Children’s Service	1,100.00	2003-04
135	Ozanam Family Shelter	2,000.00	2003-04
136	Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve	500.00	2004-05
137	Evansville Association for the Blind	1,400.00	2004-05
138	Vanderburgh County CASA	2,500.00	2004-05
139	Children’s Center for Dance Education	2,000.00	2004-05
140	YMCA Get Fit Kids	2,500.00	2004-05
141	Playville, J.L.E.		
142	Boys & Girls Club	9,575.00	2002-07
143	Children’s Center for Dance Education	2,000.00	2005-06

144	Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center	7,000.00	2000-07
145	Hillcrest Washington Youth Home	4,500.00	1998-07
146	Joshua Academy	2,500.00	2005-06
147	Newburgh Food Pantry	3,000.00	2005-07
148	Shalom Literacy - Central United Methodist	1,000.00	2005-06
149	Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure	8,000.00	1999-07
150	YWCA	2,250.00	2005-06
151	Ark Crisis Child Care Center	2,000.00	2006-07
152	Cedar Hall Even Start	900.00	2006-07
153	Girl Scouts of Raintree Council	1,000.00	2006-07
154	Habitat for Humanity	600.00	2006-07
155	Aurora	1,250.00	2006-07
156	Children's Museum of Evansville	1,500.00	2006-07
157	Little Lambs	15,185.00	2006-07
158	YWCA	12,500.00	2007-08
159	Holly's House	10,000.00	2007-08
160	Newburgh Food Pantry	2,500.00	2007-08
161	Evansville Association for the Blind	2,468.00	2007-08
162	Aurora	2,500.00	2007-08
163	Boys & Girls Club	4,485.00	2007-08
164	Patchwork Central	2,500.00	2007-08
165	Girl Scouts	2,500.00	2007-08
166	Easter Seals	2,475.00	2007-08
167	Koch Family Children's Museum	2,400.00	2007-08
168	Hillcrest Washington Youth Home	488.53	2007-08
169	Ark Crisis Child Care Center	25,500.00	2007-08
170	SW IN Regional Perinatal Advisory Board	500.00	2007-08
171	Kids in the Kitchen	50.00	2007-08
172	Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center	1,000.00	2007-08
173	Easter Seals Helmuth House	1,000.00	2007-08
174	St. John the Apostle Church	1,000.00	2007-08
175	The Potter's Wheel	1,000.00	2007-08
176	Ronald McDonald House	400.00	2007-08
177 P	layville, J.L.E.	2,921.00	2007-08
178	Newburgh Food Pantry	2,500.00	2008-09
179	Boys & Girls Club	2,500.00	2008-09
180	Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center	2,000.00	2008-09
181	Evansville ARC Child Life Center	2,500.00	2008-09
182	Evansville Association for the Blind	1,194.00	2008-09
183	Little Lambs	2,500.00	2008-09
184	YWCA of Evansville	2,500.00	2008-09
185	Playville, J.L.E.	3,000.00	2008-09

186	Evansville Museum	500.00	2008-09
187	United Methodist Youth Home	1,613.00	2008-09
188	Salvation Army	1,000.00	2008-09
189	Kids in the Kitchen	490.00	2008-09
190	Littlest Volunteers	5,285.00	2008-09
191	Boom Squad	888.00	2008-09
192	Patchwork Central	1,000.00	2008-09
193	Kids in the Kitchen	315.00	2008-09
194	Aurora	500.00	-10
195	Kids in the Kitchen	479.00	2009-10
196	Tri-State Food Bank	16,084.00	2009-10
197	Warrick County Community Foundation	2,144.00	2009-10
198	Buddy Ball	1,072.00	2009-10
199	Children's Museum of Evansville	250.00	2009-10
200	Little Sisters of the Poor	250.00	2009-10
201	Evansville ARC	250.00	2009-10
202	Ark Crisis Child Care Center	250.00	2009-10
203	National MS Society	250.00	2009-10
204	Newburgh Food Pantry	2,500.00	2009-10
205	Children's Museum of Evansville	3,000.00	2009-10
206	Boys & Girls Club	3,500.00	2009-10
207	Boom Squad	2,500.00	2009-10
208	Even Start	1,000.00	2009-10
209	Albion Fellows Bacon Center	2,500.00	2009-10
210	Evansville African American Museum	100.00	2009-10
211	Little Lambs	100.00	2009-10
212	Holly's House	100.00	2009-10
213	Big Brothers Big Sisters	100.00	2009-10
214	Alhambra Theatre	1,000.00	2009-10
215	Salvation Army	1,000.00	2009-10
216	St. Mary's (Playville, J.L.E.)	200.00	2009-10
217	Deaconess (Playville, J.L.E.)	200.00	2009-10
218	Ronald McDonald House	3,803.00	2009-10
219	Evansville ARC, Inc.	2,500.00	2010-11
220	Boys & Girls Club	2,500.00	2010-11
221	The Potter's Wheel	2,000.00	2010-11
222	Ozanam Family Shelter	2,455.00	2010-11
223	Little Lambs	2,500.00	2010-11
224	Ark Crisis Child Care Center	2,225.00	2010-11
225	United Methodist Youth Home	3,658.00	2010-11
226	Indiana Landmarks	10,480.00	2010-11
227	Albion Fellows Bacon Center	2,500.00	2011-12
228	Boys & Girls Club of Evansville	2,500.00	2011-12

229	Holly's House	2,500.00	2011-12
230	Little Lambs	2,500.00	2011-12
231	Newburgh Area Food Pantry	2,500.00	2011-12
232	Ronald McDonald House Charities	2,500.00	2011-12
233	YWCA of Evansville	2,500.00	2011-12
234	Tri-State Food Bank	1,327.00	2011-12
235	Albion Fellows Bacon Center	2,500.00	2012-13
236	Boys & Girls Club	2,500.00	2012-13
237	Evansville ARC	2,500.00	2012-13
238	Juvenile Guidance Foundation	2,500.00	2012-13
239	Little Lambs	2,500.00	2012-13
240	Media Ministries Dream Center	2,500.00	2012-13
241	Newburgh Area Food Pantry	2,500.00	2012-13
242	YWCA	2,500.00	2012-13
243	Little Lambs	10,000.00	2012-13
244	YWCA	500.00	2012-13
245	Lampion Center	500.00	2012-13
246	Evansville Museum	500.00	2012-13
247	Albion Fellows Bacon Center	2,500.00	2013-14
248	Boys & Girls Club	2,500.00	2013-14
249	Evansville ARC	1,750.00	2013-14
250	Juvenile Guidance Foundation	750.00	2013-14
251	Little Lambs	2,500.00	2013-14
252	Media Ministries Dream Center	2,500.00	2013-14
253	Newburgh Area Food Pantry	2,500.00	2013-14
254	YMCA	2,500.00	2013-14
255	Mended Little Hearts	1,704.00	2013-14
266	Albion Fellows Bacon Center	2,500.00	2014-15
267	Big Brothers Big Sisters	2,500.00	2014-15
268	Boys & Girls Club	2,500.00	2014-15
269	Easter Seals	2,500.00	2014-15
270	Little Lambs	2,500.00	2014-15
271	Ronald McDonald House	2,000.00	2014-15
272	Potter's Wheel	2,000.00	2014-15
273	United Caring Shelter	1,000.00	2014-15
274	Albion Fellows Bacon Center	2,500.00	2015-16
275	Arc Evansville	2,500.00	2015-16
276	Boys & Girls Club	2,500.00	2015-16
277	Little Lambs	2,500.00	2015-16
278	Ronald McDonald House	1,723.94	2015-16
279	YWCA	2,425.00	2015-16
280	YWCA	351.06	2015-16
281	Albion Fellows Bacon Center	1,000.00	2015-16
282	Evansville Christian Life Center	1,000.00	2015-16

283 Gilda's Club

1,000 2015-16

PROFITS OF FUNDRAISERS

Boldface - Annual Fundraiser

Regular - Additional Fundraiser

1946-47	Charity Ball	\$4,197.71
1947-48	Charity Ball	4,003.59
1948-49	Charity Ball	4,078.72
1949-50	Charity Ball	4,379.39
1950-51	Charity Ball	4,322.52
	Follies '50	6,923.50
1951-52	Charity Ball	6,988.91
1952-53	Charity Ball	6,711.22
1953-54	Charity Ball	6,551.70
	Style Show	602.50
1954-55	Charity Ball	8,094.38
	Style Show	1,448.12
1955-56	Charity Ball	8,148.48
	Style Show	1,663.91
1956-57	Charity Ball	7,691.76
	Horse Show	8,642.41
1957-58	Charity Ball	6,020.07
	Horse Show	9,877.52
1958-59	Charity Ball	5,731.82
	Horse Show	6,318.20
1959-60	Charity Ball	6,086.39
	Horse Show	7,539.28
1960-61	Charity Ball	5,864.85
1961-62	Charity Ball	4,474.88
1962-63	Charity Ball	5,654.87
1963-64	Charity Ball	4,853.89
	Gaslite Follies	3,200.53
1964-65	Charity Ball	5,143.13
	Rummage Sale	5,351.13
1965-66	Charity Ball	4,853.73
	Rummage Sale	6,585.92
1966-67	Charity Ball	5,143.63
	Rummage Sale	7,552.18
1967-68	Charity Ball	7,131.26
1968-69	Charity Ball	5,864.10
	Rummage Sale	6,550.94
1969-70	Charity Ball	5,973.56

1970-71	Charity Ball	5,145.96
	Rummage Sale	13,547.56
1971-72	Charity Ball	5,698.37
1972-73	Charity Ball	4,878.40
	Rummage Sale	13,366.03
1973-74	Charity Ball	6,763.20
	Calendar	4,812.17
	Rummage Sale	11,384.96
1974-75	Charity Ball	7,525.52
	Calendar	4,492.30
1975-76	Charity Ball	5,142.03
	Calendar	4,694.46
	Rummage Sale	11,321.13
1976-77	Charity Ball	9,906.38
	Calendar	4,607.78
	Rummage Sale	10,888.12
1977-78	Charity Ball	8,640.36
	Calendar	5,605.47
	Historic Preservation Book	2,359.09
1978-79	Charity Ball	9,120.86
	Calendar	6,515.92
	Historic Preservation Book	1,531.23
	Rummage Sale	16,031.38
1979-80	Charity Ball	7,716.90
	Follies	10,774.16
	Historic Preservation Book	726.25
1980-81	Charity Ball	9,792.01
	Calendar	5,576.22
	Rummage Sale	13,044.16
	Historic Preservation Book	241.46
1981-82	Charity Ball	8,389.65
	Calendar	3,784.20
	Rummage Sale	11,968.45
	Historic Preservation Book	259.00
	TV Celebrity Event	9,149.71
1982-83	Charity Ball	8,668.37
	Rummage Sale	13,407.41
	Style Show	3,714.28
	Historic Preservation Book	117.00
	Cookbook Connection	239.46
	Corporate Campaign	1,000.00
1983-84	Charity Ball	9,127.26
	Piracy on the Ohio	3,036.08

1983-84	deJongs Style Show	4,045.08
	Cookbook Connection	502.23
	Rummage Sale	10,959.03
	Corporate Donation	850.00
	Children's Style Show	2,603.12
1984-85	Festival of Trees	34,415.50
	Rummage Sale	9,567.50
	Family Fair	7,843.19
	Style Show	4,715.73
	Cookbook Connection	895.98
1985-86	Festival of Trees	32,419.20
	Cookbook Connection	226.78
1986-87	Festival of Trees	48,733.06
1987-88	Festival of Trees	37,813.10
1988-89	Festival of Trees	41,147.01
1989-90	Festival of Trees	52,465.70
1990-91	Festival of Trees	50,115.63
1991-92	Festival of Trees	31,993.59
1992-93	Festival of Trees	32,775.31
1993-94	Festival of Trees	33,198.20
1994-95	Festival of Trees	36,325.90
	Golf Outing	1,431.81
1995-96	Festival of Trees	39,628.45
1996-97	Charity Ball	15,113.00
	Festival of Trees	22,632.00
	YMCA/JLE Golf Marathon	5,468.00
1997-98	Festival of Trees	10,392.00
	Charity Ball	22,225.00
1998-99	Charity Ball	26,000.00
1999-00	Charity Ball	18,019.02
	Rummage Sale	16,615.49
2000-01	Charity Ball	29,014.78
	Rummage Sale	18,195.43
2001-02	Rummage Sale	23,781.32
	Charity Ball	64,258.07
2002-03	Rummage Sale	31,184.96
	Charity Ball	48,300.56
2003-04	Rummage Sale	23,875.00
	Idea Home	16,839.00
	Poinsettia Sale	3,207.00
	Formal Fashion Revival	849.00
	Santa Sale	1,550.00
	Evening of Giving	380.00

2003-04	Provisional Class Fundraiser	5,010.00
2004-05	Holiday Mart	50,000.00
	Rummage Sale	22,200.00
	Candy Cane Craziiness (Provisional Fundraiser)	1,390.56
2005-06	Holiday Mart	37,230.42
	Rummage Sale	22,717.12
	Candy Cane Craziiness	648.29
	Idea Home	43,653.32
2006-07	Holiday Mart	42,679.00
	Rummage Sale	20,163.00
	Evening of Giving	788.25
	Provisional Festival of Trees	4,915.00
	Dillard's Sneak Peak	3,784.77
	Provisional Fundraiser	1,883.00
2007-08	Rummage Sale	25,231.81
	Experience Evansville	16,224.00
	Provisional Fundraiser	2,009.80
2008-09	Rummage Sale	20,131.00
	Experience Evansville	17,879.00
	JLE Homecoming	2,744.48
	Provisional Fundraiser	2,330.00
2009-10	Rummage Sale	20,539.37
	Experience Evansville	13,138.00
	Cookbook	4,988.15
	Idea Home	21,445.29
	Steel Cook	2,000.00
	(Provisional Fundraiser)	
2010-11	Rummage Sale	24,430.13
	Idea Home	10,480.00
	Cookbook	11,513.36
	Greek Night	2,246.00
	Steel Cook	3,296.63
	Provisional Fundraiser	3,658.00
2011-12	Rummage Sale	20,577.00
	Bike Ride	35,570.40
	(proceeds benefit JLE & Evansville Morning Rotary)	
	Cookbook	5,664.12
	Provisional Fundraiser	1,327.00
2012-13	Rummage Sale	19,593.00
	Bike Ride	36,311.00
	(proceeds benefit JLE & Evansville Morning Rotary)	
2012-13	Charity Ball	30,228.00

2012-13	Cookbook	2,203.23
	Provisional Fundraiser	1,496.93
2013-14	Rummage Sale	12,078.96
	Cookbook	11,635.00
	Cookbook Luncheon	2,330.46
	Fall into Fashion	12,810.83
	Wine Event	480.00
	Provisional Fundraiser	1704.00
2013-14	Bike Ride	39,311.48
	(proceeds benefit JLE & Evansville Morning Rotary)	
2014-15	Rummage Sale	19,120.70
	Bike Ride	27,048.96
	(proceeds benefit JLE & Evansville Morning Rotary)	
	Confessions of a Shopaholic	4,969.57
	Fall into Fashion	7,153.82
	Cookbook	2,417.76
	Santa's Workshop	1,069.82
	Provisional Fundraiser	1,425.39
2015-16	90 th Anniversary Gala	217.08
	Bike Ride	-2,242.92
	Confessions of a Shopaholic	834.28
	Fall into Fashion	8,320.66
	Give Back and Wrap	702.60
	Santa's Workshop	1,371.10

PAST PRESIDENTS

*	Dorothy Legler Vielhe	1926-27
*	Marie Fischer	1927-28, 1928-29
*	Frances Leich Hanson	1929-30, 1930-31
*	Mary Louise Puster Hartnett	1931-32
*	Martha Carson Orr	1932-33, 1933-34
*	Frances Wilson Bold	1934-35
*	Ann Walker Early	1935-36
*	Cordelia Farmer Richardt	1936-37, 1937-38
*	Lucy Walker McGinnis	1938-39, 1939-40
*	Ruth Smith Johnson	1940-41
*	Margaret Lauenstein Atkinson	1941-42
*	Elizabeth Eggert Camp	1942-43
*	Helen Klamer Philp	1943-44
*	Ruth Bosse Schnacke	1944-45
*	Frances Coe Maier	1945-46
*	Lula Thacker Welborn	1946-47, 1947-48
*	Leah Eskridge Swann	1948-49
*	Ruth Evelyn Royster and	
*	Mary Abell Kuenzli Somes	1949-50
*	Virginia Hartz Bryan	1950-51
*	June Scheller Becker	1951-52
*	Mary Kerr Sperry	1952-53
*	Martha Trusler Land	1953-54
*	Margaret Carey Robbins Royster	1954-55
*	Judy Maddox Rosencranz	1955-56
	Jean Woods Rue	1956-57
	Marjorie Dunivan Donovan	1957-58
*	Janet Van Winkle Leich	1958-59
*	Doris Susan Biggs Ingle	1959-60
*	Rita Carolyn Kramer McReynolds	1960-61, 1961-62
*	Marjorie Waller Smith	1962-63
*	Betty Cunningham Cook	1963-64
	Gayle Weyerbacher Begley	1964-65
*	Barbara Canniff McCray Christian	1965-66, 1966-67
*	Faye Juan Rickman	1967-68
	Barbara Smith Studwell	1968-69
	Joann Wetzel Schwentker	1969-70
	Carole Wesselman Miley	1970-71
*	Catherine Craig Bromm	1971-72
	Carolyn Kattmann Egan	1972-73
	Norine Healy Keller	1973-74

* *Deceased*

	Norine Healy Keller	1973-74
*	Suzanne Atkinson Nicholson	1974-75
	Susanne Riley Emge	1975-76
	Sharon Saltman Kiltz	1976-77
	Rita Patry Eykamp	1977-78
	Roberta Seiler Harding	1978-79
	Mary Ellen Fridrich Posthauer	1979-80
	Patricia Creekmore Welborn	1980-81
	Sharon Dodge Hafer	1981-82
	Jean Brubeck Stayman	1982-83
	Catherine Land Rhodes	1983-84
	Terry Beth Helm Haynie	1984-85
	Gail Engel Riecken	1985-86
*	Nancy Hankins Long	1986-87
	Janice Kessner Davies	1987-88
	Carol Clutter Gormley	1988-89
	Suzanne Eaton McCool	1989-90
	Valerie Berger McKinney	1990-91
	Kim Melloy Hermann	1991-92
	Maria Del Rio Elliott Hoover	1992-93
	Cindi Mann Ball	1993-94
	Bridget Wright Brown	1994-95
	Sharon Johnson Ruder	1995-96
	Michele Dent Klipsch	1996-97
	Shannon Scholz Frank	1997-98
	Mary Ellen O'Daniel Farabaugh	1998-99
	Kathleen Brady Scheller	1999-00
	Beth Hartig Burkart	2000-01
	Betsy Grizzell Hopkins	2001-02
	Joy M. O'Connor	2002-03
	Lynn Koester Ogle	2003-04
	Lori Koetting Goris	2004-05
	Kirsten Van Ostrand Wagmeister	2005-06
	Jamie L. Wicks	2006-07
	Crunchy Thompson Wells	2007-08
	Erika Norris Taylor	2008-09
	Stephanie Meacham Morris	2009-10
	Nicole Borre Minton	2010-11
	Ann Batha Arosteguy	2011-12
	Amy Arnold Clements	2012-13
	Monica Owens	2013-14
	Jamie Stone Scales	2014-15

Lisa Rhyand Vaughan
* Deceased

2015-16

HELEN KLAMER PHILP AWARD

Helen Klamer Philp was President of the Junior League of Evansville in 1943-1944. At the time of her death in 1989, she bequeathed a sum of money to JLE. Board members at that time decided to create an award in her honor to be given to a Sustaining member who has impacted our community through her volunteerism. Specifically, the individual serves as a role model, as she encourages others to be risk-takers, mentors, and catalysts. An individual's nomination is weighted based upon the number of years and types of volunteer services, prior recognition received for volunteer services, and volunteer service to train volunteers. The Committee to select the award winner consists of five members: Sustaining Adviser (Board Position), VP of Community (Board Position), past two preceding years' JLE Presidents, and prior year's award winner.

Annually, a monetary award is given to a charitable organization at the request of the award recipient. The amount is determined during the Annual Budget process.

Past Helen Klamer Philp Award Winners

Gayle Begley	1993
Karen Magan	1994
Joann Schwentker	1995
Jean Brubeck	1996
Rita Eykamp	1997
Margaret (Meg) Dettwiler	1998
Joan David	1999
Sharon Hafer	2000
Gail Riecken	2001
Nancy Gaunt	2002
Suzy Lantz	2003
Diane Schroeder	2004
Tess Grimm	2005
Janice Kessner Davies	2006
Sally Becker	2007
Dr. Maria Del Rio Hoover	2008
Suzanne A. Nicholson, posthumously	2009
Marge Donovan	2010
Diane Igleheart	2011
Barbara Studwell	2012
Catherine Mitchell	2013

Betsy Hopkins	2014
Linda White	2015
Kirsten Wagmeister	2016

MEG DETTWILER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In August of 1999, the Junior League of Evansville lost one of its most devoted Sustainers after a two-year battle with cancer. Meg Dettwiler joined JLE in 1979. Though she had a demanding career in marketing, she was a dedicated JLE member, serving our League's Board and Executive Committee during seven of her nine Active years.

As a Sustainer, she continued to support the League by cheerfully contributing to our fundraisers and by serving as a patient, enthusiastic advisor to many Active members. Everyone appreciated her inspiration and encouragement.

Meg's participation in the Junior League was just the beginning of a rich history of voluntarism in our area. She was best known for being a strong supporter of University of Evansville athletics. She also supported, and served on the boards of many not-for-profit organizations including Easter Seals, Evansville ARC, the Boys & Girls Club, Mesker Park Zoo, the Rotary Club, the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, and the YWCA. She continued volunteering through her illness.

Meg received the City of Evansville's Athena Award in 1996 and our League's Helen Klamer Philp Award in 1998 for her tremendous community involvement.

Following Meg's death, JLE was informed that Meg had remembered the League in her last will and testament, and she had bequeathed a donation to be used at our discretion. After careful consideration, a decision was made to establish an annual scholarship program in her name. It is our desire to keep alive the spirit of giving that was a central focus of Meg's life by rewarding individuals with a similar focus. Overwhelming financial support from Meg's family and her JLE friends grew the scholarship fund, and the first set of award winners was announced in the spring of 2003. It is our hope that the legacy of this tireless volunteer will live on through this memorial program that will forever bear her name.

Scholarship Award Winners

- 2003: Marion Ishige Hite, Kelli Whitlow-Gill, Kelly Wicks
- 2004: Janet Schnell, Cynthia Stone, Leora Riesbeck
- 2005: Susan Kroupa, Lisa Allen, Rhonda Cobb
- 2006: Meredith Bean, Sheryl Cook, Shirley Pry
- 2007: Anita Simpson, Martha Sargent, Emily Millsap
- 2008: Heather Peak, Karen Vaughn Woodard, Donna Zinn
- 2009: Lisa Beyers, Georgena Bobe, Alexis Maggard
- 2010: Misti R. Bennett, Katherine M. Feldmeier, Shateka Woods
- 2011: Cathy Fitzhugh, Brit Van Laeken
- 2012: Kelsi Schluter, Deadrea Hawes

2013: Ginger Kraemer, Kelsi Schluter
2014: Janet Keller, Neva Graper
2015: Autumn Carter, Mandy Ford
2016: Paula Frazier, Holly Seif

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Community Volunteer of the Year Award is presented to an Active Junior League of Evansville member who has made a significant impact both in JLE and in the community over the past year. She is a role model, mentor, catalyst and risk-taker who has made an exceptional contribution to the community. The Community Volunteer of the Year exemplifies JLE's principles of multiculturalism, vision, and innovation. This award is by nomination.

Community Volunteer of the Year Award Recipients

Amy Kolleck	2003-2004
Erika Taylor	2004-2005
Kirsten Wagmeister	2005-2006
Andi Miller	2006-2007
Sarah Herdes	2007-2008
Patricia Weinzapfel	2008-2009
Jamie Wicks	2009-2010
Lisa Vaughan	2010-2011
Nikki Davis	2011-2012
Ann Arosteguy	2012-2013
Amber Combs	2013-2014
Sandy Bitter	2014-2015
Sherri Miller	2015-2016

MARY HARRIMAN PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Mary Harriman founded the Junior League of New York City in 1901. Her vision began when she was inspired by a lecture on the settlement movement. Mary, along with several friends, began volunteering at a large New York City immigrant enclave. Through her work, she became convinced there was more she could do to help others. Subsequently, Mary and a group of 80 debutantes established the Junior League for the Promotion of Settlement Movements, which later became known as the Junior League of New York City. She transformed the way women of her generation and class viewed their obligation to society.

In recognition of our founder's vision, the Junior League of Evansville established the Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award in May 2008. This award, chosen by the President, honors and acknowledges an individual Junior League of Evansville member whose volunteer efforts provide a link to Mary Harriman's sense of social responsibility and her ability to motivate others to share their talents through effective volunteer service.

Mary Harriman Award Recipients

Melissa Wagner	2007-2008
Jody Honnigford	2008-2009
Gracie Bell & Lisa Vaughan	2009-2010
Emily Elsea	2010-2011
Lisa Vaughan	2011-2012
Bobbi Russell-Miller	2012-2013
Molly Brost	2013-2014
Jacklyn Woniger	2014-2015
Angie Schaffstein	2015-2016

SUSTAINER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monica Owens, Sustainer VP

Pat Bateman

Shirley Becker

Jean Denton Brubeck

Mary Ellen Farabaugh

Julie Harrison

Kim Hermann

Dr. Maria Del Rio Hoover

Betsy Hopkins

Kimberly Moman

Lynn Ogle

Debra Talley Ormand

Linda Stocks

Cheryl Voight

Julie Ann Walker

Kirsten Wagmeister

Melissa Wagner

Crunchy Wells

Linda White

Jamie Wicks

HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

In 1901, at the beginning of a new era for American women, the first Junior League was organized in New York. At that time, Mary Harriman (later Mrs. Charles Cary Rumsey), with the aid of Natalie Henderson (Mrs. Joseph R. Swan) and Mary Kindsbury Simkhovitch enlisted 80 of her fellow debutantes in the Junior League for the promotion of settlement movements. By serving as volunteers, members were given an opportunity to learn more about their city, how it was administered, the needs of its hospitals, and its other social agencies.

In 1907, a group in Boston - inspired by the New York League - decided to start a Junior League in their own city. Gradually, Leagues began to spring up all over the country: in 1910, Brooklyn and Portland, Oregon; in 1912, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Chicago.

The first Junior League Conference was held in 1912, with six Leagues represented at the gathering in New York. In 1921, delegates from the 30 existing Junior Leagues met in Montreal to organize the Association of Junior Leagues of America, electing Mrs. Willard Straight (later Mrs. Leonard K. Elmhirst) president. Mrs. Straight appointed a Board of Directors to draw up an AJLA Constitution.

Each League is self-directing, and the purpose of the Association is to provide leadership and assistance to each League in promoting its individual programs designated by the local community, as well as the background and training of local League members. The Association, through its board and a salaried professional staff of experts, acts as a clearing house for the information of the Leagues, supplies professional help, and maintains certain services to each League upon request.

Yearly conferences of delegates from each member League help maintain a close liaison between the Leagues, the Board, and the professional staff. Today more than 160,000 young women are engaged in volunteer community services in 266 cities throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Mexico as members of the Association of Junior Leagues, Incorporated.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EVANSVILLE, INC. ORGANIZED 1926 HISTORY

The Junior League of Evansville was founded as the Child Welfare Junior Auxiliary in 1926 by twenty young women “to foster development of charitable, social, economic, and educational projects and to promote efficient volunteer service in connection therewith.” In 1927, the name of the organization was changed to the Junior Service League.

The Late Twenties. This new women’s group began by supporting the Babies Milk Fund Association, which later became the Public Health Nursing Association. Volunteer efforts also were directed to a children’s Summer Health Camp, Well Baby Clinic of PHNA, Christian Home, Boehne Camp and the Museum of Fine Arts and History. The First Charity Ball was held in 1927-28.

The Thirties. Continuing to support projects started in its early years, the League was instrumental in establishing a recreational Junior Girls Club for 10- to 12-year-olds. Financial and volunteer efforts went to the Museum, Evansville College Scholarship Fund and Children’s Theatre. In cooperation with the Council of Social Agencies, the Juvenile Court and the school system, the League helped establish a Child Guidance Clinic, later known as the Child Welfare League. In addition to annual Charity Balls, funds also were raised by a “Service League Review of 1935,” a wrestling match, and a presentation of “The Barretts of Wimpole Street” starring Catherine Cornell. Inquiry into the AJLA admissions requirements was made in 1933-34.

The Forties. Two principal projects highlighted this decade: financial and volunteer support to furnish the new Hillcrest Home orphanage and to establish the Citizens Participation Bureau, later known as the Volunteer Placement Bureau. Funds raised by annual Charity Balls and considerable volunteer efforts went toward the war-related adoption of a Battery at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, and the British War Relief Society, in addition to support of the Museum, Blind Association, Jaycee Neighborhood House, and Keller Street Clinic of PHNA. Radio programs for children were produced and broadcast over WGBF. The Junior Service League became an Indiana not-for-profit corporation in December 1940. It established a set of rules governing League policy and published the first Blue Book, later known as the Yearbook, in 1941-42.

The Fifties. Major contributions to the community included the sponsorship and establishment of Youth Concerts in cooperation with the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, funding the Education Department of the Evansville Public Museum, and financially supporting the building fund of the Child Guidance Center. Volunteer and financial efforts also were directed to Evansville College, Carver Community Center, and annual Christmas parties for

patients at the Evansville State Hospital. Profits from the three annual Ben Reig Style Shows, three Horse Shows, and "Follies" supplemented proceeds from annual Charity Balls. In 1954, the League once again petitioned AJLA for membership. The first inspection by AJLA was held in February 1959, and an orientation course for the entire membership the following October. The first Placement opportunities booklet was compiled and made available to the membership. The purpose of the League was changed to read: "To foster interest among its members in the social, economic, educational, cultural, and civic conditions of the community and to make efficient their volunteer service."

The Sixties. Admission into the Association of Junior Leagues of America (AJLA) was achieved on February 2, 1961, and the following year Evansville hosted the Association's Annual Conference. The Junior Service League officially became the Junior League of Evansville. Emerging during the 1960's were two primary interests: theatre and environment. Project funding directed principal support to the Evansville College Drama Department and to Stockwell Woods. In promoting the college's drama department, the League focused on a Shakespeare production that toured high schools; on helping to fund the construction of the new Shanklin Theatre; and on providing leadership to form a theatre society. In providing a major thrust toward the development of Stockwell Woods into Wesselman Park with documented trails and a nature center, the League voted to share the cost of a survey with the National Audubon Society; to form a community Committee to advise and to stimulate interest in the development of a nature center; to provide considerable funds for the construction of an interpretive building and for furnishings; and finally to provide leadership to form a nature center society.

Additional efforts were directed toward community programs concerning the protection of the environment and the need for an arts council. A survey on behalf of the mentally handicapped led to substantial financial support of McDonald Hopeland's building program and an architectural barriers survey was published in a pamphlet, "A Guide for the Handicapped." Programs to benefit youth, the annual High School Art Show, Junior Great Books, and Plays for Living Productions, were developed and maintained. A Zoo Beautification program was co-sponsored with the Evansville Council of Garden Clubs. The presentation of a ball to celebrate the city's sesquicentennial year was arranged.

New money-raising activities, biennial Rummage Sales and the "Gaslite Follies" of 1964 supplemented the traditional Charity Balls, which were moved from the Armory to the new Gold Room in the Civic Auditorium in 1967-68. AJLA changed the wording of the purpose to read: "To train its members for effective participation in the community through a program of education and volunteer service." A League Office was established at the old Vendome Hotel and later moved to the Lancaster Building on Green River Road. A brochure was published to relate the League's function and purpose to the community. The first Board Orientation was held, and delegates were sent to Annual Conference for the first time.

The Seventies. At the beginning of the decade, AJLA changed its name to the Association of Junior Leagues (AJL) and its purpose “To promote voluntarism; to develop the potential of its members for voluntary participation in community affairs; and to demonstrate the effectiveness of trained volunteers.” In an effort to decentralize the Association, six Areas replaced fourteen Regions with the AJL structure. This League became one of 39 Junior Leagues in Area IV with an Area Council/Office located in Chicago.

In the early 1970’s, while primarily continuing to pursue projects begun in the 1960’s, community programs were staged: “Perspective ’71,” to identify urban problems and seek solutions with Dr. Eva Schindler-Rainman; “The Concept,” an encounter drama on drug abuse; “Education for the 70’s,” to examine innovative educational methods; and “Kaleidoscope,” an art experience for children. Puppetry, a project designed to introduce music to children in the primary grades, was produced in conjunction with the Philharmonic and trouped to all the schools in the area. The League was instrumental in establishing the Evansville Arts and Education Council by providing catalytic force and ultimately becoming a charter member.

Emerging in the mid-1970’s was major emphasis on creating awareness and support for historic preservation within the community. Using a grant from the national Trust for Historic Preservation to compile an inventory of historically significant buildings, several important projects developed. A slide presentation, “Historic Evansville,” was written along with a revised version scaled for third-grade children studying early Evansville history. Ultimately, plans were approved to publish a 48-page booklet featuring pictorial highlights of these inventories in commemoration of the nation’s Bicentennial year. The League also was instrumental in establishing the Reitz Home Preservation Society to maintain the John A. Reitz Home as a house museum. First efforts in public television broadcasting led to the production of “College,” a 20-program series depicting a cultural overview of the Tri-State on WNIN-Channel 9. Involvement resulting from a two-year study on the local criminal justice system culminated in substantial support of the establishment of a short-term shelter care facility for youth.

Also during the 1970’s, the IRS arrived for a routine audit of financial records. After a fire at the League Office temporarily suspended operations at the Lancaster Building, the office then was moved to Wesselman Park Nature Center. A comprehensive revision of the By-Laws and Standing Rules was completed in 1972-73. A new brochure was published as a public relations venture. LeagueLine, a mimeographed newsletter, became a supplementary communications tool. The Professionals Committee was formed to provide a link between the working members and the League. A Calendar program for Charity Ball became a significant fundraiser beginning in 1973. Interest Groups were created in order that members might study and become involved in specific community issues from within the League structure. Opening the community-

section of the Provisional Course to the public led to a successful seminar focusing on contemporary community issues at the University of Evansville in 1974. Education broadened from leadership training to management skills with the introduction of the Association Management Process (AMP) as a tool designed to implement a future planning process using management by objectives.

By the middle of the decade, the League was planning the celebration of its 50th anniversary and looking toward new horizons: the community as a system, new trends in voluntarism, the changing role of women, and forward planning.

With 1976 came our 50th anniversary - and what a memorable occasion. Highlights of the year were a lovely 50th anniversary luncheon with AJL President, Mrs. Robert C. Poole, as our guest; a 50th anniversary dance with fantastic entertainment by Karges and Company; a 50th Anniversary Project in which we challenged the City of Evansville to build an ice skating facility for our community and pledged \$18,000.00 of our funds to this; a wonderful day-and-a-half workshop with Alene Moris from the Individual Development Center in Seattle; our first public stand as an organization, which was opposing the proposed plan for an elected Board of School Trustees; and the turnover of our two slide presentations to the Reitz Home Living House Museum.

During our anniversary year of 1976-77, we realized that time was a precious commodity to us all, and we restructured our League to eliminate duplication of committee work, unnecessary administration and to allow for more time spent on community volunteer activities. We zeroed in on child advocacy by educating our members on the ramifications of the problems affecting children. The four Indiana Junior Leagues formulated a State Public Affairs Committee, which would be the foundation for supporting state issues. Our forward planning back in 1975 set the stage for the Five Sense Store Project in 1977.

Two projects culminated during the 1977-78 League year: the Five Sense Store, reaching 6,000 youngsters; and the Historic Preservation Book, spreading its impact outside community boundaries. Three new projects were initiated: Exploring Childhood, a project of the School Corporation with League funding sending students to field sites; The Guide to the Handicapped, a re-survey of Evansville buildings in coalition with three community organizations; and The Science Discovery Room at the Evansville Museum, a hands-on experience in science. A new fundraiser, Follies 1979 was initiated, and the League participated in a Mid-Western League Cookbook. The League's first Position Statement was approved in the field of child abuse, and members advocated for the ice rink and for children. The Zoo Docent Program found an official home at the Zoo, and the League added a second Vice-President to its

structure. The largest Provisional class, fifty-two women, accepted their invitation to membership and increased the League's potential for voluntary commitment.

In 1978-79, the League sponsored the Grand Opening of Swonder Ice Rink. The High Learning Abilities Committee dedicated its first year toward the development of a public school program for screening and challenging the highly talented and motivated children in the EVSC to be initiated in the spring of 1979. The League pledged \$30,000.00 over three years to fund this program in EVSC, parochial, and private school systems.

The League adopted an infant-parenting project for new mothers, whereby desirous mothers were visited by trained League volunteers and introduced to a year's subscription, at no cost, of the highly regarded Pierre the Pelican newsletter for new parents.

The Mid-Western Junior League Cookbook was printed, delivered, and JLE received its first royalty check. The League also adopted two policy statements on Historic Preservation and Career Education, and it initiated a Community Leaders Survey to assess community priorities by recognized leaders.

Two community programs were also given: 1) High Learning Abilities (Karen Rogers, director of the Minneapolis League "Omnibus" Gifted and Talented Program); and 2) TV Programming (Susan Kaplan, director of Community Education for Children's Television; ACT, a national nonprofit consumer group; and Brenda Fox, assistant general counsel for the National Association of Broadcasters).

A pilot program with community youth on Volunteer Career Education was initiated in the winter and plans were made to bring a pilot project in VCE to all local schools in 1979.

Approval was given to pursue a program on Grantsmanship with the United Way as co-sponsor in 1979. Approval was given to forming a Community Advisory Board.

During 1979-80, "Challenge," the League's 3-year project for gifted and talented children began and more than 300 area school children participated in the classes. The Mental Health Association in Vanderburgh County awarded the League their "Outstanding Community Service Award" for our Pierre the Pelican infant-parenting project, which is conducted at Deaconess Hospital in cooperation with the Mental Health Association. The League received the Dr. Herman Baker award from Southwest Indiana Easter Seals Inc. for our contribution to the community from the publication of the Guide to the Handicapped. This was a banner year for projects: a Grantsmanship Seminar was conducted by Eve Berry, a specialist in grantsmanship from New York. The Historic Preservation Committee proposed that a feasibility study be conducted on the old Vanderburgh Jail and Sheriff's Residence. The completed study outlined five alternative uses for the building. Bucket Brigade, a preventive

tutoring program, was adopted and began in the schools in the fall. The League voted to co-sponsor a film project with CARE. The films, "Acquaintance Rape Prevention," are designed to lessen the chance of possible rape situations by training young people to use good judgment. The members also voted to support the construction of a Bikeway system by pledging \$20,000.00 as seed money, and League volunteers raised an additional \$7,000.00. These matching funds allowed the city to apply for a federal grant for the Bikeway.

The League Office moved to the Hartke Building, and we purchased a copier to streamline communications.

A Community Advisory Board of twelve community leaders was formed to assist the League in defining community priorities. The membership adopted a 5-year plan - a bold plan for the future. Two successful community seminars on stress and parenting were conducted by Dr. Layne Longfellow, an international lecturer and consultant in behavioral sciences.

River City Razzmatazz Follies raised \$10,00.00, and it provided the opportunity for League members and their significant others to get acquainted.

The League adopted a position statement to support the funding of arts-related and cultural programs in Indiana, and the membership adopted a new Admissions procedure in April. Under this plan, the candidate is unaware she is being proposed, and there is no voting on candidates who meet the admissions criteria.

The Eighties. As the new decade unfolded, the League reflected the many changes that occurred in society during the beginning of the 80's: a dramatic increase in the number of women who returned to work; a demand for more sophisticated training; realization that solutions to community problems are complex and better remedied by collaborating with other groups; understanding that almost all activities are affected in some way by legislative action; and emphasis on representing all types of people within the community.

In 1980-81, a Public Affairs Committee was reinstated to educate the membership on important public issues and the ways to affect current legislation. The League's skills in advocacy continued to increase.

A new interest group was formed to study ways to reduce drug and alcohol abuse. As a result, approval was given to a project to bring nationally known geneticist, Dr. Sam Rhine, to speak to all freshmen and sophomore students, as well as parents and interested adults about the genetic dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. The League once again received the Mental Health Association's "Outstanding Community Service Award" for our Pierre the Pelican infant-parenting project.

During 1980-81, the League approved the "Walkway Winter Wonderland 1980" project, developed in collaboration with city government and downtown business representatives. A Christmas holiday activity - including a small ice rink, carolers, and concessions - was staged on the downtown mall and provided a free family activity plus support to the downtown business district. In

addition, the membership adopted a position statement to support renovation of the Old Jail and to seek a private investor.

Two community seminars were held: Ray McGee, a social worker and trainer for the Bucket Brigade, spoke on self-esteem; and Dr. Dale Baughman, an internationally-known educator in the field of communications, presented a program on organizational communications.

The League instituted the first Community Volunteer Assistance Award to recognize the individual or organization that has helped the League in its volunteer programs. The 1981 award was presented to the Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center for its assistance in our Child Advocacy and Substance Abuse project.

The JLE presented two community programs in 1981-82: Joyce Jentune, Executive Director of the National Association of Gifted; and Alene Moris, author of the Volunteer Career Development course. Our projects included Project Challenge, Bucket Brigade, and advocacy for the Bikeway. Our fundraisers added \$33,292.00 to the Community Trust Fund. The Public Affairs Committee presented four position statements for adoption by the membership - voluntarism, children, economic opportunity, and domestic violence.

In 1982-83, several major changes took place. Upon completion of a study of our needs with respect to available space, we moved our office to the Buffalo Trace Council Building. Acting upon the advice of our accountants and AJL, the Community Trust and Administrative Trust Funds were combined. In addition, the administrative/fiscal year was changed from June 1 to May 31. By-Laws were devised and adopted by the membership; a new long-range plan was approved; and the method of project presentation and voting was revised.

The projects in 1982-83 included Bucket Brigade, Project Challenge and ARK (Crisis Nursery). Related to these, Bucket Brigade provided new training to volunteers by presenting a Dinghy Sharp workshop, and JLE acknowledged the First Presbyterian Church's fine support of ARK by awarding the Community Service Award to them.

The League provided several community programs in 1982-83. Maynard Jackson, former Mayor of Atlanta, was featured at a downtown revitalization and riverfront development town hall. Mini-meetings focused on skills development and special interests, and Emily Kimball Morrison lectured on voluntarism. JLE interest groups provided the necessary support for two League-sponsored community workshops. Dr. Skip Nesbitt presented "Surviving Teenagers, Caring, Coping and Communicating," and the Law in a Free Society Project was featured at a "Promoting Responsible Citizenship" program. Finally, JLE, in cooperation with Indiana State University-Evansville, provided support to I.S.U.E. Women's History Week with the program, "Sex Differences in Behavior - Biological and Cultural Influences."

In 1983-84, the JLE continued to advocate for voluntarism and to develop community awareness of JLE activities. Based on the results of a highly

acclaimed community needs assessment performed by the Community Research Committee, League members focused on the areas of the elderly and substance abuse for a search for new projects in coalition with community groups. Three community workshops on training, fundraising, and public relations were attended by nearly 100 community participants. Upon adopting a new JLE logo, a public relations and graphics program was initiated to support marketing plans for projects, fundraisers and the entire League.

The State Public Affairs Committee continued to act on League position statements, taking stands on six issues related to children, domestic violence, voluntarism, aging, and women. At a meeting with community guests, AJL President Anne B. Hoover spoke about the history of AJL and its commitment to voluntarism. Welborn Foundation was the recipient of the JLE Community Service Award for its support to the “ME/ME” substance abuse prevention project.

Addressing the concerns of the membership, the Provisional year and the Placement Plan were revised to continue to provide for diversification. Actions taken to adopt structures and activities to increase the effectiveness of the League included restructuring the Board to reduce its size and decentralize, and adopting a 5-year Placement Plan centering on JLE programs and projects. Eight League delegates were sent to conferences on leadership, fundraising, management, public relations, teenage pregnancy, meeting critical human needs, and organizational change.

During 1984-85, emphasis in the JLE was placed on membership diversification, public policy and fundraising. The highlight of the JLE year was a joint community meeting sponsored by the Coalition of 100 Black Women and the JLE. Fay Williams, the featured speaker, spoke on “Building Women’s Coalitions.” This meeting received national attention through the Junior League Review. Due to a community admissions information meeting, over 80 new Provisionals were in the 1985 class.

A visit from Mary Lubertozzi, our Area IV Coordinator, kicked off our efforts in Public Policy. A new position statement of substance abuse was developed, and JLE members actively lobbied for bills concerning domestic violence, children’s issues, an independent I.S.U.E., and the food and beverage tax for a new airport. A volunteer mileage book was also developed by the Public Policy Committee.

JLE initiated two new fundraisers during 1984-85: The Festival of Trees and the Family Fair. The Festival of Trees was attended by more than 10,000 people and raised approximately \$35,000. It was the only fundraiser held in 1985-86. Goodwill Industries received the JLE Community Service Award for its help with the Rummage Sale the past two years.

The Training and Education Committee provided two very successful community workshops. A workshop on communication skills, stress, and time management was held in the fall. JLE also co-sponsored a workshop on

marketing, fundraising, and public relations with the Welborn Foundation to highlight National Volunteer Recognition Week, which was attended by more than 100 volunteers.

The year ended on a high note when Jean Brubeck Stayman, previous Area IV Director, became the new AJL First Vice-President. This marked the first time an Evansville woman had held a national office.

In 1985-86, the JLE membership began a process of reaffirming its mission in the community. A Quick Response Fund for community projects was approved by the membership and support services were increased including a copier, computer, and additional secretarial services for committee chairmen. Public relations efforts were enhanced through the addition of a portable exhibit.

The League completed its year of commitment to the community in providing volunteers and projects to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), ME/ME, WNIN Radio Reading, TOUCH (To Our Understanding of Children Who are Handicapped), Kids Need To Know, and Just Kids. The Junior League received a community service award from CASA and received the Indiana Association of Rehabilitation Facilities Award for the Just Kids traveling exhibit. WIKY Radio, the co-sponsor of the Festival of Trees, received the JLE Community Service Award.

The JLE 60th anniversary began with an emphasis on Sustainer involvement in the planning process. 1986 marked the celebration of the League's 60th year of service in the Evansville metropolitan area and the 25th year of acceptance into the Association of Junior Leagues. The emphasis on the 1986-87 League year was implementing change. The first evidence of that change was the adoption of a new mission statement. This statement captures the essence of the JLE and emphasizes the qualities that have sustained the organization for the past 60 years. Our mission statement was changed to read:

**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EVANSVILLE IS AN ORGANIZATION OF
WOMEN COMMITTED TO PROMOTING VOLUNTEERISM AND
IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY.**

We began the year planning for an orderly change process by Board member participation in an AJL-sponsored workshop entitled "Managing Organizational Change." A new Board structure was adopted to group similar committee functions together for maximum interaction. The three councils were Membership, Community Development, and Marketing. Other Board action involved appointment of a special task force to select a new location for the League Office. JLE moved into a suite of offices in the Court Building at 18 N.W. Fourth Street in January 1987. In addition to the new office, the League also hired a new secretary.

The League continued to emphasize its commitment to the community by sponsoring a record number of projects in 1986-87. The Junior League project, Just Kids, received the Governor's Award at the State Conference on Health and Rehabilitative Services. The first grants under the new Quick Response Fund were awarded to the C.K. Newsome Community Center Singers, Second Chance Halfway House, the Children's Psychiatric Center, and Ohio Valley Hospice. In order to fund new projects, the third annual Festival of Trees netted more than \$50,000.

The 60th anniversary of the Junior League of Evansville was celebrated with a conference on the timely issue of child care options. Nationally acclaimed speakers addressed this issue in a workshop setting with representatives of local industry. The University of Southern Indiana assisted the JLE as our co-sponsor.

The financial picture for the League in 1986-87 continued to improve with the presentation of a balanced budget. This was the first year in a long time that the JLE had not projected a deficit.

During the 1987-88 year, emphasis was placed on effectively carrying out our organizational mission, as well as implementing the newly adopted organizational structure, expanding JLE's leadership and decision-making base, and identifying and accommodating the membership's expectations for their JLE experience.

Inherent in the process of implementing the newly adopted organizational structure was the opportunity for expansion of JLE's leadership base. The structure identified three major functions of JLE's operations and grouped the committees responsible for carrying out these functions into clusters. The three clusters were Membership Relations and Development, Community Development, and Marketing. Each cluster was directed by a Vice President and met on a regular basis.

The 1987 Festival of Trees netted over \$37,000, and WIKY Radio again co-sponsored the event. Proceeds were used to support community service projects with Evansville Association for Retarded Citizens, screening for learning disabilities in children; Mission of Grace Lutheran Church, aide to the elderly; Legal Aid Society, assist with paying legal fees for women; and the Martin Luther King Birthday community celebration.

The 1988-89 JLE year focused on new directions in community service, project training, and membership satisfaction. Dealing with a diverse membership in terms of available volunteer hours, economic restraints, and varied community interests proved challenging but very satisfying.

Open communication was the first and most important step in the direction the year took. The executive committee met with members individually to discuss their vision for the organization. The results of these meetings showed a desire to concentrate our efforts on one or two substantial projects to answer larger or newer needs within the community. This required greater funding per project and more study by, and commitment from, League

members. It was recognized that the entire process of creating, funding, and advocating for projects of this magnitude would take time, so a 2-year timetable was developed.

Training in developing projects was the second step in the process. To include all members, we invited sustainers and actives to the October meeting where an Area IV Director and the Association Secretary trained us in assessing our group's interests and using those interests to form meaningful projects. Interest groups concerning prevention of child abuse and neglect, substance abuse programs, family enrichment, and a children's arts and science museum formed after the October meeting.

The third element in the process was to raise the funds necessary for major projects. A goal of \$75,000-\$100,000 to be given to the community in 1990 was set. With funds previously earmarked for projects, plus the \$41,000 made by our successful Festival of Trees, the JLE was over the half way mark by the end of the 88-89 year.

The final step toward evaluation of our membership satisfaction included an improved membership retention rate, and positive discussion with our sustainers. Community involvement goals stemmed from increasing invitations to participate in community issues such as the Mayor's Government Consolidation Study Committee, the arts discussions in Evansville, and the newly formed Youth Task Force.

The 1989-90 League year was one devoted to project development and community service. The previous years of self-evaluation emphasized the membership's desire to become an active player in addressing community needs, and the 1989-90 year was devoted to that desire.

The Project Development Committee successfully developed seven project proposals. The membership selected and committed volunteers and financial resources to the following projects: Over the Rainbow: A Playground for All Children - \$44,079.50; JLE Learning Center: Hillcrest Washington Youth Home - \$37,794; and Moving into the 90's: Parenting and Child Care - \$4,000.

To further our commitment of community involvement, the League continued to serve as an active member on the Youth Coalition Advisory Board, The Mayor's Government Consolidation Study Committee, and numerous Community Task Forces examining various social and cultural issues.

In addition to local involvement, the League responded to the emergency needs of our sister Leagues with donations for earthquake and hurricane relief.

This year included a financial evaluation that allowed the League to successfully reduce office expenses by relocating to a smaller space; demonstrate the need to increase dues, and develop a 3-year Strategic Plan to be updated annually.

The Association of Junior Leagues changed its name in 1989 to the Association of Junior Leagues International. This change reflects the diversity of our membership and our desire for global involvement.

The Nineties. The 1990-91 JLE year was very exciting for the membership and the community. We made great advances in our community involvement, as well as updating our internal organization. The projects that were voted in the previous year were implemented along with the adoption of seven additional innovative projects totaling \$28,650. These projects were made possible through a record-breaking Festival of Trees fundraiser. Throughout the year, the JLE By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Policies and Procedures were updated to reflect the changing needs of our membership.

In keeping with new standards in the AJLI, we set new guidelines for our Sustaining membership and created a new option, the Sabbatical, to allow greater flexibility for our members.

Several organizational changes were implemented this year. A new Standing Committee - Underwriting - was formed to organize JLE's community solicitation efforts. The Finance Committee was reinstated and performed successfully. Our League also became involved in SPAC again after a brief absence.

A new promotional video for JLE was developed to be used in all of our community activities, as well as an informational brochure. In addition, a special newsletter was sent to all former JLE members updating them on our activities and inviting them to reinstate their membership. All committees performed beyond expectations, and it was a very successful year for the JLE.

1991-92 proved to be another successful year for the Junior League of Evansville. During the year, the League manned seven community projects, raised more than \$50,000 in fundraisers, and made quite an impact in the community while celebrating over 65 years in existence (including 30 years as members of AJLI).

The League expanded its structure to include two areas that have always played an important role to JLE. A Youth Development committee was established to develop, promote, and coordinate the various youth activities, including the Charity Belles' and Young Men's programs. 1991-92 was the first time in our history that young men had a program to develop community leadership and involvement. The backbone of our League, the Sustainers, were also given a voting voice on the JLE Board of Directors under the title of Sustainer Advisory Board. The Board was formed to counsel the League on a variety of matters and also develop, promote, and coordinate Sustainer activities. In addition, the Helen Klammer Philp Award was announced to recognize an outstanding Sustainer in community leadership.

The community was the recipient of many fine projects, while several task forces evaluated various areas of membership interest. The 1991-92

projects included “Economics of Staying in School” (in conjunction with Junior Achievement), “Moving Into the 90’s, Childcare & Parenting” (a series of seminars developed by JLE), “Save The Earth, Start With Evansville” (a Recycling Awareness Day), “School Incentive Program” (at Hillcrest Washington Youth Home), and “Turning Dreams Into Realities” (a Grant Writing Proposal). The Task Forces were “Children’s Hands On,” studying a possible children’s museum, and “Youth, Our Future, Our Responsibility,” studying teen issues of the Tri-State area.

The “Over The Rainbow Playground,” a playground for all children, opened at Wesselman’s Park. This playground was the first of its kind in the Tri-State area, marking the first time that well-bodied children and those with physical limitations could play together.

The Association of Junior Leagues International adopted new By-Laws at the 1992 Annual Conference held in New York City.

1993-94 was an opportune year for proving the importance and success of JLE projects in the community. The Junior League of Evansville was presented the “Woman and Youth Award” by the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Evansville for their dedication to improving children’s issues. This was the first time a woman’s group had ever received this award. The Hillcrest-Washington Youth Home also recognized JLE for its many volunteer efforts.

For many years JLE had realized the need in our community for a learning experience that was educational, interactive, and fun. After much planning and networking with a task force made up of League and community members, the “Hands On Discovery” exhibit opened initially for three months at Eastland Mall. The interest and support from the community was overwhelming. Hands On Discovery was such a success that JLE decided to support this project for another year. The space doubled, allowing several new exhibits to be added, as well as a special birthday area for parties. Other activities such as mime workshops, summer camps, and field trips were also made available.

The Junior League of Evansville also committed volunteers and financial resources of \$14,500 to “Little Lambs,” an incentive program to encourage the importance and use of prenatal care, well-baby care, and parenting programs already in place in the community. Like Hands On Discovery, the Little Lambs project earned strong community backing. A house was provided to JLE by Deaconess Hospital for the Little Lambs headquarters and store. Through baby showers given at the April General Membership Meeting, as well as by several businesses and organizations in the community, Little Lambs was able to get a good start on stocking its store with incentive items for clients involved in the program.

At the Annual Membership Meeting, Karen Magan was announced as the second person to receive the Helen Klamer Philp Award recognizing an outstanding sustainer in community leadership.

1994-1995 brought some new and different opportunities to the Junior League of Evansville. A two-year process, known as the Goal Centered Approach to Strategic Planning, culminated in the adoption of a 3-year operating plan. This exciting, aggressive plan, intended to empower the membership and prepare the Junior League of Evansville for the 21st Century, challenged the Board of Directors and the Standing Committees to downsize our infrastructure and focus more of our energies on projects, fundraising, and social opportunities.

Two projects opened their doors: Little Lambs and the Hands On Discovery Museum. Each project was successful beyond the League's wildest dreams. Little Lambs continued its second year of a 2-year commitment. The Hands On Discovery Museum was so successful that it became a separate legal entity and received \$14,500 in additional funding from the League to help secure a permanent home.

Other activities included another successful Festival of Trees; proudly serving as the local presenter for Kaleidoscope, a traveling hands-on art experience funded by Hallmark Cards; and launching the First Annual JLE Golf Outing, a secondary fundraiser intended to provide a social opportunity for our members and additional monies for Junior League projects.

In 1995-1996, the Junior League of Evansville continued its commitment to the 3-year plan adopted in the fall of 1994. We focused our energies internally on membership satisfaction and retention. In the community, we continued to make an impact of the lives of children.

The Hands On Discovery Project began its year as Hands On Discovery, Inc. As a separate corporation, it began its pursuit of a permanent location. In order to remain visible in the community, Hands on Discovery re-opened its doors at Washington Square Mall. The idea of a permanent Hands On Museum continued to gain community support through the efforts of Hands On Discovery, Inc. The JLE voted to continue its support of Hands On through the 1996-1997 year.

The Little Lambs Pre-Natal Incentive Care Program also continued to grow and gain community support. The League decided to continue its support for this program through the 1996-1997 year, as well.

The Project Development Committee brought a new concept of volunteerism and community support through "Done-in-a-Day" Projects. In the spring of 1996, the Junior League participated in four Done-In-A-Day Projects. These projects combined financial and volunteer support for short-term assistance to the following organizations: Albion Fellows Bacon Center; "Over the Rainbow" Playground at Wesselman Park; Evansville Rescue Mission; and United Methodist Youth.

Our Festival of Trees was our primary fundraiser. With a new location at the Old Court House, the Festival was a success.

The Helen Klamer Philp award was given to Jean Brubeck as an outstanding sustainer in community leadership.

JLE also awarded two Community Service awards at our Annual Meeting. The awards were given to Deaconess Hospital and the National Guard for their support of the Junior League.

1996-1997 brought innovation to the League's membership recruitment process. The League welcomed two classes of Provisional members. The first began in the fall, and the second began in the winter. As a result, more than 40 members joined the League.

Rita Eykamp received the Helen Klamer Philp award in recognition of her many years of volunteer service to our community. Eastland Mall and Thru the Grapevine received the League's Community Impact award in recognition of their outstanding support of our Festival of Trees fundraiser.

Membership voted to focus our project support on two long-term projects, Hands On Discovery and Little Lambs. Membership also voted to bring back the Charity Ball, which had been our primary fundraiser until 1984. A Golf 100-Hole Marathon was held in May with the YMCA, and the League received a percentage of sales from Buehler's "We Care" program, which allowed customers to designate the League as their favorite charity.

During 1997-1998, the Junior League continued its tradition of service and commitment. Fundraising efforts focused on the Festival of Trees and the "Evening with the Stars" Charity Ball at Evansville Country Club. The success of these fundraisers enabled the League to continue its tradition of developing and implementing projects in the community.

Membership elected to work on projects related to several areas of the League's mission statement. In revisiting our roots in historic preservation, JLE teamed with the Old Courthouse Preservation Society to restore the cupola of the Old Courthouse and develop a historic preservation brochure. The cupola was unveiled during Historic Preservation Week in grand style with Randall Shepard, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, hosting the event. Members also continued supporting women's and children's health issues by partnering with First Presbyterian church for the permanent placement and operation of the Little Lambs pre-natal incentive program. The Little Lambs store was moved to the church campus with the goal of becoming a separate, self-supporting organization in the community.

The League also created a task force to investigate the necessity of a childcare center in the downtown area to support working parents. In addition, JLE partnered with the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library to develop a bookmobile for the community; the League purchased a van and supplies, promoted the service, and helped develop programming.

Sustaining member Meg Dettwiler was honored with the Helen Klamer Philp award for her commitment to the community. Two local businesses, Thru

the Grapevine and Magnetic Image, received the Community Impact Award for their outstanding support of the community and JLE.

Leadership Evansville also recognized JLE with its prestigious Outstanding Community Organization Award for the League's support, dedication, and impact to the community.

The 1998-1999 year began with many improvements to the JLE organization: Janet Keller was hired as the League's officer manager; Sustainer Emeritus was established as a new membership status; and the League's Youth Development program became open to any eighth grade student in the community.

The League year saw the completion of many community projects. The Little Lambs program, in its fifth year of existence, was completely turned over to the First Presbyterian Church. Membership also presented monthly educational and cultural programs to residents of the Hillcrest-Washington Youth Home, and the League garnered its resources to provide new office and examination equipment, a children's waiting area, and administrative support to the Community Health Care Center.

The League-sponsored feasibility study regarding a downtown childcare center was completed; although the study confirmed the need for such a facility, it did not identify any businesses or organizations willing to make the commitment. JLE members also collaborated with Hands On Discovery and the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library to host a Read-a-Thon for local children, and the Indiana Women's Political Caucus partnered with the League to present the community's most well-attended political candidate forum at the University of Southern Indiana.

Charity Ball was the League's lone annual fundraiser, and more than 200 guests enjoyed dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions, and a raffle. Joan David won the Helen Klammer Philp Award at the Sustainer's Reunion.

The Junior League of Evansville ushered in the new Millennium during the 1999-2000 year and welcomed its largest ever Provisional Class. These talented women joined the rest of the membership in bringing back an extremely successful fundraiser, the annual Rummage Sale. The event raised more than \$15,000 to help local philanthropic efforts.

League members participated in several successful projects, such as the "Mom-to-Mom" mentoring program for expectant mothers; a partnership with Junior Achievement at Howard Roosa Elementary School; and a continued "Positive Role Model" program at Hillcrest-Washington Youth Home. JLE also played a significant role in registering participants for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

The annual Charity Ball was a tremendous success, with proceeds benefitting the League's partnership with Evansville ARC to promote community awareness on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

The League year also saw a season of change with the redesign of the LeagueLine newsletter and JLE logo; a new Community Project Application and Selection process; and a more prominent advocacy role in SPAC and Public Policy.

Sharon Hafer was recognized for her outstanding service to the community by being named the recipient of the Helen Klamer Philp Award.

The 2000s. The second consecutive “Whale of a Sale” Rummage Sale was held at the National Guard Armory in October 2000, with proceeds exceeding \$18,000. The 2000-2001 League Year’s fundraising efforts also included a record-breaking “Masked Diamond Ball,” which raised more than \$28,000. The 2000-2001 year ended with Gail Riecken receiving the Helen Klamer Philp Award.

In 2001-2002, major fundraisers again included the Rummage Sale and Charity Ball. The JLE also entered the twenty-first century in a big way with the addition of our own web site! Nancy Gaunt was the recipient of the Helen Klamer Philp award.

2002-2003 was a huge year for the JLE! The 2002-2003 League year introduced the Strategic Planning committee, as well as a Scholarship committee to plan and administer the Meg Dettwiler Memorial Scholarship. Additionally, a new fundraiser, the cookbook *Once Upon a Time: Recipes and Recollections from a River City*, became a reality that year. Suzy Lantz won the Helen Klamer Philp award.

In 2003-2004, the first ever Idea Home raised over \$16,000 for past signature project Little Lambs. The cookbook was introduced with a cooking class at Kitchen Affairs and a Cookbook Launch Party. JLE members sold over 4,200 cookbooks by June 1, 2004. The Holiday Mart was developed as a fundraiser, and the Marketing Committee began to make the JLE more visible in Evansville with the sale of items such as shirts, nametags, and tote bags. Playville JLE was voted on and accepted as the next Signature Project. JLE was given the Civic Organization Award from *Evansville Living* magazine and the Organization Achievement Award from Leadership Evansville. Amy Kolleck was given the Community Volunteer of the Year award, while Diane Schroeder won the Helen Klamer Philp award.

The first ever Holiday Mart netted \$50,000 in the 2004-2005 League year. The JLE also did a great deal of planning for Playville JLE. *Once Upon a Time* was named the second place winner of the 15th Anniversary Tabasco Community Cookbook Award. Erika Taylor was the Community Volunteer of the Year award winner; Tess Grimm earned the Helen Klamer Philp award.

2005-2006 saw a record Provisional class of fifty-two members. The second *Evansville Living* Idea Home raised over \$43,000 to help fund Playville JLE. Playville JLE opened at both Deaconess Gateway Hospital and St. Mary’s Medical Center in the spring of 2006. Kirsten Wagmeister was awarded the Community Volunteer of the Year award. Janice Kessner Davies won the Helen Klamer Philp award.

The JLE celebrated its eightieth birthday in the 2006-2007 League year! That year, Kids in the Kitchen was implemented by the JLE. Fundraisers included Holiday Mart and the Whale of a Sale rummage sale. Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel declared May 16, 2007 Junior League of Evansville Day. Andi Miller was Community Volunteer of the Year, and Sally Becker was the Helen Klamer Philp award winner.

2007-2008 fundraisers included the Idea Home and the first-ever Experience Evansville events, as well as Rummage Sale and continued cookbook sales. The historian created a documentary on the history of our projects that was shown on WNIN. Finally, Sarah Herdes was Community Volunteer of the Year; Melissa Wagner won the first Mary Harriman President's Award; and Dr. Maria Del Rio Hoover won the Helen Klamer Philp award.

The first decade of the 2000s ended with a new website and Facebook group for the JLE. Additionally, the JLE was awarded the Indiana Boys & Girls Community Service Award for its 30-year relationship with the Boys & Girls Club. Patricia Weinzapfel was Community Volunteer of the Year; Jody Honnigford was the Mary Harriman President's Award winner; and Suzanne A. Nicholson won the Helen Klamer Philp award posthumously.

2009-2010 HIGHLIGHTS

The 2009-2010 Junior League of Evansville year started with a summer full of activities. The annual leadership retreat rolled in the JLE theme of "Create the Future." During the summer, the JLE fielded a team to participate in the first Dragons on the Ohio at Eagle Crest Lake. Also during the summer, 44 members of the latest Provisional class worked with the Membership Development Committee for their August retreat, which had the theme, "Fortunes - What Lies in Store." Another exciting project of the summer was our Kids in the Kitchen event that showed 500 kids and their parents how to cook great-tasting and healthy food. The event was co-sponsored and held at Simon's Eastland Mall, and the winner of the cook-off challenge was The Acropolis.

The first major fundraising event of the year, the Evansville Living Idea Home, kicked off with a golf day on Aug. 10, 2009, and a gala on Sept. 11, 2009. Idea Home tours followed Sept. 12-20, 2009, in Victoria National subdivision, and the fundraiser brought in over \$21,000 for local charities such as the Tri-State Food Bank, the Warrick County Community Foundation, and Buddy Ball.

On Sept. 19, 2009, the Junior League of Evansville fielded a team of 53 members - and donated volunteer hours - to the annual Komen Race for the Cure. Our team raised \$2,400 in donations for the event. Following that, the annual Rummage Sale was held on Oct. 23-24, 2009. The event was chaired by Natalie O'Daniel and Dannelle Haller, and it raised \$20,539.37 for the League. At the event, designers Kip Farmer, Tay Ruthenburg, and Cinda Vote took on the Designers' Challenge and wowed the Armory crowd with their beautifully arranged sample rooms.

JLE was pleased to see past President and Sustainer Kathy Scheller take the reins as the Executive Director of the newly completed Ronald McDonald House. The vision of the house started with another past JLE president, Dr. Maria Del Hoover, a neonatologist at St. Mary's. Dr. Del Hoover contacted the RHM Charities and petitioned for a home in Evansville. The League held a board meeting at the house, and a decorating committee was fielded to help decorate two playrooms. One room was directly off the kitchen overlooking the courtyard. The other room was on the second floor adjacent to the laundry room.

Despite traditionally doing Idea Homes every two years, it was announced mid-year that the Junior League of Evansville would be pairing up with Evansville Living for a 2010 Downtown Idea Home. An area along the Washington Avenue Historic District that has been on the Historic Landmarks of Indiana's "10 Most Endangered" list for three years was chosen for the build. The house at 620 Washington Avenue was a severely mistreated Colonial

Revival-style home built in 1906 that was renovated and preserved by contractor Mike Martin during the course of the JLE 2009-2010 League year and the following summer.

Over the holidays, the Sustainers held their annual Jingle, Mingle, & Jazz event at the Evansville Country Club hosted by Sustaining Advisor, Kim Hermann. The holidays also brought us back again volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club Christmas Store.

Small grants, as well as volunteer hours, went to Albion Fellows Bacon Center, Boom Squad, Boys & Girls Club, Cedar Hall Even Start, cMoe, and the Newburgh Food Pantry. Our Done-In-A-Day grant was given to the Women's Addiction Recovery Manor and provided gloves, scarves, and mittens for residents in the home.

In January, the Provisionals hosted a fundraiser, "Evansville's First Steel Cook: The Local Chef's Showdown," at the Holiday Inn. The innovative event raised funds for the Salvation Army and the Alhambra Theatre. Our next major event was Kids in the Kitchen, where 230 children used the Boys & Girls Club to learn about nutrition, healthy food choices, and the benefits of exercise. This year we also took on the JLE Teen program that had seven 8th graders who worked on various volunteer opportunities, including the Evansville Rescue Mission, Holly's House, the Tri-State Food Bank, Keep Evansville Beautiful, and more.

Our third annual Experience Evansville fundraiser took up a large amount of League time and attention. The event was chaired by Lisa Vaughan and Gracie Bell, who encouraged members to embrace their slogan of "I AM the Experience." The event expanded from the previous year to encompass the entire month of April, and restaurants and food vendors were added to collection of merchants. Also new this year was the Toddlers & Tulips fashion show hosted by cMoe, a special evening at Taste, and Diamonds at Dusk at Tracy Zeller Jewelry. Shop hops accompanied the EE event and were held on Green River, Old Towne, Downtown, Newburgh, and Virginia Street. The fundraiser was again a success and raised \$13,138 for the League's projects.

At the end of May, the JLE Soiree was held at Casino Aztar, musical entertainment by the Pitts. The winner of the \$1,000 grant was the Boys & Girls Club, and smaller grants additionally went to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ohio Valley, Holly's House, Little Lambs, and the Evansville African American Museum.

The Helen Klamer Philp Award was given to Marjorie Donovan; the Community Volunteer of the Year award to Jamie Wicks; and the Mary Harriman Award to Lisa Vaughan and Gracie Bell. Meg Dettwiler Scholarships of \$1,000 each were given to Shateka Woods, Mitsi Bennett, and Katherine Feldmeier.

Over the course of the League year, JLE gave \$43,172.29 in contributions to the community; volunteered 1,345.25 hours; raised more than

\$56,000.00; and received an award from Leadership Evansville for the Littlest Volunteer Project.

2010-2011 HIGHLIGHTS

The 2010-2011 Junior League of Evansville year started with a summer full of activities, beginning with the annual leadership retreat held at Methodist Temple in Evansville. President Nicole Minton and the new Executive Board kicked off the year with big plans to ensure a promising year for the Junior League with the theme, “Enjoying Today, Changing Tomorrow.”

Also during the summer, the Membership Development Committee was hard at work preparing for the new Provisional class. Co-Chairs Julie Couch and Shawn Mundy welcomed the group of 20 wonderful women to the League with a Mad Hatter Tea Party themed event.

The first major fundraiser for the League, the Evansville Living Downtown Idea Home, kicked off Sept. 17, 2010, with a Preview Party. While the Idea Home fundraiser is usually held every other year, the League decided to partner with the City of Evansville, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, and of course, Evansville Living, to rehabilitate a dilapidated home on the once prosperous Washington Ave. Over fifty League volunteers worked through the month of September to provide tours to those interested in seeing the renovated home. It was again another successful event, raising \$10,480 to benefit Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana.

Following the successful Idea Home Fundraiser, the entire League geared up for our major annual fundraiser, the Rummage Sale. Co-Chaired by Victoria Kost and Jamie Stone, the committee established a goal of raising \$25,000. Mini-trailers were set-up starting in late July in various locations across Evansville, and Junior League members and Sustainers came through and delivered wonderful rummage totaling over \$20,000 in donations. On Nov. 12-13, crowds of people lined up outside the Armory to find their treasures. The Designers’ Challenge once again wowed the crowd with their beautifully arranged sample rooms demonstrating that another person’s trash is another’s treasure! The Rummage Sale was again a huge success and raised \$24,430.

While Active members were busy with the Rummage Sale in November, Junior League Sustainers held the third annual “Jingle, Mingle & Jazz” event sponsored by St. Mary’s Medical Center. Held at the Evansville Country Club, participants enjoyed live jazz presented by After Hours, scrumptious appetizers, and lively conversation. Sustainers both past and present gathered to catch up with each other. While the years have passed, the memories of their time in the Junior League of Evansville and the friendships they made were certainly not forgotten!

Right on the heels of the Rummage Sale, it was the Provisionals turn to raise some money! On Dec. 11, the 2010-2011 Junior League of Evansville Provisional class received an early visit from Santa Claus. The Provisional “elves” worked hard for several months to sell tickets to the “Breakfast with

Santa” event held at the Eastside and Westside O’Charley’s locations. For the purchase of one ticket, each person received an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, and families were able to take holiday pictures with Santa. All proceeds, totaling \$3,600, from the event benefited the United Methodist Youth Home, a non-profit organization that provides residential and outreach services to at-risk youth.

The month of December was also a busy time for the Junior League. Ladies came out in full force for mini-meetings: “Home for the Holidays,” “Sugar and Spice,” and “Flirty Fitness” provided opportunities for members to enjoy tasty food, mingle, and enjoy each others’ company during the busy month. In addition to the Active mini-meetings, the League’s Sustainers took their annual shopping trip. This year they journeyed to Wakefield Scarse Galleries in Shelbyville, Kentucky. The Galleries were constructed in the early 1900’s as a girls’ school but now include antique stores and boutique retail stores. Sustainers enjoyed the Galleries and then a lovely Southern lunch.

After the holiday festivities, it was back to work for the League. Our small grants this year were awarded and volunteer hours given to Evansville ARC, Inc.; Boys & Girls Club of Evansville; The Potter’s Wheel; Ozanam Family Shelter; Little Lambs; and Ark Crisis Child Care Center.

In addition to awarding the small grants, the League made the difficult decision to change the spring fundraiser. Because of economic conditions, securing merchants for the 4th annual Experience Evansville fundraiser became extremely difficult. However, given the resourcefulness of the League, we quickly changed the fundraiser to promoting and selling our wonderful cookbook, “Once Upon a Time.” This was another opportunity to break out an existing resource, and the League was able to raise \$11,513. Additionally, the second annual “Evansville Steel Cook” was held on January 30. In addition to watching local chefs compete, participants were able to bid on silent auction items and participate in cooking lessons. The event was successful and raised \$3,296.

Awards given out at the end of the year were the Helen Klammer Philp Award to Diane Igleheart; Community Volunteer of the Year to Lisa Vaughan; and the Mary Harriman Award to Emily Elsea. Meg Dettwiler Scholarships of \$1,000 each were given to Cathy Fitzhugh and Brit Van Laeken. Our year-end recap included a total of \$28,318 in contributions to the community; 933 hours volunteered by League members for Done-In-A-Day opportunities; and fundraisers earning more than \$51,965.

2011-2012 HIGHLIGHTS

President Ann Arosteguy promised a rockin' 2011-2012 League year, and we delivered!

The League year kicked off with a leadership retreat, entitled "Lead Like a Rock Star," held at Fifth Third Bank. The new Board members were treated to a training program provided by Leadership Evansville, which centered on Servant Leadership. A Servant Leader chooses first to serve and then to lead. The results of this training were apparent throughout the year.

The annual recruitment meetings were a rockin' success, introducing 22 members to the 2011-2012 Provisional class. Led by Chairs Samantha Brown Fentress and Liesl Disch, the class raised just over \$1,300 and collected 102 nonperishable items for the Tri-State Food Bank through a "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser hosted by The Acropolis restaurant.

Our favorite legacy fundraiser also returned this year with even more pizzazz than usual. The Rummage Sale was well attended and a huge success, raising over \$20,500!

JLE small grants of \$2,500 each were donated this year to Albion Fellows Bacon Center, Boys & Girls Club of Evansville, Holly's House, Little Lambs, Newburgh Area Food Pantry, Ronald McDonald House Charities, and the YWCA of Evansville. Between June 1, 2011 and May 31, 2012, JLE members gave back 998.5 hours to the community through Done-In-A-Day projects, along with countless hours served on committees and boards.

With the recently downward-trending economy, many businesses' budgets were stretched too thin to participate in the Experience Evansville discount card, so the JLE Board retired EE and brainstormed a new primary fundraiser - hence the dawning of the Rockin River City Bike Ride and Battle of the Bands. JLE partnered with the Evansville Morning Rotary for the inaugural event held April 21, 2012. Chair Lisa Vaughan encouraged everyone to "Rock the Ride." The event was part of Evansville's Bicentennial Celebration, and it kicked off with a proclamation from Mayor Lloyd Winnecke. The event was also part of First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move!" initiative. The Rockin River City Ride included a 5K and 10K walk; a 5K and 10K family bike ride; and a 25K, 60K, and 100K bike ride. It was the first community event to utilize the Evansville Greenway Passage. The Battle of the Bands was held at Casino Aztar later that evening, and five bands competed for the title of "Best Band in the Tri-State." The inaugural year for this exciting one-day event raised approximately \$41,000, which was split between the Evansville Morning Rotary and JLE.

"Once Upon a Time" Cookbook Chair Bobbi Russell-Miller managed to sell over \$5,600 in cookbooks and discovered new retail opportunities both locally and on the web. The search for our next signature project continued. The

Project Development committee, chaired by Gracie Bell, reviewed the pros and cons for many worthy projects, and the general membership narrowed the list down to two: a revitalization of the Greyhound Bus Station or an expansion of Ark Crisis Center.

We proudly acknowledge our friends in the corporate community who have assisted us in fulfilling our mission for the 2011-2012 League year. St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children graciously donated \$10,000 to JLE and provided meeting space for many of the General Membership meetings.

To further our mission of developing the potential of women, the Meg Dettwiler Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kelsi Schluter and Deandrea Hawes. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage the advancement of non-traditional students and continue the mission of JLE.

During the rockin' wrap-up of the 2011-2012 League Year, Nikki Davis was recognized as the Community Volunteer of the Year, the Mary Harriman President's Award was given to Lisa Vaughan, and Barbara Studwell received the Helen Klamer Philp Award.

2012-2013 HIGHLIGHTS

With only “24 golden hours” in a day, President Amy Clements challenged Junior League of Evansville members to make the most of every minute by “Giving Your Gift of Time” to our community during the 2012-2013 League year.

The year officially began with the League’s annual leadership retreat on May 5, 2012, held at the Court Building in downtown Evansville. Board members received formally wrapped invitations for the event—complete with JLE-inscribed crystal charms. After attending refresher courses in parliamentary procedure, branding, and League finances, members grabbed their cameras and dashed off on a Junior League-themed scavenger hunt around the city to photograph locales that illustrated the true meaning of JLE.

Later in the summer on August 11, 2012, the Membership Development Committee hosted a southern tea party at the YWCA Parlor Room to welcome 22 women to the Provisional Class. Led by Co-Chairs Kelley Ashby and Susan Selby, the 2012-2013 Provisional Class spent the year learning about the history and inner workings of the League, and they raised more than \$1,200 for the YWCA’s Live Y’ers program for at-risk girls by hosting a Breakfast with Santa fundraiser.

Fundraising certainly played a pivotal role throughout the year, beginning with our perennial favorite, the Rummage Sale. Donations were slightly up from past years, and the National Guard Armory was filled to the brim with secondhand treasures. Co-Chairs Sara Nelson-Grubb and Vaughn Cockrum, along with their committee members, worked months in advance to plan the November 16-17 sale, which ultimately raised more than \$20,000.

After a decade-long absence, much fanfare and excitement surrounded the return of the Junior League’s Charity Ball, which was held on February 23, 2013, in honor of former President and Sustainer Emeritus Marjorie (Marge) Donovan. More than 135 guests were treated to a lavish dinner at Casino Aztar’s Executive Conference Center, complete with a string trio providing elegant background music. The black-tie optional event featured a spirited live auction, with more than 100 items to choose from, as well as dancing. The “Once Upon a Time” Charity Ball, led by Sustaining Advisor Kirsten Wagmeister and Co-Chair Miki Pitman, marked the first time sustaining and active League members worked together on a fundraiser. The event was an incredible success and ended the year as the League’s highest netting secondary fundraiser by raising more than \$30,000.

The 2012-2013 League year also welcomed the return of the second annual Rockin River City Bike Ride and its sister event, Battle of the Bands, on April 20, 2013. The League once again partnered with the Evansville Morning Rotary Club for the event, which was officially recognized as part of First Lady

Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move!” initiative. Approximately 605 participants took part in the activities, ranging from a 5k walk; 5k or 10k family bike ride; or 25k, 60k or 100k bike ride – all of which afforded scenic views of the Ohio River and elsewhere along the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage. Co-Chairs Lisa Vaughan and Meagan Rideout spearheaded the event that ultimately raised more than \$33,000 to support the Junior League of Evansville, the Evansville Morning Rotary Club and their missions and charities.

The League’s outstanding fundraising performance was certainly matched by its record of giving. In addition to recording 888 Done-In-A-Day volunteer hours, League members distributed \$2,500 each to seven local nonprofit organizations through JLE’s small grant process: Albion Fellows Bacon Center; Easter Seals; Inspiring Autism Spectrum Families; Joshua Academy; Little Lambs; Media Ministries; and the Potter’s Wheel. JLE also distributed its first large grant in six years when it awarded \$10,000 to Little Lambs, and it continued the spirit of giving by directing \$500 a piece to the YWCA and Lampion Center via its Quick Response Fund.

In keeping with our organization’s mission of empowering women, the League named Ginger Kramer and Kelsi Schluter recipients of the Meg Dettwiler Memorial Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarships are meant to encourage the advancement of female students.

The League also recognized its own stellar members with end-of-the-year honors: Lisa Vaughan received the Time Honored Award; Ann Arosteguy was named Community Volunteer of the Year; and Bobbi Russell Miller was honored with the Mary Harriman President’s Award.

2013-2014 HIGHLIGHTS

The 2013-14 League year began at the place where many started their journey with the Junior League of Evansville – the Evansville Country Club. President Monica Owens embraced what the League means to so many with her theme: To Learn, To Serve and To Play.

On June 22nd, the official year league year began with the Board Retreat at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. At the retreat, the Board members learned what their new roles on the Board held for them, served by creating journals that would be shared with participants going through the YWCA's Transition Housing Recovery Program and played an entertaining and informative game of JLE Pictionary. They capped the day off with a short hike through the Wesselman Woods, another JLE signature project.

Recruitment parties at the Newburgh Central Library, Evansville Central Library and the YWCA's parlor room resulted in one of the largest provisional classes in years. These 34 women participated in the Provisional Retreat where they played a rousing game of JLE Provisional Bingo and served their community by making 25 "goodie bags" filled with toiletry items, snacks and other supplies for women completing the YWCA's Transition Housing Recovery Program. The class went on to distinguish themselves over the course of the year by planning their fundraiser and raising \$1,516 for Mended Little Hearts despite the fact that inclement weather cancelled their fundraiser plans at the last minute.

This year the Junior League of Evansville celebrated the 10th anniversary of our award-winning cookbook by selling 500 cookbooks to a publishing company raising more than \$7,000 before the JLE year even got started. The celebration continued with a Fairy Tale Luncheon at the Evansville Country Club honoring sustainer Kirsten Wagmeister and members of the original cookbook committee with an event made for kids that included princes, princesses and even a pirate.

The year also brought a new community partner to the table, Dillard's Department Store. In September, JLE asked its members to "Fall into Fashion" at an afterhours event at Dillard's where everyone received a cosmetic bag full of goodies, saw fellow members strut their stuff in a fashion show and were entertained by the former Battle of the Bands winner, Likewise. This new partnership and kick-off event raised nearly \$14,000. Later in the year, Dillard's asked JLE to help with their "Coll*a*bear*ate" project to donate 250 teddy bears and to give \$5,000 worth of ladies undergarments to organizations serving those in need in our community.

The ever popular Rummage Sale was rebranded in 2013 to be consistent with our Spring bike ride as the River City Rummage Sale. The sale began Friday evening with an Open House featuring snacks, entertainment and a

preview of the bargains to come. The event brought in more than \$16,000 worth of merchandise and received approximately \$7,000 in in-kind donations.

Seeing beauty in all women, the Junior League of Evansville hosted the “tweens” event “Explore Body Confidence and Self-Esteem” held at the Dream Center in conjunction with The Dove® Campaign for Real Beauty. More than 15 girls attended the event aimed at promoting self-esteem and good body image in young girls.

JLE members continued their community service by donating \$17,500 through the small grants process and 861 volunteer hours (worth more than \$19,000) to various community events, not to mention the countless hours given to JLE’s own committee meetings and events.

Junior League of Evansville members continued to learn throughout the year by attending AJLI’s Organizational Development Institute (ODI) Conference in Indianapolis and traveling to Washington, DC to attend the 91st AJLI Annual Conference.

The AJLI recommended that all leagues embrace the Issue-Based Community Impact Model to create maximum impact within communities by focusing efforts toward a specific goal. The model gauges community need and evaluates how each League can have the greatest impact in its community by creating projects and programs that specifically target a focus area. This year, JLE began its effort and will continue it into the next year and beyond.

Also this year, JLE launched career-pathing and an interview process for all Executive Board positions in the attempt to better serve our members and continue to modernize JLE.

After months of preparation, the Rockin River City Ride committee was advised by the local Department of Homeland Security to postpone the inaugural Friday night GLOW Run and to move the Battle of the Bands indoors. This turned out to be a wise decision given the power outages, lightning and 120 mph winds across the city. The weather calmed down enough in time for emcee band Akacia to take the stage and ultimately crown Calabash as the Best Band in the Tri-State.

The next day the weather cleared and JLE was able to welcome more than 400 bike riders and the American Heart Association’s 1,132 Heart Walkers. The entire 3rd Annual Rockin River City Ride Weekend came to a successful close with the Party in the Park’s 30 plus booths, bounce houses and free bicycle helmets and dental goodie bags for children.

AJLI recognized the efforts of the Junior League of Evansville and its members this year. Active member, Holly Dunn Pendleton, was recognized as a civic leader and nominated by AJLI for the prestigious National Crime Victim’s Service Award sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime. This award honors individuals, organizations and programs for their outstanding efforts on behalf of crime victims. Also at the AJLI’s annual conference, the Rockin River City Ride won Honorable Mention for fund development.

With the help of the year's Mission Partner, Deaconess, JLE closed out the year with many awards. Janet Keller and Neva Graper were each awarded \$1,000 through the Meg Dettwiler Memorial Scholarship Fund and sustainer and past president, Betsy Hopkins, won the Helen Klamer Philp Award at the largest ever Sustainer Luncheon. The Mary Harriman President's Award was given to Molly Brost for her tireless service and the Community Partner of the Year was awarded to Dillard's for jumping in with both feet as our newest community partner. The Community Volunteer of the Year award was given to Amber Combs who lives the "To Serve" theme and top Done-in-a-Day hour volunteers were Kim Taylor-Vatel (22.5 hours), Stephanie Norrick (22 hours), Molly Brost (19 hours) and Vicki McDonald (16.5 hours).

2014-2015 Highlights

Kicking off the year with the theme Team JLE, President Jamie Scales stated, “Our goal is to work together as League members with our community and corporate partners to make Evansville the best place it can be. We want to encourage everyone to join our ‘team.’ Whether you are a member of JLE or not, the only requirement to join is a desire to help your neighbors and your community.” The year’s board members started building that team in June at their leadership retreat at First Presbyterian Church, home of Junior League of Evansville Signature Project Little Lambs. Little Lambs exemplifies the connection between the JLE and the community; there, young parents can purchase childcare supplies using vouchers earned by attending various parenting and childcare classes, while the store also provides valuable volunteer opportunities for JLE members.

On August 2, the JLE welcomed twenty-five women to its 2014-2015 provisional class at Wesselman Nature Society. The new members were introduced to the League and to the Team JLE theme with a retreat that featured megaphones, pompoms, cheers, and of course, lots of learning about the JLE! Members also had the opportunity for more JLE/community team building during a presentation by Wesselman Nature Society Executive Director John Scott Foster.

Only a few days after the provisional retreat, JLE members took to the runways at the Confessions of a Shopaholic Designer Runway Event and Trunk Show. Partnering with the Women’s Closet Exchange Designer Resale Boutique in St. Louis, Missouri, the JLE hosted a fun night that included dinner, a fashion show, and shopping, with proceeds from the dinner supporting the JLE’s mission and charities.

The fall fun continued with the River City Rummage Sale in October. Over 1,200 shoppers attended the two-day event at Lawndale Shopping Center. Not only did the sale raise funds, but the JLE was able to donate more than \$10,000 worth of rummage to local non-profits following the sale!

The holiday season brought more community building and fundraising opportunities to Team JLE. On December 6th, the Executive Board hosted Santa’s Workshop at the Café Court at Eastland Mall. JLE volunteers led area children in crafts, games, and stories, and *Frozen*’s Elsa even made a surprise appearance! The provisional class also got a chance to spread holiday cheer with their Give Back and Wrap! fundraiser. Along with several area nonprofits, the provisionals manned a gift wrapping station at Eastland Mall as their class fundraising activity.

Though the weekend of the Rockin River City Ride were rainy, the show—and the GLOW! —went on as planned. On Friday, May 8, runners had the choice between a three- or five-mile GLOW run/walk. Though bands Factor Primo and AKACIA unfortunately were not able to set up their equipment due to weather, the after-party still took place with a beer garden and DJ Storm

Avery. On Saturday, May 9, the riders for the Rockin River City Ride took off as scheduled, though rain hit at about 9:30 a.m. and Party in the Park had to be cancelled.

The year came to an end with a slew of awards for JLE members and community members alike. Meg Dettwiler scholarships were awarded to University of Evansville students Autumn Carter and Mandy Ford, while sustainer Linda White was awarded the Helen Klamer Philp award at the annual Sustainer Luncheon. Finally, Jacklyn Woniger was honored with the Mary Harriman President's Award, while Sandy Bitter received the Community Volunteer of the Year award.

As a whole, it was a great year for team building both amongst the members, and between members and the Evansville community. Go Team JLE!

At the annual AJLI conference, a new commitment to diversity and inclusion statement was voted in by the delegates. The new statement is "The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities."