



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
CHARLOTTESVILLE**
Women building better communities®

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MISSION

The Junior League of Charlottesville (JLC) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving Charlottesville and the surrounding communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

OUR HISTORY

Originally founded as "The University League" in 1932, the organization immediately began to make an impact on our community and started to create a reputation for service. Our League joined the ranks of The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. (AJLI) in 1981. To date the JLC has given over \$1,000,000 and almost as many hours of hands-on volunteer service to the underserved population of the Charlottesville area.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

The Junior League of Charlottesville reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. The JLC currently has more than 350 Active, Provisional and Sustaining members.

AFFILIATION

The JLC is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. The JLC is one of 293 Junior Leagues throughout Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United States with a collective membership of more than 160,000 women.

FUNDING

General operating expenses for the League are funded by membership dues, our endowment fund, and Mistletoe Market. Funding for our community programs is derived from our annual fundraiser and the generous support of individuals and corporate sponsors.

Annual Fundraiser: On February 20, 2010, the JLC will host *Vintage Vegas*, our first casino night fundraiser. Guests will enjoy gaming, cocktails, dancing and a silent auction. 100% of event proceeds will directly benefit our 2009-10 Community Partners. Past fundraisers include Literary Feast and the Duck Race.

Corporate Sponsors: The JLC could not fulfill its mission without the generous support of countless local and national businesses. Thank you for your support!

Mistletoe Market: An annual holiday gift mart featuring artisans and merchants from Charlottesville and beyond. This year's market will take place on November 8, 2009 at the Omni Hotel in downtown Charlottesville.

Living Legacy Fund: This endowment was established in 1992 as a self-sustaining source of long-term, stable financing to support the League and our community service endeavors in the years ahead.

2009 - 2010 Board of Directors

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COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Junior League of Charlottesville (JLC) has been serving the local community for more than 75 years. Our members were instrumental in founding some of Charlottesville's premier philanthropic endeavors including the Senior Center, the Children's Museum at the University of Virginia Health System and the Virginia Discovery Museum.

Today we remain committed to working collaboratively with other non-profit organizations in the Charlottesville area. We provide trained volunteers and financial support to local organizations in need through our Projects in a Day, Community Partners, and Community Grants programs as well as our prestigious Emily Couric Community Advocacy Award.

- **Community Partners:** Community Partners are local non-profit agencies that have been selected as recipients of the League's volunteer hours and community support funds. Partnerships typically last multiple years in order to maximize the influence of both organizations' work in the community.
- **Community Grants:** The JLC Community Grants program awards grants of up to \$1,000 to help non-profit community organizations meet immediate community needs.
- **Emily Couric Community Advocacy Award:** Annual award of \$2,000 honoring an individual who exemplifies the spirit of the late Senator's community advocacy.
- **Projects in a Day:** JLC members help local non-profit organizations fulfill their missions by contributing countless hands-on volunteer hours.
- **Kids in the Kitchen:** An international Junior League initiative designed to help address the urgent issues of childhood obesity, a sedentary lifestyle and poor nutrition.

2009-2010 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Boys and Girls Club of Charlottesville/Albemarle: Learning Circles

The Boys and Girls Club's mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. JLC volunteers will be partnering with the B&G Club in their Learning Circles project, which is designed to help build self esteem in pre-adolescent girls as they approach their teenage years by providing positive role models.

Children, Youth and Family Services, Inc. (CYFS)

CYFS has been helping kids in our community for 85 years. The goal of CYFS is to provide underserved children a chance for a successful future, a chance for positive family interaction, a chance for quality early learning, and a chance for a safe place to live. JLC volunteers will be helping young children grow strong through successful parenting by facilitating the "Home Visiting Playgroup Mentoring" program. These volunteers will commit 1-2

PAST COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS

Agnor-Hurt Elementary School Library
AIDS/HIV Services Group
Albemarle County Bright Stars Program
Albemarle Housing Improvement Program
Alzheimer's Association
Arc of the Piedmont
Ash Lawn Opera Festival
Blue Ridge ESL
Blue Ridge Area Food Bank
Camp Holiday Trails
Charlottesville Children's Dental Access
Charlottesville Writing Center

Children Youth and Family Services
Christmas in April - Charlottesville
FOCUS Women's Resource Center
Georgia's Fund
Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council
Grace Works
Habitat for Humanity Women Build
I Have a Dream Foundation
JABA
Kids Lift Foundation
Music Resource Center
PACEM Shelter

Piedmont CASA
Piedmont Housing Alliance
Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic
Salvation Army Child Care Center
Senior Center, Inc.
Service Dogs of Virginia
Sexual Assault Resource Agency
Shelter for Help in Emergency
Stony Point School
The Enrichment Alliance of Virginia, Inc.
The Virginia Institute of Autism