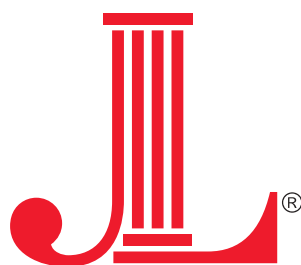


ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
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Community Grant Recipients for 2007-2008

Each year, the Junior League of St. Louis (JLSL) provides community grants to St. Louis-based organizations that share a similar mission as the JLSL. The recipients for the Community Grant program were awarded at the May 2008 JLSL Annual Membership meeting. Below each organization is listed with the amounts granted, along with how their grant will be used as indicated in their grant application.

During 2007-2008, the Research, Development & Evaluation Committee granted a total of \$3000 to four organizations.



City Academy received \$1,000. The grant will be used to fund the Leadership Program, which enables students to develop the skills they need to learn how to make a substantive contribution to a conversation and to practice proper etiquette.



Variety Children's Choir received \$1,000. The Children's Chorus, which started as a promotional effort for Variety, has evolved into a development program for 28 children who are served by Variety. In December 2008, the chorus has been invited to sing at the White House. The grant will help fund the cost of the trip.



AmeriCorps St. Louis received \$500. The grant will be used to purchase books from First Book at a discounted rate. AmeriCorps would not only use these books while mentoring/tutoring students, but provide access to the library. Books will also be handed out to students as awards during the Champion Ceremony at the end of the school year.



Southside Day Nursery (SSDN) received \$500. SSDN will be using their grant to include software programs in four preschool classrooms. They will provide computer instructions with the latest in age-appropriate, educational software programs and bi-lingual software.

CURRENT PROGRAMS, COLLABORATIONS, CO-SPONSORSHIPS**DIAD/Mini-Projects**

This JLSL committee offers a variety of short term, hands-on volunteer opportunities in the community. Opportunities can include running larger Mini-Projects such as Glass Slipper and *Kids in the Kitchen*. The committee also helps plan and participate in special events at other area non-profit organizations, including Food Outreach, the Red Cross, the Ronald McDonald House, St Louis ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens), Angel Arms, Boys and Girls Town of Missouri, St. Patrick's Center and Circle of Concern. The committee works with area organizations to provide flexible volunteer opportunities for the League members. Committee members will have the opportunity to take the lead on a community project from start to finish.

League Larks/Nightingales

The JLSL choral groups provide a hands-on opportunity that offers music therapy stimulation and an audience participation experience to nursing home residents, retirement centers, adult day care, and rehabilitation facilities throughout the St. Louis area. Both groups have been actively entertaining St. Louis' elderly population for over 30 years, with many dedicated and talented songstresses participating in this ongoing musical effort! The Junior League Larks is the oldest community program committee in the Junior League, this group of 30 women under the direction of St. Louis music legend Nance St. James, meets every Wednesday morning for a rehearsal and performance. The music they offer comes at no charge to the facilities they visit, often going to places that have little or no money for entertainment. The hands-on voluntarism offers rewards to the Larks as well as many of the members that have remained in the group for years.



St. Louis Family Theatre Series

Celebrating its 20th year in the community, this program introduces over 33,000 St. Louis area school children and their families to live theatre annually. Over the years the St. Louis Family Theatre Series' (SLFTS) performances have entertained almost a half million young people. The SLFTS began in 1986 as a Junior League of St. Louis (JLSL) priority group, then called Audience of the Arts. Because it had made such a significant contribution to the community by touching the lives of so many children, it was made a JLSL perpetual project in 1989, on JLSL's 75th anniversary.

JLSL volunteers working with SLFTS have several unique training opportunities which include serving as a docent in the classroom or as an usher at the theater. Many local schools plan field trips to see performances each year. In preparation for the "theater experience", a docent will visit each classroom and talk about what to expect at the theater and during the performance. The children can ask questions since for many of them this is the first time they will experience "live theater".

As an usher, volunteers assist the young theater-goers from the minute they walk in the door, ensuring that their theatrical experience is enjoyable and memorable.

This past season, the JLSL celebrated their 20-year partnership with SLFTS by planning several activities around one performance. A Done-in-a Day (DIAD) project was organized by the fall New Member class to mark this milestone in JLSL history. The project included inviting the community to a special showing of the Velveteen Rabbit. After the performance, those in attendance made puppets, had programs autographed, photos taken with the cast and participated in various art projects.

The JLSL looks forward to our continued involvement with The St. Louis Family Theatre Series and invites you to join us for this amazing theatrical experience.

State Legislative Issues Committee (SLIC)

Researches public issues, determines JLSL advocacy efforts, and provides advocacy training to JLSL members. Researches, collaborates, and advocates for legislation representing the three Junior Leagues of Missouri. Lobby Day is open to all League members.

V.O.I.C.E.S.

This program is aimed at mentoring and training young women to become community volunteers. The program for sixth grade girls is held monthly at Brentwood Middle School. The girls are trained to be leaders and each month there is a volunteer activity done.



Statement of Financial Position
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	2008	2007 RESTATED
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 326,823	\$ 209,608
Investments	\$ 1,632,598	\$ 1,771,158
Accounts receivable	\$ 54,766	\$ 77,868
Inventories	\$ 9,462	\$ 20,586
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$ 12,726	\$ 11,940
Property and equipment, net	\$ 39,088	\$ 40,873
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,075,463	\$ 2,132,033
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,077	\$ 7,903
Accrued expenses	\$ 71,930	\$ 106,146
Deferred dues and fees	\$ 129,898	\$ 124,857
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 205,905	\$ 238,906
 UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Undesignated	\$ 1,659,748	\$ 1,677,854
Designated by Board of Directors:		
Property and equipment	\$ 39,088	\$ 40,873
Drue Webster fund	\$ 20,261	\$ 19,202
Community fund	\$ 55,643	\$ 59,446
St. Louis Family Theatre fund	\$ 94,818	\$ 95,752
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 1,869,558	\$ 1,893,127
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 2,075,463	\$ 2,132,033

Statement of Activities

UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Contributions and grants	\$ 39,974	\$ 31,151
Program services	\$ 158,169	\$ 149,703
Product sales, net	\$ 26,202	\$ 22,052
Membership dues and fees	\$ 152,294	\$ 204,631
Special events, net	\$ 40,954	\$ 135,897
Investment income	\$ 46,380	\$ 189,927
Other income	\$ 20,605	\$ 41,496
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$ 484,578	\$ 774,857
 EXPENSES		
Program services:		
Community service programs	\$ 193,621	\$ 217,977
Training and educational programs	\$ 107,325	\$ 113,784
Total program services expenses	\$ 300,946	\$ 331,761
Support services:		
Management and general	\$ 101,443	\$ 155,443
Fundraising	\$ 83,113	\$ 155,940
Unallocated payments to related party	\$ 22,645	\$ 30,158
Total support services expenses	\$ 207,201	\$ 341,541
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 508,147	\$ 673,302
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ (23,569)	\$ 101,555
 NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year as originally reported		\$ 1,744,233
Prior year restatement		\$ 47,339
Beginning of the year as restated	\$ 1,893,127	\$ 1,791,572
End of year	\$ 1,869,558	\$ 1,893,127

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