

# LIGHTS

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## Celebrating A Historic Year And A Legacy Of Service



ON THIS DAY...

**E**mbracing a historic year, the Junior League of Pittsburgh (JLP) celebrated 85 years of tradition, voluntarism and community involvement. The League marked the momentous occasion by honoring 25 outstanding women at a luncheon at the Churchill Valley Country Club on October 14, 2007.

The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) President Sandi Kemmish delivered the keynote address. She praised the Pittsburgh league for the difference it is making with its playground projects, the Providence Teen program, Everybody Wins! and decades of other incredible projects. Kemmish



The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) President Sandi Kemmish delivers a keynote address.

make a difference in their lives and where they can make a difference in others' lives and in their communities," said Kemmish.

*"... January 5, 1922, ten women, led by Mrs. Harry Darlington, Jr., met to discuss forming a Junior League chapter in Pittsburgh. They immediately began to author a constitution, research volunteer activities in Pittsburgh and establish membership qualifications. Article II of their constitution stated the object of the Junior League of Pittsburgh: "to foster interest among its members in the social, economic, educational, cultural and civic conditions of their community; to make efficient their volunteer service; and to promote the welfare of the Association of Junior Leagues of America, of which this organization is a subordinate part..."*

challenged the JLP members to recognize changes in the community and membership, and to address these changes by maintaining a Junior League that is continuously advancing and evolving.

"I want to make sure this generation, and all those to follow, see the value of the Junior League...that they recognize that this is the place where they can

JLP recognized 25 outstanding women including 20 Sustainers and five emerging community leaders, who exemplify the Junior League mission through their continued charitable efforts.

A list of honorees appears on page 4.

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## Commitment In Action: Third Playground Build On Track

**T**he Junior League of Pittsburgh is teaming up with KaBOOM! to build a third playground in Allegheny County. The community partners for the playground will be the Community Economic Development Corporation of Clairton and the city of Clairton.

The Community Economic Development Corporation of Clairton (CEDCC) hopes the playground site on Mitchell and Reed Streets will become a gathering place for parents and children in the neighborhood. The playground is part of an ongoing effort to revitalize

the area. The CEDCC envisions a place where children can find recreational and healthful activities, and parents can work together to address neighborhood issues.

"We're rebuilding an entire neighborhood," said CEDCC President Cheryl Hurt. "There's also a need for children to play and the playground will help foster bonding between mothers and fathers and the whole family unit. That's why we want to build a playground."

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# LEADERSHIP



**Martha A. Wiegand**  
President 2007-2008

**PROFILE:**

- Years in the League: five years Active (Gold Active)
- Past League leadership positions: Strategic Development Director, Community Assessment and Development Director, Recruiting Chair
- Favorite League projects: Everybody Wins! KaBOOM!
- The one thing people should know about the League: It's a great way to do both important volunteer work that improves the community and to meet other like-minded women.
- Professional position: Attorney
- Personal: Happily married to RJ Wiegand and welcomed our first child in July!

## Looking Back With Great Honor

Sitting down to write the last President's Message of the year, I am struck by both how quickly and slowly this year has passed. In a way, it seems like only yesterday that we convened the Board retreat and began plans for the JLP year, including the 85th Anniversary celebration. On the other hand, while reviewing meeting minutes over the past year, it's obvious by our accomplishments that the JLP year didn't just commence yesterday.

This year, a few themes have been prevalent in the success of the JLP and its activities:

**New Ideas.** The JLP continued its great tradition of brainstorming, researching and developing new ideas in a variety of areas. From the new website provider, Digital Cheetah, to the new fundraisers, Touch-a-Truck and American Girl Fashion Show, to new social events such as the spa day and movie premiere, JLPers showed great creativity and imagination in developing and implementing new ideas to further our mission, improve our communities and get to know one another.

**Tradition.** At the same time, we continued our strong and rich tradition in a variety of ways as well. We had a great celebration of the JLP's 85th Anniversary, continued to support healthy eating initiatives for children through Kids in the Kitchen, furthered our efforts in the community through the use of Done In A Days, and once again sought input from members

through our Placement Teas. The strong history of the JLP continued throughout the year.

**Teamwork.** One great strength of the JLP has always been its teamwork. This started with the transition from one JLP year to the next, where JLP members met and worked with one another to start off the year. It continued by way of Board retreats, committee meetings and general membership meetings throughout the year. The Long Term Fund Development Planning Committee is a terrific example of the JLP's teamwork. JLP members from all backgrounds came together to form this committee and to work together on fund development matters for the future of the League. Working together as a team on this and other important initiatives will have the JLP well-positioned for the future.

It has been a great honor and privilege to have served as your President. By continuing to develop new ideas, while at the same time respecting tradition and emphasizing teamwork, I look forward to many more successful JLP years to come.

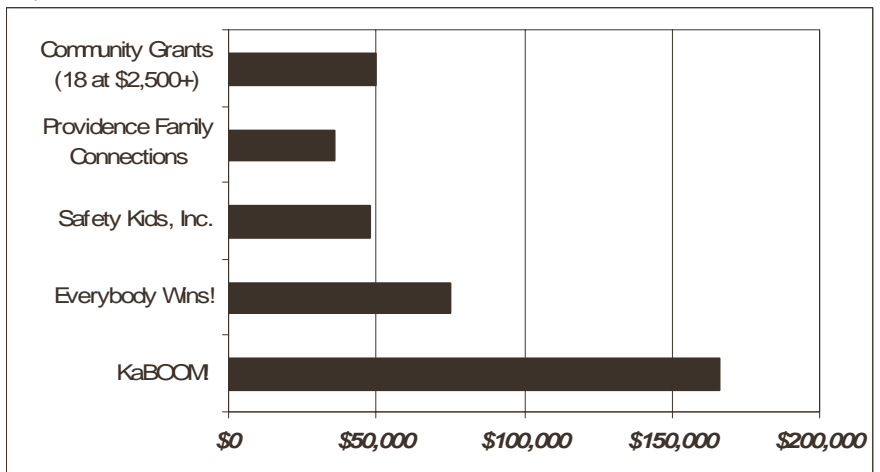
*Martha*  
By Martha A. Wiegand, JLP President, 2007-2008

## Building A Better Community: Fundraising At-A-Glance

In support of its mission, the Junior League of Pittsburgh provides funds to support the community. These funds are made possible through League fundraising, including the Wear After Shop, Designers' Show House, and other efforts, donor assistance, membership contributions and investment income.

In 2007-2008, the JLP donated \$65,000 to community projects. During the last five fiscal years, the JLP donated \$374,000 to community projects.

See page 7 for more about our most recent fundraising success.



## Looking Forward: Create, Thrive And Change

*Following are excerpts from Kim Jackson's inaugural speech as given to members at the JLP's annual meeting on May 28, 2008.*

**F**or more than 85 years, women like you and I have joined together to improve our community. Junior League projects like Silent Witness have addressed issues of abuse. Everybody Wins! targeted children's literacy. Kids in the Kitchen helps children develop healthy eating habits. Vintage focuses on comprehensive, elder daycare. The Junior League is a volunteer work in community progress.

Over the next year, with your help and support, I am pleased to lead this progress as we seek to create, thrive and change. This is the theme of the national association for the 2008-2009 year and this is my theme as well. A closer examination of these goals will highlight how apropos they are for the Pittsburgh League.

**CREATE:** to make or cause to be. We are empowered with the ability to form or create unique solutions to fit our unique community and circumstance. The American Girl Fashion Show is a creative way to friend raise and to fundraise. The funds raised will improve the lives of children in our community, develop positive self-awareness, healthy behavior and creative expression. The American Girl project is a process that creates positive results.

**THRIVE:** to flourish or grow vigorously. We strive not only to thrive in numbers, but also to thrive in recognition of our good works. Take for example, Designers' Show House. This singular, thriving endeavor remains synonymous with the Junior League. Over the years, the hard work of our members have continued to make this project a smashing success exceeding even our own expectations. Just when you think we've hit the ceiling in terms of revenue generated, we blow away the past results. Designers' Show House is a project and process that continues to thrive.

**CHANGE:** to adapt, evolve. It is the opposite of stagnation. In order not just to survive, but also to thrive, we must embrace, anticipate and incorporate change. Change in the use of available technology that Digital Cheetah will provide with our new website. Perhaps the gray/green books could be eliminated in favor of a zip drive. Perhaps, our internal and external communication will be facilitated with greater ease and consistency. Perhaps in addition to providing social networking, we'll also undertake a blog. Those possible changes will depend on the will of the women in this organization.

Another critical change that we must continue to embrace is diversity in all of its many forms. To the extent that any individual female does not feel welcome to join or maintain membership due to real or perceived differences, we, the collective, have failed. The exclusion of one diminishes the collective possibility of the whole. Inclusion through diversity is one way we continue to change that ensures the continued vitality and health of our League.

I have no doubt that all of you will work with me this next year in order to guarantee that our League continues to create, thrive and change. If we do this, none of us will ever wonder why we joined the League in the first place or why we continue to maintain our membership. The evidence of our work and commitment will be evident in the community we build around us.

Today, I call upon all of you. Arm-in-arm we will tackle the challenges that are before us.

*Excerpts By Kim Jackson,  
Inaugural Address May 28, 2008*



**Kim Jackson**  
President 2008-2009

### PROFILE:

- Years in the League: 10 years
- Past League leadership positions:
  - Special Events Chair
  - Training Chair
  - Provisional Advisor
  - Membership Development Committee
  - Co-Chair, 80th Anniversary Gala.
  - Everybody Wins! Committee
- Favorite League project:
  - Everybody Wins! I read to the same student from Kindergarten through 3rd grade. She read to me by the end of the program.
- The one thing people should know about the League:
  - The members are amazing, diverse, committed and accomplished!
- Professional position:
  - Vice President, Wealth Management PNC Bank NA

# CELEBRATING OUR SIGNATURE PROJECT



## Third Playground Build On Track

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Volunteers complete installation of a swing set.

*The Junior League of Pittsburgh chose KaBOOM! as its signature project and committed to building three play spaces over three years.*

The JLP, CEDCC and KaBOOM! hosted a design day on Thursday, July 17. Neighborhood children drew their dream playground and their ideas will be incorporated into the final design. Volunteers from the sponsoring organizations and other volunteers from the community will build the playground in one day on Saturday, September 20, 2008.

The Junior League of Pittsburgh chose KaBOOM! as its signature project and committed to building three play spaces over three years. The JLP has already funded and helped build two playgrounds. The first was built on October 28, 2006 in Turtle Creek with the Human Services Center Corporation as a community partner. The second was built on Pittsburgh's North Side in September 2007 with the partnership of the Pittsburgh Project. The funds for this year's playground build were raised through the JLP's 2007 Designers' Show House.

Studies show that children who play are less likely to be obese and develop obesity-related health problems such as diabetes. They also perform better academically, have higher self-esteem and develop confidence and social skills that help them become well-adjusted adults.

KaBOOM! is a national non-profit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of



The JLP KaBOOM! committee celebrates the completion of its second playground, located on Pittsburgh's North Side.

every child in America. Since 1995, KaBOOM! has used its innovative community-build model to bring together business and community interests to construct more than 1,400 new playgrounds, skateparks, sports fields and ice rinks across North America.

The Community Economic Development Corporation of Clairton was created in 1987 as a grassroots effort to improve economic conditions in the city of Clairton. Its mission is to bring together the community of Clairton, to strengthen and enhance the community for economic and social growth, and to create a healthy environment for all.

*By Allison Grotjan*

## 85th Anniversary Celebration Honorees

*(Continued from page 1)*

The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) President Sandi Kemmish is pictured with honoree Sustainers and emerging leaders (not all honored were able to attend).



### Emerging Leaders & Community Organizations

\*Honored for work with particular organizations

- Cecile Springer ~ Girls Against Abercrombie
- Jennifer Stancil ~ Girls, Math & Science Partnership
- Ruthie King ~ Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation
- Cathy Lewis Long ~ Sprout Fund
- Jessica King ~ Union Project

### JLP 85th Anniversary Sustainer Honorees

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Allison Lee Mann  | Elizabeth Wainwright |
| Anne D. Johnston  | Grace Compton        |
| Barb Smith        | Jeanne Berdik        |
| Betsy Teti        | Millie Ryan          |
| Beverlynn Elliott | Pam Golden           |

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cordelia Jacobs      | Ruthie King           |
| Connie Mockenhaupt   | Sue Balla             |
| Cookie Roberson      | Tacy Byham            |
| Dorothea G. Stover   | Thelma Lovette Morris |
| Elizabeth Vann Hobbs | Tricia Kassling       |

*By Natalie Cale*

## Volunteer Scholarship Award Granted To Area High School Senior

The Junior League of Pittsburgh awarded its annual Volunteer Scholarship Award to Lauren Zammerilla, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School in Jefferson Hills. The League recognized Zammerilla for her passion for community service.

Zammerilla was inspired to address the issue of hunger and helped organize a Souper Bowl of Caring at St. Elizabeth Parish in Pleasant Hills. The event raised more than \$6,000 for local food banks, soup kitchens and other Pittsburgh-area charities. Zammerilla also created the "TJ Cares" program, in which students from Thomas Jefferson High School support the Jubilee Soup Kitchen, an outreach of The Jubilee Association. Through "TJ Cares," students raised \$200 for the soup kitchen and volunteered their time to feed hot lunches to needy individuals.

"Volunteering throughout high school has allowed me to demonstrate my compassion towards others,

personifying the Junior League's ideals of generosity and commitment," said Zammerilla. "Throughout college and my life, I will strive to continue to improve the lives of others through service."

Zammerilla plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh Honors College in the fall and major in neuroscience. After college, she hopes to combine her love for science and children, by attending the University of Pittsburgh Medical School and becoming a pediatric surgeon.

Zammerilla was also involved in her school's Student Council, Drama Club, Interact Club, Yearbook, Newspaper and Varsity Track.

Each year, the JLP awards a scholarship to a female high school student in Allegheny County who demonstrates a commitment to voluntarism. This year's scholarship was valued at \$2,500.

*By Allison Grotjan*



### DIAD

In addition to community projects and grants, the Junior League of Pittsburgh undertakes two to four projects each month that are "Done In A Day."

This year, more than 276 hands-on volunteer hours were dedicated to the following nonprofit organizations or agencies.

- Children's Museum
- Community Human Services Corporation
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank
- Health Hope Network
- LETA KaBOOM! Playground Build
- Manchester Bidwell Corporation
- North Hills Community Outreach
- Old Economy Village
- Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce
- Pittsburgh International Children's Theatre
- Pittsburgh King Accelerated Learning Academy
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
- Royal Tribe Music
- South Side Local Development Company
- UPMC Canterbury
- Variety: The Children's Charity

## Community Grant Recipients Announced

The Junior League of Pittsburgh awarded \$10,000 in community grants to four local organizations in 2008.

The JLP awarded \$2,500 each to organizations whose missions address the needs of Allegheny County youths, grades 7-12, concentrating on providing them with the means and skills to succeed. The organizations awarded include: Girls Hope Pittsburgh, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh, Providence Connections, Inc. and the Sarah Heinz House.

"The Junior League of Pittsburgh is thrilled to continue its tradition of awarding community grants to worthy organizations doing important work to improve both the Pittsburgh-area community and the lives of its citizens. We know that these grants will truly have a meaningful impact upon children in our community," said 2007-2008 JLP President, Martha Wiegand.

The JLP's Community Assessment and Development committee evaluates community needs and researches organizations in the Pittsburgh area. The committee

gives special attention to requests which address a critical or basic need, fund a pilot program, expand a significant service to the community and/or general operating expenses.

The JLP presented the organizations with the awards during its April general membership meeting. In attendance to receive the grants were:

#### Girls Hope:

Sister Donna Tahaney, Executive Director

#### Providence Connections:

Sister Carolyn Winschel, Executive Director and Kathy Stefani, Director of Development

#### Sara Heinz House:

Mary Jo Meenen, Director of Development and Public Relations and Matt McKee, counselor for the Robo Camp program

#### YWCA Greater Pittsburgh:

Laura Harwin, Director of Development

*By Jenn Tribble*

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Promoting Healthy Lifestyles For Young And Old

Each year, the JLP's new member class organizes its own community projects. This year, the 2007-2008 Provisional Class focused on promoting healthy lifestyles for young and old.

The Provisional fall project partnered with Dillworth Elementary School and principal Monica Lamar (a JLP Sustainer) to bring the Kids in the Kitchen program to Pittsburgh.

Kids in the Kitchen is a national program that combats childhood obesity by educating and empowering kids to make healthy lifestyle choices. Working with a group of 18 boys in grades 3-5, the members taught the kids how to make good eating decisions as well as the importance of staying active and exercising. Both the kids and the members enjoyed learning how to make a healthy snack of trail mix and burning off calories in the gym.

For their spring project, JLP Provisionals partnered with Vintage Senior Community Center to host "A Soul Line Dancing Celebration" on April 12. The event drew more than 150 seniors from the East Liberty neighborhood, who enjoyed a reception followed by line dancing to



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Members of the Vintage Senior Community Center participate in "A Soul Line Dancing Celebration" hosted by the JLP Provisional class.

such classics as "The Electric Slide" and the "Steel City Stomp." In addition to giving the seniors a novel approach to maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle, the participants enjoyed refreshments and door prizes. One dancer was crowned the "Soul Person of the Day" and received complimentary dance classes of their choosing, courtesy of Point Park University.

*By Jessica Nock*

## In Search Of...

*Got an itch to change your space?  
The Junior League of Pittsburgh is here to help!*

The Junior League of Pittsburgh is seeking a new home to transform into the next Designers' Show House.

We're looking for a unique architectural space with 16 – 21 rooms. The homeowner turns over the keys and designers will work their magic to make over each space. For a limited time, the public will then be invited to tour the home.

The JLP Designers' Show House fundraiser has benefited the community in many ways throughout its 34-year history. Our 2007 Designers' Show House, 'Elegance on Beechwood,' earned a net profit of \$122,000, making it the JLP's most profitable. Those proceeds will be used to build a KaBOOM! playground in Clairton, the final installment in a three-year initiative to build three playgrounds in underserved neighborhoods.

Due to overwhelming community support, the JLP is not only able to entirely fund the third playground but also to contribute to additional projects.

The Designers' Show House isn't all about renovation and construction. There are plenty of opportunities to have a good time. The opening night gala, 'Glitz, Glamour and Grace,' earned a spot on Jean Horne's 2007 Most Dazzling Dozen party list in the Tribune-Review newspaper. Hosted by TLC's "While You Were Out" celebrity carpenter Andrew Dan-Jumbo and WTAE-TV news anchor Michelle Wright, it proved to be an evening filled with elegance and nostalgia. Former Pittsburgh Pirate Bob Friend, who once owned the home, shared tales of years spent at 1265 Beechwood Boulevard.

Could your home be the next Junior League Designers' Show House? Do you know of a home that could? Please, let us know! Contact [info@jlpgh.org](mailto:info@jlpgh.org) to submit a house for consideration.

*By Jenn Tribble*



## 19TH DESIGNERS' SHOW HOUSE

The JLP Designers' Show House fundraiser has benefited the community in many ways throughout its 34-year history.

## The Wear After Shop: Reciprocal Benefits Since 1925

A permanent fundraiser for the Junior League of Pittsburgh, the Wear After Shop first opened in 1925 and currently returns approximately \$15,000 to the League annually.

The Shop sells new and gently used women's, men's and children's clothing, footwear and accessories ranging from casual to evening and formal wear. All merchandise is donated by members of the Junior League and from members of the community. The Shop also carries small housewares, books and holiday decorations. The most profitable venture is the sale of vintage and gently used furs.

Furs are sold in the Shop throughout the fall and winter seasons as well as at the annual Family House Polo Boutique in September. The fine vintage and gently used furs make their season debut at the Annual Furbulous party. This year's party, held in October, was the most successful ever. These events and sales would not be possible without the generosity of Guy Hermann at Carl W. Hermann Furs in downtown Pittsburgh. The Shop received food donations for the Furbulous party from Giant Eagle's Shadyside Market District, The Shadyside Market & Gourmet Deli and Carat Cake Designs.

The Shop partnered with other nonprofit agencies in western Pennsylvania to form the first collaborative effort called the Alliance of Nonprofit Stores. The Alliance of Nonprofit Stores' mission is to make a

proactive, positive impact on the way local consumers think about donating goods for resale by educating them on responsible donation practices. The Alliance also strives to promote charitable giving to nonprofit outlets that use the proceeds from retail sales. The association's website address is: [www.shopans.org](http://www.shopans.org).

The Junior League of Pittsburgh also teamed up with the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh in support of a voucher system that provides \$25 to women and \$10 for each of her children to purchase clothes. During the 2007-2008 year, the Shop served more than 100 women and 70 children through this special program, providing recipients with \$3,000 in clothing. Visit [www.wcpittsburgh.org](http://www.wcpittsburgh.org) for more information on their important mission to end domestic partner violence in the lives of women and their children.

The League would like to thank Shop Manager, Cindy Hank, who has worked at the Wear After Shop for more than 10 years. Cindy's team also consists of employees Sharon Romano and Mary Rudai. Junior League of Pittsburgh members donate time and merchandise throughout the year to contribute to the Wear After Shop's ongoing success. In addition to JLP members, the Shop is also grateful for the many donations received from the community!

*By Cindi Fluhrer, Wear After Shop Co-Chair*



### Wear After Shop FAST FACTS

2007-2008

Sales: \$72,316

Funds Raised: \$14,916

Member Volunteer Hours:  
426

League Member Clothing  
Donations: \$20,342

#### Location:

4752 Liberty Avenue  
Bloomfield

#### Hours:

Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat:

10a.m. – 4p.m.

Wed and Thurs

10a.m. – 5p.m.

412-687-2600

## First-Ever JLP Hosted American Girl Fashion Show™ Fundraiser

The Junior League of Pittsburgh will present its first-ever American Girl Fashion Show November 1-2 at the Pittsburgh Field Club in Blawnox. The show will feature authentic American Girl fashions for girls and dolls and proceeds will benefit local children's charities.

Approximately 150 local models will be chosen to present historical outfits that represent the popular American Girl characters such as Kaya, Felicity, Samantha, Kit and Molly. Older girls will also wear "Just Like You" outfits and younger girls will model Bitty Baby fashions.

### Show Times:

Saturday, November 1:

10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 2:

1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For more information and tickets, visit: [www.jlpgh.org](http://www.jlpgh.org).

*By Allison Grotjan*

*Proceeds from the*

*American*

*Girl Fashion Show benefit local children's charities including the*

*Felician Sisters' Mooncrest*

*Children's Programs*

*and Kids in the Kitchen.*

*The Mooncrest Children's Programs provides after school and summer programs in the*

*Mooncrest area. Kids in the Kitchen teaches children and their families to make healthy*

*lifestyle choices in hopes of reducing childhood obesity and*

# SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

## Touch-a-Truck Fundraiser A Success



The Junior League of Pittsburgh hosted its first Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday, May 30. The Strip District was booming with the vehicles and people who help build, protect and serve the Pittsburgh community. It was a huge success, bringing out 700 people, including many excited children and their families. The event proved to be both fun-filled and educational.

Children had the opportunity to explore trucks of all shapes and sizes including fire engines, police cars, construction vehicles, a



Tommy Robinson checks out a police motorcycle.

SWAT vehicle and a cement mixer. Imaginations came to life as kids got up-close to the trucks, sitting in the driver's seat, honking the horn and turning on a siren or two.

children sitting in the driver's seat of the big trucks, beeping the school bus' horn, and 'vrooming' on the police motorcycles warmed our hearts. A great day for making memories! We look forward to supporting the event again—hopefully next year!"

Kristen Fawcett, Touch-a-Truck Chair, and her committee spent months putting together a fantastic and unforgettable event. The League would also like to thank all of the truck drivers and companies for their participation as well as those businesses that provided donations of food, crafts, ice and more.

*By Jennifer Danquist, Touch-a-Truck Committee Member*



DJ Davis, Jasmine Robinson, Tommy Robinson, Jade Robinson, and Adia Glen share a smile.

One mother, Kelly Schraven, said, "Lots of laughs and excitement were shared by everyone. The vision of the

## Special Thanks To Our Members

*The JLP wishes to recognize members who contributed to the Annual Appeal and Endowment in 2007.*



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|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Rita Allan        | Carol Ericson           | Sara Lowery       | Christie Smith      |
| Lisa Battat       | Collyn Evans            | Jennifer Martin   | Barbara Stirling    |
| Eileen Belak      | Victoria Gilroy         | Elizabeth McCall  | Jane Thompson       |
| Louise Bergstrom  | Elizabeth Goldberg      | Carolyn Miller    | Mary W Thompson     |
| Stephanie Bozic   | Gale Golitko            | Thelma Morris     | Jenn Tribble        |
| Pamela Buongiorno | Lynn Griffin            | Courtney Nichol   | Cecile Usner        |
| Janet Chadwick    | Dorothy Hammerschmidt   | Greta Porter      | Janet Wagner        |
| Lynne Chadwick    | Linda Hartman           | Jane Pulver       | Suzanne Wagner      |
| Lisa Chilcote     | Carol Anne Henderson    | Jill Quinn        | Frances Wilson      |
| Mary Kate Coleman | Elizabeth Hurtt Branson | Dana Railsback    | Elizabeth Winch     |
| Marlene Csendes   | Cordelia Jacobs         | Mariam Richardson | Louise Kay Woodside |
| Nancy Davis       | Kimberly Kisner         | Karen Rivetti     | Sara Woodward       |
| Julie Dever       | Candice Komar           | Kelly Schraven    | Virginia Wright     |
| Ann Egan          | Mary Adele Krolikowski  | Gretchen Smathers |                     |
| Kelly Enders      | Gail Litwiler           | Betsy Smith       |                     |

## A Salute To Our Outstanding Members

### Anne D. Johnston Award

The Junior League is pleased to honor the 2008 Anne D. Johnston award winner, Thea Stover, for her work in starting the Children's Museum in Pittsburgh.



Thea Stover accepts the Junior League of Pittsburgh's 2008 Anne D. Johnston award.

Thea chaired the committee to research a children's museum and then co-chaired the first Children's Museum Committee. She was elected Treasurer of the League and served or chaired a number of different committees, including the organizing committee for the National Figure Skating Championships in 1983, the "Great Skate."

"I am truly honored to be the 2008 recipient of the Anne D. Johnston Award," said Thea Stover. "With the Children's Museum celebrating its 25th birthday this year, it makes receiving the award even more special. Knowing so many of the previous recipients and their accomplishments makes me realize I am truly among some of the most outstanding women in Pittsburgh. Thank you to the Junior League for the training and the wonderful friendships."

Thea is involved with the Pittsburgh Symphony and is a founding member of ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) Pittsburgh Foundation. She was one of the founders of the North Hills Chapter of American Association of University Women and was the first WQED Auction Chair in the northern area. Thea is happily married to her husband Dick Stover.

The Anne D. Johnston Award, given for outstanding Junior League and community service and commitment, is presented each year by the Board of Recognition of the Junior League. It is named for one of our esteemed and beloved members. Anne Johnston was an exemplary volunteer whose life represented the very best qualities of a Junior League member and who will continue to be an inspiration to future generations.

*By Jenn Tribble*

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## Junior League of Pittsburgh Recognition Awards

### Provisional Member of the Year:

Kristin Holzer

### Presented to Provisional Member of the League for Outstanding Service

*"Kristin has amazing talent and works well dealing with deadlines and with others. She is so personable and willing to help out whenever needed. She is truly the League mission personified."*

-By League member in Holzer's nomination.

### League Member of the Year:

Jennifer Daurora

### Presented to Active Member of the League for Outstanding Service

*"She serves as a voice of reason. Her decisions are sound, objective and based on goals, never on personality and characteristics. Jen promotes character growth and leadership development in other League members."*

-By League member in Daurora's nomination.

## U.S. President's Volunteer Service Awards

### Bronze Level (100-249 volunteer hours over a 12-month period):

Natalie Cale  
Gina DeBlasis  
Cindi Fluhrer  
Allison Grotjan  
Christina Kepplinger  
Sara Lowery  
Alma Lucas  
Tiffany Nix

Ondrea Robinson  
Julie Williams  
Linda Wright

### Silver Level (250-499 volunteer hours over a 12-month period):

Lisa Campoli  
Jennifer Danquist  
Julia Gleason  
Heidi Ziegler

### Gold Level (500 or more volunteer hours over a 12-month period):

Kim Kisner  
Gretchen Smathers  
Christie Smith  
Jenn Tribble

## BONDS THAT TIE

### Sustaining Members Stay Connected And Involved

#### Sustainers complete a second year of volunteering at Global Links!

With a grand total of 235 volunteer hours, a huge thank you goes out to the following Sustainers:

Peggy Mooney (co-volunteer coordinator), Jan Chadwick, Stephie Bozic, Cindy Potter, Carroll Logsdon, Thea Stover, Pam Wiegman, Bobbi Bonnet, Barbara Fishburne, Sophea Chapas, Beth Regan, Mary Kistler, Debra Callahan, Carolyn Thornton, Linda Ban, Beth Wainwright, Pam McDonald and Millie Ryan.

Global Links is a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit founded in 1989. It collects surplus medical supplies, furnishings and equipment from area hospitals. The organization centralizes, sorts, packages and ships these supplies to hospitals throughout the developing world. Since 1990, Global Links has channeled more than 2,000 tons of valuable medical surplus. (For more information, visit, [www.globallinks.org](http://www.globallinks.org))

We are grateful to Hayley, Jennifer and Kate, our volunteer coordinators. Consider signing up, even if it is only one time. We would love to have you join us. We work from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and then, those who can, go out for lunch afterwards. We are limited to 12 and would love to fill all of our spots!

Place: 4809 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh. Contact: Fredrica Cryan 412-784-9069 or [cryanfejk@aol.com](mailto:cryanfejk@aol.com)

Dear JLP Sustainers:

I certainly enjoyed serving as the Sustainer Director this year and reconnecting with all my JLP friends as well as making new friends. Here is a recap of some of our social and volunteer activities from this League year.

**August:** We benefited from membership appreciation day at Joseph-Beth's bookstore and sampled wine and cheese while shopping for Vera Bradley merchandise.

**September:** We served meals and helped build part of the second KaBOOM! playground.

**October:** We celebrated the 85th Anniversary of the JLP and honored fellow Sustainers and other women in the community who exemplified the JLP mission. We also attended the Decorative Arts Symposium lecture/luncheon sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Carnegie Museum of Art.

**November:** We tasted wines and appetizers from McGinnis Sisters while learning to make holiday hors d'oeuvres. We also hosted coffees for the Active membership.

**December:** We attended the Pittsburgh Symphony Association's Heralding in the Holidays luncheon and the Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theatre's performance of "Pride & Prejudice."

**February and May:** We enjoyed a joint Happy Hour with JLP Actives at Bossa Nova. We also assisted with the Touch-a-Truck fundraiser in May.

Additionally, over the course of the year, we volunteered hundreds of hours with Global Links and supported the vitamin drive organized by Sustainer Cindy Potter.

I would like to extend a thank you to the organizers of these events. Millie Ryan organized popular and well-attended daytime events for our Sustainers. Linda Stengel coordinated Sustainer transfer events and welcomed Sustainer transfers to our league. Fredrica Cryan and Peggy Mooney led our Global Links volunteer efforts for which we received a Certificate of Appreciation. Thank you, ladies!

I also would like to express my appreciation to the Sustainers who came out and supported our activities,

whether it was attending one of our events, working on the 85th Anniversary committee, volunteering with Global Links or helping at KaBOOM! We couldn't do it without you.

This year I was privileged to work with many fine women who served on the Board of Directors and chaired JLP committees. I did not know any of the board members or chairs prior to this year; however, I now consider them friends. The work that they did for the JLP was impressive and I appreciated that they asked for and considered my opinions on various issues affecting the Sustainers over the course of the year.

Thanks again to Suzy Golitko, former Sustainer Director, who was always there to help and to answer any questions.

Finally, I am grateful to have such a wonderful secretary, Joanne Utchell, whose efforts made the Sustainer newsletter, Let's Stay Connected! possible.

I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all next fall at future JLP events.

*Fondly, Mary Kate Coleman. JLP Sustainer Director*

#### Welcome! New Sustainer Director



Mary Kate Coleman, 2007-08 Sustainer Director and Debra Callahan, 2008-09 Sustainer Director.

The Sustainer Director for the 2008-09 League year is Debra Callahan. Thanks to Debra for assuming responsibility for the upcoming year's Sustainer activities. Debra's term began in June. You may contact Debra at 412-967-0207 or at [debracal@comcast.net](mailto:debracal@comcast.net).

## The Benefits Of Membership

For more than 85 years, the Junior League of Pittsburgh has been the driving force behind the kinds of initiatives and institutions that make our community a healthier, more vital place to live.

Junior League members, reflecting a wide range of backgrounds, interests, and professional pursuits, work together to identify unmet needs, forge effective coalitions and work for change. Time and time again, the Junior League is among the first organizations to step up to the plate and tackle our community's biggest challenges.

### Benefit Highlights

#### ◀ Voluntarism

The JLP promotes voluntarism and improves the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. We also recognize the critical role of the voluntary sector in initiating, demonstrating and advocating for needed change, monitoring the public sector objectively and influencing governmental program development and regulation.

#### ◀ Training

Members are offered training courses, seminars and workshops on a variety of topics that relate to personal, professional and community interests. Opportunities to attend League-sponsored state, regional and national conferences and training sessions are also available to members.

#### ◀ Networking

Members working side by side, serving their community, form lasting friendships. Networking opportunities also exist through collaborations with other community, state and national organizations.

#### ◀ Leadership Development

Members develop core skills by serving on League committees that transfer well to their personal and professional lives. Many League members are afforded opportunities to serve on community boards and other local and national leadership programs.

#### ◀ Membership Transferability: National & International

League membership is transferable throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Mexico, providing members with a network in a new community.

#### ◀ Discount programs

The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. (AJLI) leverages the collective purchasing power of Junior League members to provide individual and group discounts for a number of products and services.

*By Heidi Ziegler*

To learn first-hand about our mission, community projects and volunteer opportunities, or how to become a member visit [http://www.jlpgh.org/?nd=become\\_a\\_member](http://www.jlpgh.org/?nd=become_a_member)

## 2007-2008 Leadership

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## ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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| 2003 | Everybody Wins! at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School | 1980 | Children's Museum of Pittsburgh                               |
| 2001 | Children's Museum Backyard Project                           | 1979 | Three Rivers Adoption Council                                 |
| 1998 | Silent Witness Domestic Abuse Initiative                     | 1976 | Lay Person's CPR  |
| 1995 | Pittsburgh Center for Grieving Children                      | 1973 | Vintage, Inc.   |
| 1991 | North Hills Affordable Housing                               | 1969 | Performing Arts Series for Children                           |
| 1989 | Woman to Woman   | 1965 | Allegheny Adventures  |
| 1987 | Teen Outreach Program  | 1964 | Pittsburgh History and Landmarks                              |
| 1985 | Adolescent Pregnancy Childwatch                              | 1957 | Traveler's Aid Society  |
| 1984 | Epilepsy Foundation of America Speaker's Bureau              | 1953 | Children's programming for WOED                               |
| 1983 | Project Lead   | 1941 | Civilian Defense Volunteer Office Talking Books for the Blind |
| 1982 | Bright Beginnings Warm Line                                  | 1927 | Nutritional and Habit Forming Clinic at Children's Hospital   |
|      |  | 1923 | Three Rivers Youth  |

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### The Junior League Of Pittsburgh, Inc.

We are an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. We reach out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

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