ANNUAL REPORT

To all our Junior League members and friends,

Our bold dreams led to bold accomplishments this past year.

We purchased a building that will serve as our Center for Community Leadership, elevating the level of collaboration and voluntarism to improve lives in our community. And we secured a buyer for our current building, which has served us well. We introduced our new leadership track and continued to offer some of the highest quality leadership training around for our members.

Our fundraisers were off the charts with membership enthusiasm boosting them to success. Through those fundraisers we gave back in many ways, including direct grants, programming and gifts.

Our volunteers touched promising youth who, because of the Junior League of Raleigh, stand a stronger chance of turning their own dreams into reality.

The community thanked us through awards such as induction into the Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame, the SAFEchild Legacy Award and the Raleigh City Museum Women's History Month highlight.

Just as the dreams of our members as far back as 78 years ago are still changing lives today, we hope the dreams we developed and the goals we accomplished will continue to improve lives for many years to come.

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Developing the potential of women through training

- Introduced a Leadership Track program to identify and provide focused training for people interested in leadership inside or outside the League.
- Provided training for more than 500 members at the November General Membership Meeting by bringing in AJLI Mary Harriman Award winner Jan Langbein.
- Hosted training opportunities, such as Parenting Solutions! that reached beyond the members' work in the League.
- Offered personal care and fun trainings to add to member enrichment.

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Raising funds to support community needs

- The 2007 A Shopping Spree! attracted record-breaking crowds from nearby and surrounding areas and raised \$272,125.
- The Annual Fund, which benefits League programs, raised more than \$22,000.
- Macy's Shop for a Cause and Belk Charity Day brought in additional dollars for the Annual Fund.
- Cookbook offered 30 new titles from across the country.
- Bargain Box thrift store experienced numerous record-breaking sales months.
- Showcase of Kitchens, just in its second year, surpassed all its goals and expected numbers.
- The Fresh Market Wine Gala in March attracted members to try some of the best wines.

Engaging every member

- The League welcomed 38 transfers to the membership.
- Created Team Liaison positions through Placement to better support the teams.
- Introduced an electronic early placement sign-up process for Cookbook, SPREE! and Inaugural Ball.
- TCOM reached out to record numbers of actives and sustainers in their time of need.
- Created several new Chick Clicks including Bunco and Tennis.
- Held multiple GNO events to bring members together for social time outside of meeting times.
- Continued increased use of Web with online signups for placement, SPREE! shifts, training opportunities and voting.
- Held various successful Sustainer social events throughout the year.
- Conducted research to improve our Provisional process in the coming years.





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Achieving member success while building strategic relationships

- Successfully debuted a "Meet the Legislator" column for the e*Link* online member publication.
- Led an intense review to update the League Governing Documents.
- Unveiled Bright Ideas for the League Web site to make it more useful to members.
- Reached members through the eLink, an electronic source of up-to-date information about the Junior League of Raleigh.
- Recognized the League and community through the Link magazine.

Maximizing our resources to positively impact the community

- The League received the first SAFEchild Commitment Award during the SAFEchild Chair Auction recognizing the 15th anniversary of the organization begun by the League.
- The League was inducted into the Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame during the event recognizing the 40th anniversary of the organization the League helped found.
- The work of the League was recognized in a Women's History Month display in the City Museum of Raleigh highlighting outstanding women's organizations.
- Served nonprofits in need with a record number of community assistance grants.
- Team Community Connect successfully introduced a series of mini morning workshops developed from a list in which nonprofits identified their major training needs.
- The new Team Avent West Children's Mentoring (Team AWCM) successfully moved into its first year, tutoring the young people and keeping parents informed through a newsletter.
- Created a warm atmosphere for child vaccinations through Big Shot Saturday, which featured Kids on the Block puppets.
- Team Quick Impact stretched the League's reach by adding extra hands to a host of nonprofits, including volunteering to work at the American Heart Association Triangle Heart Gala.
- Held a successful Community Agency Open House.
- Girls on the Run participated in the Reindeer Romp and the spring race.





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League Selects 2007 Legacy Fund Recipients

In 2004, the Junior League of Raleigh established the Legacy Fund, which recognizes non-profit agencies in which the League has had significant involvement through financial and volunteer support. This Legacy Fund is supported by a portion of A Shopping Spree! proceeds.

This year we are pleased to announce the 2007-2008 Legacy Award Winners. Each of these organizations will receive awards of \$7,500 to continue their community programs and projects.

Garner Road YMCA

The programs at the Garner Road YMCA are designed to enhance and enrich the lives of the youth in the Raleigh/Wake County community. The YMCA has several mentoring and tutoring programs that are aimed at helping children increase their scores on end-of-grade tests. Breakfast is served to many youth along with transportation to and from fifteen Wake County schools. After school care also is available, along with snacks and assistance with homework. Many of the children who participate in these programs are from low-income families. In addition, the Garner Road YMCA provides structured activities for students on Spring Break, Early Release and Teacher Workdays. The YMCA sponsors a Summer Camp from June to August. The camp averages 110-140 students. Along with breakfast, lunch and dinner, students participate in field trips, educational programs, swimming, mentoring, tutoring, instruction in healthy eating habits and visits to local universities and parks. The dedication the Garner Road YMCA

has made toward improving the lives of our community youth is the reason the Funding Committee chose this agency as a recipient of the Legacy Award.

Friends of Guardian Ad Litem

The Community Funding Committee chose Friends of Guardian Ad Litem of Wake County as a Legacy Award recipient because of their continued involvement in representing abused and neglected children in the community. The Wake County Guardian Ad Litem program provides trained independent advocates to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in the state court system and to ensure the children's placement in safe and permanent homes. The Friends of Guardian Ad Litem provide tutoring to children, camp sponsorships, field trips and items such as wheelchairs, eyeglasses and school supplies to children in the Guardian Ad Litem program. For the past several years, The Junior League of Raleigh has helped the Friends of Guardian Ad Litem with their Back to School with Pride Backpack campaign. Members have donated school supplies at the September General Membership meeting so that children involved with the Guardian Ad Litem program and with Wake County Human services have a positive start to the new school year.





