

Creating a Masterpiece



President's Message

Have you ever stood in front of a work of art and marveled at its beauty and power? I know my own love of the arts goes back to my childhood. Although I have no artistic talent, I do understand the power of art, and the transforming effect it can have on children and young people. I've watched as a shy, distant child creates a painted angel, tracing her hands to form the wings—then presenting her masterpiece with an exuberant, self-confident smile.

I believe that the Junior League of Raleigh also touches people's lives in extraordinary ways. Every child is a work in progress. With the programs made possible through our financial and volunteer resources, works in progress evolve into masterpieces throughout our community. It is a special joy to have a hand in creating a brighter future for our children and young people.

This past year, the Junior League reached out, identified needs, garnered resources and got things done! With a palette of endless possibilities we touched people, made lives better and grew as individuals in the process. I invite you to read our 2002-2003 annual report and learn the extraordinary ways that the Junior League empowers others and strengthens the entire community.

Megg Rader

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President, 2002-2003

Our Mission

The Junior League of Raleigh is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our organization reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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Creating a Stronger Community, One Child at a Time

By focusing our time and resources on one compelling challenge—"Promising Youth: Changing Lives through the Power of Education"—the Junior League of Raleigh is indeed creating a community masterpiece. Through grants or volunteer support, and a combination of both for major community initiatives, we made real progress in 2003 in completing the picture of a whole, healthy, and safe community for all of our young people.

Major Community Initiatives

HERITAGE PARK COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER—Painting a Brighter Future for Children

This was the second year of support for the Heritage Park Community Learning Center, a place where children learn, interact, and achieve. As part of our major initiatives program, The Junior League committed \$300,000 and a team of trained volunteers to strengthen the Center's work with pre-school through fifth grade youth. Our dynamic group of volunteers supported

several ongoing programs including the BUG Club (Bringing Up Grades), launched new initiatives like the Off the Hook Book Club and the Heritage Park Shopping Spree, and collaborated to bring resources for special projects like On The Road to Reading. In addition, the League provided many wonderful social events, such as the Easter egg hunt that enchanted and delighted children with Easter stories, cookie decorating, and a frenzied, fun-filled hunt with over 1000 Easter eggs.

NATURAL LEARNING INITIATIVE The Art and Science of Appreciating Nature

Children have an innate appreciation for the world of nature, but so few in our cities can explore nature outside the classroom. Thanks to Junior League members and support, the Natural Learning Initiative is helping to complete the picture for inquisitive young people at the Heritage Park Community Learning Center.

The planned Natural Learning Initiative—made possible in part by our own \$50,000 commitment, is an outdoor learning facility that takes the classroom outdoors as it encourages teamwork and stimulates imagination. Over 100 children and young people worked with our volunteers, parents, community professionals, and partners—including the North Carolina State



University School of Design and the Raleigh Housing Authority—to design this outdoor canvas for creativity, play, and environmental learning.

The schematic designs for the Natural Learning Initiative are finished. Just like the story of the tortoise and the hare tells us "slow and steady wins the race," completion of the construction of the Natural Learning

Initiative is scheduled for spring 2004. Several other sponsors in addition to the Junior League have brought the Natural Learning Initiative to fruition: The Raleigh Housing Authority's commitment of land and resources: Mr. Gordon L. Blackwell, President, Regency Investment Associates, Inc., \$50,000; and the Hillsdale Fund, \$25,000.

KALEIDOSCOPE Creativity on Wheels

All children need to dream, play, and create, because giving free reign to a

child's imagination inspires confidence and strengthens classroom performance. In collaboration with WakeMed, the Junior League of Raleigh brought to the Triangle a spectacular traveling, interactive art exhibit sponsored by Hallmark called Kaleidoscope. The traveling exhibit brought excitement and wonder to children as they buzzed from station to station and discovered new and creative ways to express themselves through art. The League provided trained volunteers to serve as guides and assistants to children and families.

2002-03 Community Grants

AGENCY AND NEED	AMOUNT
Boys and Girls Club Project Learn—after school tutoring	\$8000
Carolina Correctional Services, Inc. Treatment service for juveniles in Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (JDTC)	\$6000
Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council, Inc. Every Girl, Everywhere—program for Hispanic community	\$6000
Learning Together, Inc. Child mental health initiative	\$8000
Friends of NC Museum of Natural Sciences Outreach program for Latinos	\$8000
Planned Parenthood Teen Clinic—teen health services	\$8000
The Family Violence Prevention Center d.b.a. Interact Child witness to violence program—Counselor for domestic violence victims	\$6000
SAFEchild Crianza Con Carino—Spanish tutoring program	\$6000
Southlight Strategic Family Therapy Program	\$6000
UCP Charlie Gaddy's Children Center Charlie Gaddy Center—educational supplies for children with C. Palsy	\$4500
YWCA of Wake County, Inc. After school programs	\$7000



2002-03 Emergency Needs Fund

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United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, Inc. Artist residencies for at-risk students	\$2000
Urban Ministries Case Manager at Helen Wright Center for Women	\$1500
Lutheran Family Services Registration fee and travel for summer camp—disabled adults	\$987.50
Volunteer Families for Children First aid kits, poison control kits, etc.	\$1420
St. Giles Presbyterian Church After school program teacher	\$2000
Prevent Blindness North Carolina Refit two MTI-Photoscreening cameras	\$1150
Wake Teen Medical Center New microscope	\$1900

