



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LONG ISLAND

Hi Everyone,

The Junior League of Long Island was established in 1951 and was originally known as the North Shore Service League. We are part of The Association of Junior Leagues International, a group of 150,000 dedicated volunteers that span out in service to four different countries. What was begun as a Lower East Side Tenement outreach project by Mary Harriman in 1901, supported by her friend Eleanor Roosevelt and 80 other young ladies has become the premier volunteer organization for women of every age, race, and religion who endeavor to offer themselves in meaningful service to their community.

Our Long Island League has a strong legacy of local impact which spans more than 60 years. Just a few of the more well known programs we have developed include CAP (Child Abuse Prevention), Y.E.S. (Youth Environmental Services) and The Nassau Coalition on Child Abuse and Neglect. Over the years we have opened youth centers and partnered with many other agencies, most recently The Boys and Girls Clubs, in order to reach more effectively into the community. Speaking for those who have no voice, we advocate on a state level in Albany on issues that further our determination to work for social justice.

Some of our favorite projects include Project Playground where we swoop in and literally transform what might once have been a barren piece of land into a happy, safe place for children. Most recently we partnered with the Town of Oyster Bay in building a super special needs playground for everyone to enjoy.

Other heartthrobs for us include our First Step Program, run by our newest Members which gives a hand up to ladies who need exactly that. We provide a day of training, counseling and shopping which supports resume building, interviewing and job hunting for our guests.

Another favorite is our Kids in the Kitchen Project which educates kids on the importance of fundamental diet, health, and hygiene behaviors for healthy living. Kids spend an afternoon playing, while being exposed to things like DIY granola bars, basketball and yoga. They have so much fun they don't even realize they're learning and changing.

What sets our Junior League apart is our emphasis on training, not only within the communities, but also of our own volunteers who endeavor to serve the underserved now and in the future. Our gals go forward into the local areas and then out into the world, equipped with the skills they need to become the respected leaders that effect lasting change.

There are several ways in which you can support us in our work. Become a Member by reaching out to Info@jlli.org. Naturally, we accept financial donations which can be made through this site. If you have new or gently used clothing, shoes, or household goods, please consider dropping them off at our Thrift Shop. All proceeds are tax deductible and directly benefit the Community. Then please stay and visit in the shop. There's something for everyone, I promise.

Some famous Junior Leaguers include Katherine Hepburn, Julia Child, Nancy Reagan, Shirley Temple, Sandra Day O'Connor, Barbara and Laura Bush.

Clearly, excellence is in our DNA.

So proud to now be at the helm of this magnificent organization with its legacy of loving kindness. May we take its reach even further in 2017-2018.

Best,

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