



# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE

The Junior League of Evanston-North Shore, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action & leadership of trained volunteers.

## 2023-2024 Centennial Year in Review



### 2023-2024 Award Winners

**Founder's Award**  
Elizabeth Osborne

**Sustainer of the Year**  
Amy Mick

**Community Partner Award**  
WINGS Program, Inc.



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## A Message from the President

Dear JLE-NS Members,

This year, the Junior League of Evanston–North Shore celebrated 100 years as we carried out our mission to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. It is with great pride and gratitude that we present the 2023-24 Annual Report as we share this year’s accomplishments.

With a membership of 176 members, including Active Members and Sustainers, as well as New Members, we continued to drive awareness to our cause through various community projects as well as working with our partners e.g. Connections for the Homeless and Holiday Heroes. The League also founded a new partnership with WINGS Program, Inc. to raise awareness surrounding domestic violence. Also, as part of our partnership with WINGS, we dedicated some of our proceeds to WINGS to help 100 women suffering from domestic violence in honor of our 100 year anniversary.

The Junior League of Evanston–North Shore would not be able to give back to the community and train its members without the continued support of our generous donors. Not only did the League contribute countless hours to community support, but we were also able to continue our goal of giving \$100,000 towards Grants & Scholarships per year leading up to our 100<sup>th</sup> year to help support local non-profits as well as local students in need of financial assistance.

Lastly, to celebrate the League’s 100 years of community service, a League birthday party was held at the January General Membership Meeting as we looked at photos of our past projects and Past Presidents starting with our founder, Dorothy Mason Croft in 1924; we also held a History Crawl of past memorable League sites; we hosted a Tea and Fashion Show at the Junior League of Evanston–North Shore Thrift House store; and lastly we celebrated with a Centennial Gala at The Deer Path Inn, where Dorothy Croft made an appearance! This past year was about getting back into the community and connecting with our fellow members and making an impact.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the Junior League of Evanston-North Shore. It is with you and your family’s unwavering support that we are able to serve our community. We invite you to join us for another exciting year as we continue to fulfill the mission of the Junior League of Evanston–North Shore as we aim at “Building A Better Community.”

I am excited for the upcoming League year with Valerie Rowlands and Karen Burchell leading this outstanding group of women and ushering us into the new millennium!

Gratefully,  
Jennipher Tejano Nacher  
JLE-NS President 2023-2024



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## Community Impact

This year, we conducted the following outreach programs: Scholarships and Grants, our Thrift House store, as well as multiple “Done In a Day” projects.

We awarded a total of \$76,500 in Community Grants to non-profit organizations during the 2023-24 League year. We also awarded \$21,000 to 4 local area High School Seniors, as well as \$2,500 to a support a student attending Oakton Community College.

The 2024 Community Grant recipients included:

- Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation \$10,000
- Connections for the Homeless \$3,000
- Cornerstone Community Outreach \$1,000
- Glencoe Youth Services \$3,000
- Have Dreams \$10,000
- Hunger Resource Network \$5,000
- Keeping Families Covered \$5,000
- The Moran Center \$20,000
- The Night Ministry \$5,000
- Samara Care \$1,500
- Uweza Foundation \$3,000
- Youth & Opportunity United (Y.O.U.) \$10,000





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- In September, JLE-NS members and their families rode their bikes in the Winnetka Park District's Annual Bike Winnetka event which our League was a sponsor of. League members also volunteered their time to offer children's activities and answer questions about the League during the Winnetka Park District's Fall Fest family-friendly event, of which JLE-NS was also a sponsor of.



- In October, our Done In a Day committee coordinated JLE-NS to participate as one of the non-profit organizations collecting items for our community projects and our Thrift House during the Make a Difference Day event organized by the Volunteer Center.



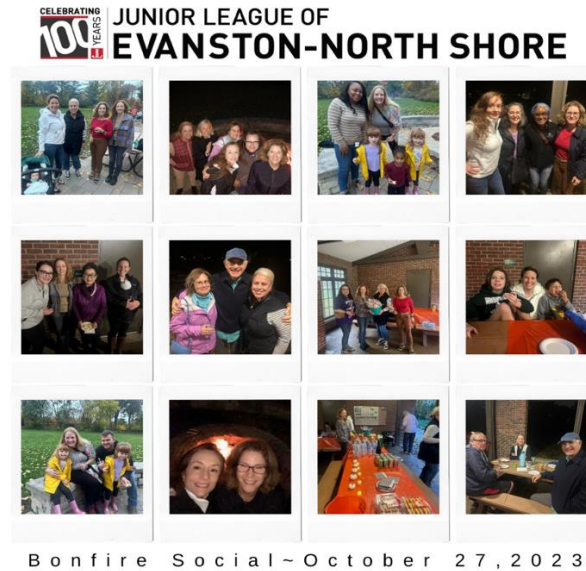
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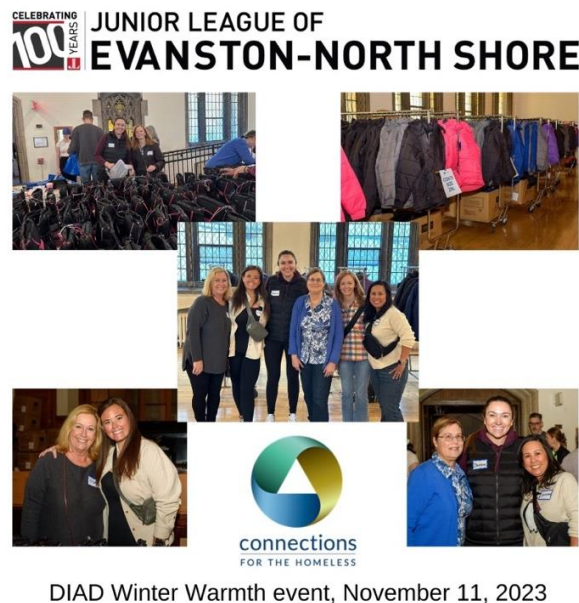
Make a Difference Day, October 21, 2023

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE**

- The Social committee held a social event for JLE-NS active, sustainer, new and prospective members and their families and friends at Crow Island Woods. Everyone gathered around the fire to visit with each other while enjoying hot cider and s'mores.



- The Done in a Day committee worked with Connections for the Homeless where League members volunteered as a group for Connections for the Homeless's Winter Warmth Event in Evanston, where anyone could stop by to get outfitted for the winter with jackets, hats, gloves, long underwear, boots, and more.





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- During our November General Membership Meeting, we invited Holiday Heroes to speak to us about their organization and we helped to pack over 100 Hero Packs that were distributed to children in local hospitals.



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November General Membership meeting with Holiday Heroes  
November 15, 2023



- To help get ready for the holiday season, League members came together to decorate and arrange the Junior League of Evanston–North Shore’s Thrift House store in Evanston in preparation for the shopping season.





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- In December, in lieu of a meeting, we held our annual Holiday Party, where Active Members, Sustainers, New Members and their families came together to share some holiday cheer. As a way to spread the holiday cheer, guests participated in writing and decorating holiday cards that were donated to children at local hospitals as well as donated toys for our annual Toys for Tots collection.

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE

Holiday Party  
December 2, 2023



- And now....JANUARY! This was a time of celebration as we officially celebrated the Junior League of Evanston–North Shore’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at our January General Membership Meeting, with a birthday party featuring cake, favors and a historical presentation of the League by Active Member Rebecca Garces.

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE



January General Membership Meeting & 100th Birthday Party  
January 17, 2024

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE**

- In February, the League hosted our annual Trivia Night fundraiser at the Wilmette Harbor Club. In honoring our Centennial year, the theme for the party was the 1920s! The event was organized by the Trivia Night committee along with the New Member Class and we raised over \$10,000!



- Leading up to our Year-End Centennial Gala, we hosted a Fashion Show and Tea Party at the Junior League of Evanston–North Shore’s Thrift House store. Our members modeled clothes from our store to represent each decade of the past 100 years.





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- In April, League members, with their family and friends, gathered for a History Crawl bus tour for a trip down memory lane. We stopped at locations of our past projects and historic sites that have been a part of our legacy for the last 100 years.



- Lastly, to wrap up the year, the Junior League of Evanston–North Shore held a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at the Deer Path Inn in Lake Forest, IL. League members both new, present and past came back to commemorate our 100 years of community service. We even had a surprise visit from our Founding President, Dorothy Mason Croft.



CELEBRATING **100** YEARS JUNIOR LEAGUE OF **EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE**





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- I would also like to give huge THANK YOU to the JLE-NS New Member Class of 2023–24. Their hard work and dedication at our annual Trivia Night Fundraiser resulted in record-breaking sales! Because of them, the League was able to donate funds to WINGS to help 100 women who are survivors of domestic violence. Ladies, you did an amazing job!!!





# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF **EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE**

## ***2023-24 Junior League of Evanston-North Shore Leadership***

***President - Jennipher Tejano***  
***President-Elect - Valerie Rowlands***

### **Policy Board**

Jennipher Tejano, President  
Valerie Rowlands, President-Elect  
Lyn Aleshire, Community Director  
Allison Paus, Finance Director  
Faith Mangan, Membership Director  
Nicole Bogdanovich, Member at Large  
Rebecca Garces, Thrift House Executive Director  
Dina Mead, Bylaws Parliamentarian  
Kim Pressling, Recording Secretary  
Dina Mead, Nominating and Placement Chair  
Sara Ridder, Nominating and Placement Chair-Elect  
Laura Sniader Rempel, Sustainer Director

### **Management Board**

Valerie Rowlands, President-Elect  
Elizabeth Osborne, Done in a Day Chair  
Karen Burchell, Marketing & PR Chair  
Tiffany Lum, Member Recruitment Chair  
Olivia Kubik, New Member Co-Chair  
Allison Marks-Coulter, New Member Co-Chair  
Jennifer Luczkowiak, Scholarships & Grants Chair  
Stephanie Spindler, Social Chair  
Rebecca Garces, Thrift House Chair  
Melissa Twyman, Trivia Night Chair  
Beth Mikel, Fundraising & Dues Treasurer

### **Personnel**

Leynette Kuniej, Personnel Director  
Lisa Martinez, Office Manager



# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF **EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE**

## ***Congratulations***

The Junior League of Evanston-North Shore is proud to acknowledge the service and dedication of the following active members:

### ***Five to Nine Years of Active Service***

Karin Allen  
Regina Cartright  
Christina Dudek  
Brittney Fairman  
Christine Koval  
Olivia Kubik  
Tiffany Lum  
Elizabeth Osborne  
Allie Paus  
Betsy Turovitz

### ***Ten to Fourteen Years of Active Service***

Lyn Aleshire  
Jennifer Luczkowiak  
Kim Pressling  
Valerie Rowlands  
Katie Waldron

### ***Fifteen to Nineteen Years of Active Service***

Karen Burchell  
Nicole Downie  
Amy Heinz

### ***Twenty Years of Active Service***

Jennipher Tejano

### ***Twenty Five Years of Active Service and counting ...***

Nicole Bogdanovich  
Rebecca Garces  
Elizabeth Kinnich  
Dina Mead  
Lisa Stadler

### ***New Sustaining Members***

Jennifer Luczkowiak  
Jennipher Tejano



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## ***New Members 2023-2024***

Nicki DeVine  
Audrey Ganschar  
Madison Joe  
Shannon Kennedy

## ***New Members 2024-2025***

Veronica Marin  
Shannon Ricco  
Lisa Pilney

## ***Transfers***

Christina Dudek  
Brittney Fairman  
Lisa Stadler  
Maia Warner

## ***In Memory***

Betty Englemann  
Marja Newton  
Mary Arden Bretland  
Kathleen Carroll