



## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE

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.

### 2020-2021 Year in Review



### 2021 Annual Award Winners

**FOUNDER'S AWARD**

**Betsy Turovitz**

**SUSTAINER  
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Paula Danoff**

**COMMUNITY PARTNER  
AWARD**

**Liz Fales, CASA  
Of Lake County**

## A Message from the President

Dear JLE-NS Members,

In the midst of the pandemic, the 2020-2021 league year was a challenging year full of firsts for our league. Thank you to our amazing members for focusing this year on community impact and for the efforts of our COVID Task Force. With the dedication of our incredible league members, we supported our Thrift House, Purses with a Purpose, \$100,000 Community Grant Fund and numerous Done In A Day projects. In an effort to connect with our league personally during this uncertain time, I created *The League Letter* which was sent every month highlighting our members, showcasing our amazing committees, and praising the heroic work we do in our community. Each month this year laddered back to a theme rooted in our mission and values. We organized speakers and service projects at each of our general membership meetings which aligned to the theme. JLE-NS continues to make progress on our 100 by 100 initiative, as our membership goal of achieving 100 active members by our 100th anniversary. I am beyond excited to share that this year we welcomed five new members and eleven transfers!

It has been my honor to serve as your President this past year. Thank you to our members for your continued commitment to our community and those in need. I extend my best wishes to in-coming President Nicole Bogdanovich, P-E Shauna Myers, and our Policy and Management boards as they take on new leadership roles for the upcoming year.

Yours in service,

*Amber*

Amber Hubbs Golegos  
2020-2021 JLE-NS President

## Making Positive Community Impact

This year, we conducted the following outreach programs: COVID Task Force, \$100,000 Community Grant Fund, Scholarships and Grants, and Thrift House as well as three other “done in a day” projects.

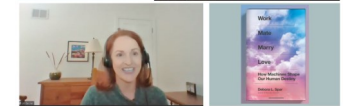
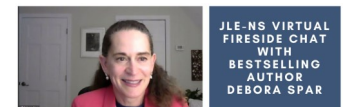
- ◇ **COVID-19 Task Force** researched and executed direct community program opportunities to serve those impacted during the pandemic.
- ◇ **\$100,000 Community Grant Fund** utilizing funds from our Heartline Investment account per year to support a community grant fund from 2020-2024. An ad-hoc committee was established to research the highest needs in the community. Most important was the organization's alignment to our mission, COVID-19 impact, commitment to equity and equality, and partnership opportunities including volunteering.
- ◇ **Done In a Day** allowed members to help with numerous additional community projects
- ◇ **Scholarships and Grants** provide financial assistance for college students, local non-profits, and the Uweza Bright Futures Program



## *In 2020-2021...*

- ◆ Thrift House, located on Main Street in South Evanston, continues to be a vibrant place for our communities to shop. With the pandemic, there was uncertainty with new safety protocols and opening and closing of the store. Thankfully, we have an outstanding group of team members working in our store who helped make shopping at Thrift safe and enjoyable. In February, members came together for a members only shopping event at Thrift House where they received a gift with purchase, beautiful reusable Thrift House branded tote bags, which the Thrift House committee created. This was the perfect way to get members excited to shop and support Thrift House.
- ◆ This past year we welcomed 5 new members to our league and 11 active and sustaining transfers from leagues all across the United States. We are excited to continue growing our membership with amazingly talented and gifted women!
- ◆ At our general membership meetings, we welcomed a wide range of speakers from the community: It was a pleasure to have Liz Fales from CASA of Lake County, and Dori Mages from North Shore Family Services speak about Child Safety and Suicide Prevention. For National Domestic Violence Awareness Month we heard from Sylvia Zaldivar CDO from Wings and Molly Dubow from Cradles to Crayons. When we celebrated Inspirational Female Role Models, we heard from Miss International 2020 - Megan Vladic who also spoke about the importance of mental health. For Human Trafficking Awareness Month, we welcomed Kara Thompson Midwest Prevention Coordinator with Selah Freedom and a trafficked survivor. To celebrate Black History Month we had Tiffany Blackman as our guest speaker who serves on the Council of Junior Leagues regarding DEI. Provided by AJLI, we listened to speaker Anna Vainer talk about the #IamRemarkable workshop which strives to empower underrepresented groups including women.
- ◆ Despite the pandemic, JLE-NS found creative ways to come together and have fun! We enjoyed events like yoga by the beach lead by our very own Anna Pappas, virtual cider tasting, virtual bingo, spring walk in the park, book club, wine tasting at LynFred winery, and enjoyed a virtual fire side chat with best selling author, Debora Spar. To close out an amazing year, we were thrilled to host a brunch with Barbara Rinella at our year-end celebration where she reenacted Winston Churchill's life from the New York Best selling book, The Splendid and The Vile.
- ◆ Our Trivia Night committee hosted a first ever virtual cook along event with celebrity chef, Gale Gand. We had a great turnout and raised over \$500 towards community outreach projects.
- ◆ This year we voted to utilize \$100,000 from our Heartline Investment account per year to support a community grant fund from 2020-2024. In December the ad-hoc committee met three times to research the highest needs in the community. Most important was the organization's alignment to our mission, COVID-19 impact, the organization's commitment to equity and equality, and partnership opportunities including volunteering. The following organizations were selected: CASA of Lake County, A Safe Place, PADS of Lake County, Northfield Township Food Pantry, Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center, Connections for the Homeless, Moraine Township Food Pantry, YWCA Evanston/North Shore, and Prairie State Legal Services. This is a very exciting step in helping alleviate the impact of COVID on our community partners who need it most.
- ◆ Scholarships and Grants provided \$8,500 in grants. Grants were provided to the following organizations: Books & Breakfast, Keeping Families Covered, West Side Community Center, Old Irving Park Community Clinic, Humble Design Chicago, and Open Studio Project. Over \$1,000 were provided in scholarships to two high school seniors as well as a student from Oakton Community College.
- ◆ Our Done in a Day program continues to expand our community impact. The committee conducted several outreach projects this year. Initiatives included: packing 50 bags of winter accessories for foster care children assisted by Cradles to Crayons, through Feed My Starving Children 71 boxes were packed by our members to make 15,336 meals, which will feed 42 children for a whole year. Operation Gratitude: we collected 33 pounds of Halloween candy to benefit Deployed Troops, Local Military Units, Veterans, and First Responders. Purses With A Purpose where we filled over 200 purses with toiletries for women in domestic violence situations, and CASA of Lake County holiday baking gift basket program where we filled 18 baskets for foster care families to enjoy holiday baking together.

***Thank you for a fabulous year!***



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# 2020-2021 JLE-NS Leadership

President - Amber Golegos  
President-Elect - Nicole Bogdanovich

## Policy Board

Membership Director - Cara Heiser  
Finance Director - Emily Coninx  
Community Director - Elizabeth Osborne  
Thrift House Director - Paula Danoff  
Personnel Director - Jeanni McCormick  
Nominating & Placement Chair - Dina Mead  
Member At Large - Betsy Turovitz  
Recording Secretary - Lyn Aleshire  
Sustainer Director - Melanie Glass  
Bylaws Parliamentarian - Laura Sniader Rempel

## Management Board

Done In A Day Chair - Brittany Tangney  
Fitting Futures Chair - Christine Koval  
New Member Co-Chair - Jennifer Luczkowiak  
New Member Co-Chair - Maria Doughty  
PR & Marketing Chair - Karen Burchell  
Thrift House Chair - Anaga Dalal  
Trivia Night Co-Chair - Patty Lea  
Trivia Night Co-Chair - Beth Weissmueller  
Recruiting Co-Chair - Allie Paus  
Recruiting Co-Chair - Rebecca Garces  
Scholarships & Grants Chair - Kris Hagen  
Social Chair - Shauna Myers

## Other Leadership

Fundraising & Dues Treasurer - Beth Mikel

## Personnel

Office Manager - Lisa Martinez  
Thrift House Manager - Geoffrey Martinez

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## Welcome to Our 2020-2021 New Members and Transfers!

Emily Jungheim  
Rebecca Knohl  
Tasha Roberts  
Theresa Rose  
Sofia Becker

Amy Mashburn - JL Chicago  
Kim Pressling - JL Chicago  
Katy Leydon - JL Chicago  
Carly Mooney - JL Chicago  
Kimberly Weisenberger - JL Chicago  
Nicole Downie - JL New York, NY

Faith Mangan - JL Denver  
Sabina Ewing - JL Philadelphia  
Ann Riddell - JL Ann Arbor, MI  
Sarah Noda - JL Ann Arbor, MI  
Melissa Cook - JL St. Louis

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