

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Susan Bowser 2022-2023 President

THANK YOU to all of our Active and Sustaining members, community partners, friends, and donors.

The Junior League of Lancaster is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. And our members have been doing just that for 99 years!

The 2022-2023 League year has been filled with a lot of excitement about our new focus area, nutrition insecurity, and our upcoming 100th anniversary. I hope that you'll see this excitement reflected in the pages of this Annual Report and the accomplishments of our League this year.

Before I list some of these accomplishments, I want to thank our members again for their hard work and growth as leaders. This growth may not be as tangible as our many achievements, but I believe it's equally important to recognize. It has been incredible to watch members lean into their roles in the League and work together to create real change in our Community.

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A few highlights from this year:

- Through conversations with our community partner Power Packs Project, the Community Impact Committee determined that a vital, but often overlooked, need are manual can openers. So, we "opened" our year with a "Together We Can" campaign and collected over 1,500 can openers for local families this fall.
- Our first annual Cornhole Classic was held in early September. It was a fun, family-friendly event and a successful fundraiser. Join us for our 2nd Annual Cornhole Classic on August 19, 2023!
- We enacted a historic vote to officially adopt our new Mission Statement (above), which doesn't change what we do, but does give us a fresh way to talk about all of our important work.
- We held a successful in-person Run4Luck after a few years of holding the event virtually. The committee worked incredibly hard to overcome obstacles, including changing this year's course to a 5K.
- We held December and April Get Togethers for the first time. Both nights provided Active and Sustaining members with time to meet in a small-group setting and discuss important League issues.









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- We welcomed two fantastic new member classes.
- We packed boxes full of nutritious food at Power Packs Project, planted a community garden at the Boys & Girls Club, donated raised garden beds to Arch Street Center, handed out fresh produce at the Lancaster Recreation Commission's 8th Annual Open Streets, and held our first pop-up market.
- The 100th Anniversary celebrations kicked off with a wonderful night featuring New York Times best-selling author Patti Callahan Henry.
- We received a proclamation from Mayor Danene Sorace honoring the Junior League of Lancaster.
- We've had great attendance and engagement for our General Membership Meetings where we have focused on providing valuable training for our Provisional and Active members, hosting enlightening speakers from the local community, and cultivating opportunities for members to form lasting connections within the League.

I am so proud of all our members. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President this year, thank you for your dedication to our mission, and cheers to nearly 100 years of serving the Lancaster Community.

Best Regards,

Susan

Susan Bowser 2022-2023 President Junior League of Lancaster





ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Lancaster, PA, Inc. (JLL) 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. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

OUR HISTORY

On November 13, 1923, the Junior League of Lancaster held its first meeting at the YWCA in Lancaster City. Fifty-five young women were in attendance, and Laura Watt, temporary chairman, was elected the first president.

Today, the JLL continues the commitment that began 99 years ago — connecting and supporting women of all races, religions, and natural origins who demonstrate a commitment to voluntarism.

Our efforts support community-based partnerships that work to broaden the educational, culture, recreational, and health opportunities available to women and children within the Lancaster community.



President James Buchanan's Wheatland was acquired by the JLL in 1936 to be preserved for public education and enjoyment as a National Historic Landmark. Today, JLL Headquarters is located in the Carriage House on Wheatland grounds, all of which is maintained by LancasterHistory.

LEADERSHIP 2022-2023 BOARD MEMBERS



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FUND DEVELOPMENT

FUND EVENTS

The Fund Development Committee is proud to report that the Junior League of Lancaster had a number of successful Fund Development events throughout the 2022-2023 League year, including events with BloomBox, Iron Hill Brewery, Chipotle, and the Extraordinary Give, during which we received the noteworthy honor of receiving the most individual donors ever!

Collectively, the JLL raised \$67,664.04 through fundraising events and charitable giving. This figure includes the \$5,352.85 during the 2022 Cornhole Classic, \$9,995.89 we raised during the 2023 Extraordinary Give, and \$14,589.98 we raised during the 18th Annual Run4Luck.

CORNERSTONE SPONSORS

Through our Cornerstone Sponsors, the Junior League of Lancaster partners with organizations that align to our mission and tangible community impact.

The League was supported by four Gold Level Cornerstone Sponsors during the 2022-2023 League year:

• Albright & Thiry Orthodontics: \$2,500

HARTZ Physical Therapy: \$2,500

• Lancaster Country Day School: \$2,500

• Trout CPA: \$2,500









MEDIA PARTNER:



FUND DEVELOPMENT

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FUND EVENTS

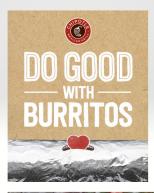
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In addition to the success of this year's Extraordinary Give, our BloomBox holiday sale, which occurred from November-December 2022, raised \$329.66, while our Iron Hill Fund Night Out on February 21, 2023 earned the League \$112.03. Finally, our Iron Hill Fund Night Out on April 19, 2023 bestowed the JLL a gift of \$127.15.

Unless designated by the donor, all monies raised will be earmarked and funneled to our Community Impact Committee's array of direct and educational projects and multi-faceted collaborative programming endeavors that are concentrated in our focus area of eliminating nutrition insecurity. This investment allows us to maximize the impact of our vital work to improve the health and wellbeing of a community we are proud to call home.









2022 CORNHOLE CLASSIC

INAUGURAL CORNHOLE CLASSIC LAUNCHES

The 2022 Cornhole Classic, which was held on September 17, 2022 at Kissel Valley Farm, was a great success! The sun was shining, the airplanes hovering above from nearby Lancaster Airport were writing sweet messages in the sky, lively music was playing, the llamas from Spooky Nook Llamas were silky soft, and everyone was having an all-around good time.

Approximately 200 people attended our League fundraiser, which included a mix of current Junior League of Lancaster members, as well as outside guests from the community. In addition to attendees who enjoyed the variety of casual and family-friendly activities throughout the afternoon and evening, twenty-one teams signed up to compete in the cornhole tournament. According to 717 Rec, of whom the League partnered with to run and promote the tournament to players in the area, it was an impressive number for an inaugural event!

The declared "Boss of the Toss" winners of the Cornhole Classic were brothers Thuy and Dan Nguyen; their team name was Dilly Dilly. They came to the event for a fun game of cornhole, not realizing there would be a prize, they were ecstatic to discover what it was: an eight-person, all-inclusive dinner at Bonefish Grill! The grand prize - valued at over \$1,000 - also included a \$100 gift card to Bonefish Grill and a bottle of rosé, as well as champagne.







2022 CORNHOLE CLASSIC

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INAUGURAL CORNHOLE CLASSIC LAUNCHES

There was also a social bracket for the Cornhole Classic, and the winners were Troy Geist and Chris Benware, better known as Team Bag Smashers. For their victory, they won a one year membership to the 717 Rec Cornhole League at Marion Court.

The 50/50 raffle was a fantastic success – the winner was one of our own, Active Teresa Marino! The silent auction was also a hit.

The food from renowned food truck vendors was delicious – there was always a line at Homage and Meat the Browns, and the sweet cupcakes in a jar from Katie Cakes were a crowd pleaser! The children also loved the twin, 18' inflatable slide and petting the adorable llamas, while the adults enjoyed sipping microbrews and wine from the Bulls Head Tap Truck while taking in the festivities.

The Special Events Committee cannot thank everyone who came enough, including our spirited volunteers who helped make this year's Cornhole Classic a smashing success. Please save-the-date for our 2nd Annual Cornhole Classic on August 19, 2023 at Kissel Valley Farm!







BY THE NUMBERS

200
ATTENDEES (INAUGURAL FUNDRAISER)

21 CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT TEAMS

\$5,352.85 TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED

RUN4LUCK

THE 18TH ANNUAL RUN4LUCK RETURNS WITH A BANG

The Run4Luck Committee was incredibly excited to host our first inperson race since 2019! After conducting virtual races due to the pandemic and bad weather forecasts, March 11, 2023, was everything we could have hoped for and more.

We are so thankful for our golden participants, our generous sponsors, and our gracious host, Lancaster Country Day School. We tested a new 5K race course and 2-mile walk, danced with Cylo from the Lancaster Barnstormers, stretched with Orthopedic Associates of Lancaster, and our spirits soared over the rainbow.

The 2023 Run4Luck race raised \$11,450.00 in sponsorships and \$11,308.14 from registrations, netting \$14.589.93 total.







BY THE NUMBERS

#1 On Campus Run
FIRST IN-PERSON RACE SINCE 2019 (DUE TO THE COVID19 PANDEMIC AND INCLEMENT WEATHER)

\$14,589.93 TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED

425 TOTAL REGISTRANTS

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

NEW MEMBERS FIGHT AGAINST NUTRITION INSECURITY

During the 2022-2023 League year, the Junior League of Lancaster welcomed a total of 20 new members (known as Provisionals). In order to achieve Active status, each class was required to successfully plan and execute a New Member Project to support the Lancaster community and our focus area of nutrition insecurity. Guided by the Membership Development Committee and fellow League peers, the respective New Member Projects included:

• The Fall Provisional Class organized and led a campaign to collect over 1,500 can openers - known as the "Together We Can" initiative - to benefit Power Packs Project, a fellow nonprofit that provides nutritious meals over weekends to children when school breakfast and lunch programs are unavailable to them. Through their fundraising efforts, the group raised over \$3,800! This incredible display of support enabled children who are enrolled in the program, as well as their families, to access to the food they receive through the program, ensuring they have the nutrients to grow and develop properly! In addition, the Fall Provisional Class also worked with the Lancaster Library to conduct research for a future teen pantry program.

Fall 2022 New Members: Anna Baldasarre, Lyn Carroll, Missy DePietro, Leah Gleason, Whitney Jarbola, Christine Johnson, Kimberly Kline, Alyssa Laughner, Anna Michaels, Laurel Schmid, and Jess Sheaffer





MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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NEW MEMBERS FIGHT AGAINST NUTRITION INSECURITY

• The Spring Provisional Class worked with the Bench Mark Program, a local 501(c)(3) flagship mentoring program that emphasizes physical fitness programming, career development, and academic coaching for at-risk youth. Surpassing their original fundraising goal, they were able to raise over \$2,400 for their "Sponsor-a-Spoon" campaign! They worked to raise the money by hosting multiple direct fundraising pop-up events at Lancaster Central Market, applying for grants, and promoting their cause on social media. The funds collected allowed them to fully outfit a new kitchen at Bench Mark Program's recently opened new facility with an assortment of essential cooking utensils and appliances. In addition, the group hosted two healthy cooking classes for the students who are involved with Bench Mark Program's afterschool youth program.

Spring 2023 New Members: Marina DeFoor, Kristina Groff, Abby Parnell, Carrie Tagg, Erin Takemoto, Nicole Robb, Ashley Shearer, Jackie Steed, and Nikki Wamsley





COMMUNITY IMPACT

After a two-year inquiry and evaluation into our focus area work, the Junior League of Lancaster approved the adoption of nutrition insecurity as the new JLL focus area. This program is intended to positively impact the health and wellness of families in our community by focusing on nutrition, food security, and availability in an equitable and accessible way.

During the 2022-2023 League year, JLL volunteers embarked on a number of collaborative projects and long-term endeavors within our new focus area:

- Preparing, cooking, serving well-balanced lunches and dinners to Arch Street Center members
- Donating three raised, stained, and weatherproof garden beds to Arch Street Center that will allow current and future members with physical disabilities or traveling restrictions to plant and grow their own food on-site
- Deploying committed volunteers to organize, sort, and box non-perishable goods and nutrient-dense recipes for children and families who receive weekend meals from Power Packs Project (highlights included packing 759 individual bags of potatoes in preparation for Thanksgiving, 797 single bags of walnuts ahead of the holiday season, 383 boxes of essential groceries, and 780 bags of almonds for everyday usage)







COMMUNITY IMPACT Continued...

- Collecting 1,500 manual can openers for children and their families who are enrolled in the Power Packs Project program based in Lancaster, which through our research-based discovery process we determined was a critically overlooked need for recipients (this campaign, known as "Together We Can", was a strategically designed project between our Community Impact Committee and our Fall 2022 Provisional Class)
- Embarking on a fundraising campaign to raise over \$2,000.00 in contributions from supporters and donors to stock Bench Mark Program's new kitchen facility with useful appliances and gadgets for members and staff to whip up healthy snacks and meals (this campaign, referred to as "Sponsor a Spoon", was also a strategically designed project between our Community Impact Committee and our Spring 2023 Provisional Class)
- Executing a two-phase community co-op program with the Boys & Girls Club of Lancaster that entails the clean-up and planting of a community garden behind the Jack Walker Clubhouse in downtown Lancaster that will harvest locally-grown, free produce for members, employees, and nearby residents beginning in late July 2023 (through its introduction, BGC members will also be treated to experiential STEM-oriented programming opportunities, as well as educational life skills involving health and wellness)
- Improving the nutrition for the most vulnerable populations by introducing free pop-up markets that will offer immediate access to fresh fruits and vegetables

GRANTS & AWARDS

2023 DEBORAH P. ALTMAN OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARD

The 2023 Deborah P. Altman Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award was awarded by the Grants Committee to two qualified, remarkable recipients: Lauren Leister and Caleb Miller. Leister is a graduating senior from Warwick High School, while Miller is a graduating senior from Donegal High School. Both received a \$1,800 prize, of which \$300 will be donated by the Junior League of Lancaster to their selected nonprofit organizations: Four Diamonds, the philanthropy selected by Leister, and Old Line Youth Livestock Foundation, Miller's chosen charity.

Since its inception in 1984, the Junior League of Lancaster annually selects at least one winner of the Deborah P. Altman Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award. Named for the late Deborah P. Altman, a past president of the Junior League of Lancaster, this prestigious award seeks to recognize young people who demonstrate exceptional interest and involvement in voluntarism and inspire their peers to volunteer in their communities.

Since the award was established in 1984, nearly \$50,600 has been awarded to outstanding youth in Lancaster County.



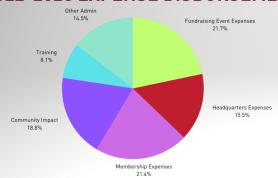
Lauren Leister, 2023 Deborah P. Altman Outstanding Youth Award Recipient



Caleb Miller, 2023 Deborah P. Altman
Outstanding Youth Award Recipient

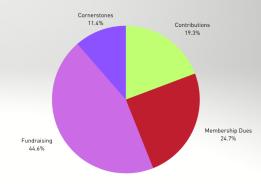
FINANCIAL REPORT

2022-2023 EXPENSE DISBURSEMENT



Total	\$80,188.39	100%
Fundraising Event Expenses	\$17,395.96	22%
Headquarters Expenses	\$12,407.53	15%
Other/Admin	\$11,650.68	15%
Membership Expenses	\$17,155.42	21%
Training	\$6,479.32	8%
Community Impact	\$15,099.48	19%

2022-2023 INCOME RECEIVED



Total	\$87,718.09	100%
Member Dues	\$21,673.75	25%
Fundraising	\$39,151.45	45%
Cornerstones	\$10,000.00	11%
Contributions	\$16,892.89	19%

¹ Includes Community Impact, Deb Altman Outstanding Youth Award, Community Grants.

² Includes national dues, communications with members.

³ Includes accounting fees, licensing fees, permits, insurance, and service charges.

⁴ Includes rent, Wi-Fi, utilities.

SPONSORSHIPS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

CORNERSTONE SPONSORS

The Junior League of Lancaster partners with organizations that wish to align with the League's mission and tangible community impact.

Each League year, our Fund Development Committee invites organizations to partner with our League as Cornerstone Sponsors and experience unique benefits, including, but not limited to, speaking at and/or hosting us at a General Membership Meeting (GMM), sending dedicated e-blasts to our entire membership, and complimentary memberships for their employees.

The Junior League of Lancaster could not be effectively run without critical funding from our Cornerstone Sponsors and their belief in our mission to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

We sincerely thank our 2022-2023 Cornerstone Sponsors for their generous support.

GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS (\$2,500)









MEDIA SPONSOR



SUSTAINERS

The year was 1923. The world mourns President Harding's fatal heart attack. Excited anticipation swirls around a new cartoon company started by Roy and Walt Disney.

News spreads across the Atlantic—there has been a failed coup in Germany. Fifty-five women, led by Laura Watt in a small room at the YMCA, were determined to be the light in a world that held both grief and joy.

On November 13, 1923, the Junior League of Lancaster was born. For one hundred years, a myriad of countless projects, lasting memories, and forever friendships have continued to brightly shine. As we celebrate our milestone birthday, it is fitting to reflect on the projects, big and small, that have made us a pillar in the Lancaster community.

When the Sustainer Board met for the first time in September of 2022, the excitement of the one-hundred-year celebration was palpable. We had seasoned Sustainers, fulfilling their second term on the Board. We welcomed "new" fresh faces, former Actives with longstanding commitment and dedication to the League. We kicked off the year with our Annual Fall Luncheon, where record attendance and friendships found led to recounting storied tales of the League's rich history.

We took to the great outdoors, led by Kendall Stonerook and Victoria Abadir, strapping on our boots for a guided hike led by a naturalist from the Lancaster Conservatory. We ushered in the holiday season, enjoying a fun evening of wreath making at Ken's Gardens. The cherished monthly book club meetings were always a highlight of the month, even more so when we had a private tour of the new library.



Katie Keister 2022-2023 Sustainer Chair

SUSTAINERS

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Karen Heinle, eager to continue the good work in the next one hundred years, chaired a Sponsorship Committee for the "One Hundredth." During this time, the committee developed strategies to further increase our community partnership opportunities. This will prove especially pivotal as we introduce our new area of focus: food insecurity.

Finally, the Sustainers capped off the year by hosting a fun evening of merriment to officially kick off the celebrations at LancasterHistory, the backyard and backdrop to our League's home for decades. Appropriately, one hundred people gathered to toast to our past and cheers to our future. New York Times best-selling author, Patti Callahan Henry, offered us words of inspiration; knowing that the Junior League of Lancaster's story is not over, and remembering each chapter we helped write.

The year of 1923 was the beginning; in 2023, let us continue the good work that the fifty-five women in a room at the YMCA certainly hoped would come to fruition. A year of continued work in the community, training volunteers, and developing the potential of all women.

With Appreciation,



Katie Keister, Sustainer Chair 2022-2023 Junior League of Lancaster









2024-2025 LEADERSHIP BOARD & PLACEMENT ADVISORS

2024-2025 BOARD NOMINATIONS

President: Laura McGarry

Recording Secretary: Anna Oot

Treasurer: Amy Lewis

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Membership Development VP: Yalonda Rice

Communications VP: Kris Zarnoch

Community Impact VP: Erin Sell

Nominating VP: Kelly Gehman

Placement VP: Jess Rodriguez



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First Year Advisors

Missy Esterly
Carrie McCullough
Elizabeth Reidenbach

Second Year Advisors

Anna Kennedy Leslie McCarthy Katie Walmer Julie Slabinski Megan Weiss

EXTRAORDINARY GIVE CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to the following individuals who supported the Junior League of Lancaster during the 2022-2023 League year through contributions to the Lancaster County Community Foundation's 2022 Extraordinary Give.

Victoria Abadir	Susan and Michael Bowser	Julianne Cusick	Brittany Fellin
Ashley Adams	Joanna Boyer	Maria Cusick	Christina Fletcher
Mary Anne Aichele	Nancy Bradley	Nicole Danz	Margaret and Alex Folk
Tesla and Keith Atkins	Jacqueline Brennan	Michelle Davy	Lisa and Rob Freeman
Tania Atkinson	Louise and Tim Brown	Anne Louise DeBord	Amanda Funk
Mary Ellen Bachman	Ann Bryson	Erin and Ian Derstler	Hannah Funk
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Samantha Biastre	Sandy and Gary Gross	Lee Farina	Carol Graham
Fiona Boltz	Maddy Cuddihy	Noelle Fassnacht	Mary Grill



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Amy Hartz	Deborah Keys	Teresa Marino	Jess Rodriguez
Deborah Havert	Kristin Kopp	Kristen Masengarb	Georgina Russo
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Karen Heinle	Martha Lamb	Laura and Kevin McGarry	Erin Sell
Margot Hoerner	Sarah and Chris Lesser	Katherine Mullen	Julie Slabinski
Lena Hohenadel	Amy Lewis	The Noel Family	Deborah Smith
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Alison van Harskamp Megan Weiss

Katie Walmer Christine Westbrook

Angela Ward Stacey Wilson

Anne Warfel Brittany and Dan Winnick

Ann Weaver Sue Wojnicki

Michelle Weaver



2022 Extraordinary Give Happy Hour at Annie Bailey's Public House



ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTORS

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Fiona Boltz

Ann Fulton

Lisa Freeman

Margot Hoerner

Jayne Pickard

Georgina Russo

Heidi Stadel

Joyce Stephens

DO GOOD.

BE INSPIRED.

MAKE FRIENDS.

BE A LEADER.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER