

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SAN JOSE HISTORY

For over 55 years, the Junior League of San Jose (JLSJ) has been a driving force for positive change in our community. Through the dedication and expertise of our Members, we have addressed critical social issues and empowered countless individuals. Our Community Focus Areas have encompassed societal violence, literacy and education, drug addiction, homelessness, unemployment, environmental issues, women's issues, and at-risk youth.

DECADES OF COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Supported over 75 community service projects
- Awarded more than \$5.5 million in grants to local nonprofits
- Contributed hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours
- Trained generations of San Jose and Santa Clara County women leaders
- Raised millions of dollars to support our Mission and programs



HISTORICAL MILESTONES

- 1947 - Formation of the Service League of San Jose, the precursor to JLSJ
- 1967 - Official incorporation of the Junior League of San Jose
- 1970-1973 - Pioneered community school programs in California
- 1975 - Established Outreach for Women, Inc. to support women in the workforce
- 1976 - Initiated the Peralta Adobe Project to preserve local history
- 1978 - Founded the Grantsmanship Resource Center to assist nonprofits
- 1980-1983 - Supported the establishment of Hospice of the Valley
- 1984-1988 - Contributed to the founding of the Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose
- 1987-1990 - Provided Court Designated Child Advocates to support abused children
- 1992 - Established an Endowment Fund to ensure long-term impact
- 1996 - Co-hosted State Farm US Figure Skating Championships, raising significant funds
- 2017 - Issue-Based Community Impact Model focused on Transitional Age Foster Youth
- 2024 - Local Community Focus redirected to Eradicating Poverty and Food Insecurity



THE JUNIOR LEAGUE
DEVELOPING WOMEN
TO DO A WORLD OF *good.*

