



What is Junior League?

Junior League of Cedar Rapids (JLCR) is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism and to improving the community through the effective action and the leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Junior League of Cedar Rapids reaches out to all women 21 years of age or older of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to volunteerism.

History

The concept of Junior League was formed a century ago (1901) in New York by a group of concerned young women who offered assistance to slum residents. Today, the Association of Junior Leagues International encompasses more than 295 autonomous Junior Leagues with more than 193,000 members.

JLCR was founded as a service league in 1929 and became the Junior League of Cedar Rapids in 1934. Currently we are a diverse group of 318 active and sustaining members.

Financial Support

Junior League finances its training, research, advocacy and community projects through a variety of sources, including patron and corporate contributions, membership dues and fundraisers. Our current fundraisers include a fall and a spring event to be determined by membership vote each year. JLCR is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, making all contributions tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The continued donations, commitments and financial support of area residents, businesses and corporations allow JLCR members to do what we do best:

- Identify problems in the community;
- Research ways to solve them;
- Organize a plan;
- Educate and inform our membership and the public;

- Raise the necessary money;
- Implement the program;
- Turn the project over to the city or an agency and then;
- Move on to a new, different project.

Structure

All active members of the Junior League serve on one or more committees where the work of the Junior League is carried out. The committees are organized into six Councils with other subcommittees of each.

- Administrative Council
- Community Council
- Marketing Council
- Planning Council
- Membership Council
- Finance Council

Commitment

Junior League of Cedar Rapids welcomes active members who willingly commit to the organization's mission and purpose. All Members in good standing demonstrate their commitment by meeting the following membership requirements:

Time

- Attend 6 of the 8 General Membership Meetings or designated alternatives
- Serve actively on one or more JLCR committees
- Contribute 10 volunteers hours to the community projects JLCR has selected through membership vote
- Contribute 10 fundraising hours to JLCR by participating in the organization's fundraising activities and meet financial commitments as approved by membership vote

Financial

A payment plan can be arranged with the Treasurer.
Dues:
Provisional fee (one time fee) is \$71.05
Active year financial commitment:
Annual Membership Fee is \$109.26
Fundraiser commitment is \$90

Our Impact on the Community

E.I.E.I.O – Expand and improve Old MacDonald’s Farm in Bever Park

Taylor Elementary Mentoring Project

Child’s Celebration of the Arts

Cedar Rapids Community School’s Rock and Read Program

Leap into Literacy

Madge Phillips Center for Homeless Women and Children

Four Oaks/Cornerstone Project

YWCA Madge Phillips Resource Center

Children’s Hands On Gallery

YWCA Domestic Violence Advocacy Program

Science Station

JLCR Puppet Show

Child’s Protection Center

Skills for Adolescence

Leadership for Five Seasons

Substance Abuse Prevention for Youth

Neighborhood Watch

Library Outreach

Cents for Science

Stand Up for Science

Currents of Care

Flood Relief

The Arc of East Central Iowa

Junior League of Cedar Rapids Fundraisers

Macaroni & Please Lifeskills Playshop - Community elementary students learn vital life skills to give them knowledge and confidence in a fun and interactive setting. The skills students learn in the hour and a half long course, will help them become better people and community members. Macaroni and Please is offered once in the fall and once in the spring.

Butterfly Kisses - During this annual event held at Cedar Rapids Country Club in the winter, daughters and their fathers enjoy a professional disc jockey and dance, mini ballroom dance lessons, a corsage, face painting, a glitz and glamour station, and different crafts.

The Ladies Titan Tire Challenge (LTTC) is one of 17 tournaments on the LPGA’s Developmental Tour – the Duramed FUTURES Tour. The event is held at Hunters Ridge and the players on this Tour are very simply the best young professional golfers in the world and represent the next generation of LPGA stars.

Done-In-A-Day Projects

Done In a Day (DIAD) projects are selected for each month of the league year by the DIAD committee. All Junior League members are encouraged to participate in these monthly activities.

