

Fall Fundraiser Update

Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the fall fundraisers a success, raising over \$10,000 for JLAA!

We sold 1,180 poinsettias to local individuals, corporations and our members. We generated sales of \$17,638 and a gross profit of \$8,053. We added 13 new businesses and had many repeat customers as well.



Even in this difficult economic time, we were able to donate 280 plants to Arbor Hospice and Meals on Wheels.

We would like to give special thanks to Jim Turner from Turner's Nursery and all the JLAA members who donated their time to help deliver to numerous businesses and map the routes!

Gift Wrap

The Sally Foster gift wrap sale is wrapping up thanks to the support of the Junior League members and the local community! 50% of every order will help the Junior League of Ann Arbor continue our mission of helping women and children in the community.

As of the middle of December, JLAA has sold \$5,168.50 of Sally Foster products. This means our organization will have \$2,584.25 to donate and allocate to local charities and organizations in need of support.



Thank you for your support!

Gemaya Griffin
Committee Chair

2nd Annual JLAA 'Live Like A Millionaire' Raffle 2009/2010

We're excited to announce the second annual event for the "Live like a Millionaire" raffle. On behalf of the committee, we are thrilled to be continuing this raffle with high hopes of doubling last year's raised amount of \$11,000.

We kicked things off at our October GMM meeting with giving away FREE Michigan football t-shirts for every 10 tickets purchased. We sold over \$1500 worth of tickets that evening, which was a great way to start the year! To date we have raised over \$2,500 as we just completed a successful presentation at the Sustainer Annual Holiday Party and they generously purchased over \$500 worth of tickets that night.

We've collected some fabulous prizes such as a gorgeous William Sonoma Espresso machine, a week stay in a condo at Boyne Mountain, a golf package at Fox Hills, a teeth whitening package, dinner gift certificate to the Chop House and so much more. We appreciate not only the Millionaire committee but also our members too for collecting these fabulous prizes.

All proceeds from the raffle go directly to the league and 100% of your ticket purchases go towards your JLAA fundraising requirement. We will continue to reach out to our members, sustainers, friends and family in hopes of making our goal in May.

We look forward to our next GMM meeting in January where for every 10 tickets purchased, you will receive a FREE car wash! Just another way our committee is doing things to make this raffle and the great prizes you can win, an amazing experience for the JLAA.

Please be sure to let us know if you have any items or experiences that you would like to contribute to the raffle and be sure to keep selling tickets to help us raise money for those in need in our community.

If you would like to donate prizes to this year's raffle or if you have any questions please contact Jen Parker at jennieparker@comcast.net or call 734.657.0031

Jen Parker
Committee Chair

SOS Committee

UM/OSU Food Drive

Thank you for the great participation in the first UM/OSU Food Drive! JLAA collected 1830 food items which were donated to the SOS food bank. Unfortunately, we fell a bit short in the competition, as the Columbus League donated 4124 items to their local food bank. While the OSU league officially won, we are both winners since we were able to provide so much food to families in need in both of our respective communities.

Children's Book and Activity Area

The Children's Book and Activity Area (CBAA) continues to provide a comfortable space for children to wait and read while their families are visiting the SOS Crisis Center during food distribution dates. JLAA members volunteer to staff the CBAA on one food distribution night per month to read books to the children and engage in activities with them. The volunteers give each child a book to take home.

After a break over the summer, the JLAA has staffed two CBAA dates this fall, one each in the months of September and October. Over 16 children have visited and taken a book home with them! In October, Borders generously donated brand new Halloween books to give to the children. The books were a hit!

JLAA members can volunteer at upcoming CBAA dates: January 27, February 24, March 24, and April 28.

Adopt a Family

Thanks to all of the generous donors for the Adopt a Family program. We collected a wide range of toys, clothing, warm winter accessories and gift cards. SOS was able to give the items we donated to various families to ensure that they were not short-changed when other donors that were not able to give all the family needed. Thank you for enriching these families' holidays!

Heather Lee



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Update from CAPP

The CAPP Committee spent the Fall hard at work updating its database of non-profit organizations, sending out queries for Done In a Day proposals, then reviewing the applications it received for upcoming DIAD projects.

Here's a brief description of the DIAD opportunities that will be offered next spring and summer:

* **Perry Nursery School's Party at the Playground:** Help set up, clean up and provide assistance at a "fun-raiser" for the school.

- **Growing Hope:** Help plant and install gardens for no- and low-income families so that they may grow their own vegetables.

- * **Heart Walk:** Help set up and provide assistance for the American Heart Association event.

- **Hope Clinic Women's Night Out:** Provide meals and assistance at the event, a night out for the women who use the clinic's services that includes a healthy meal, educational presentation and discussion.

- * **Empty Bowls:** Help sell pottery and man the sales booth for SOS at a summer festival in Ypsilanti.

- * **Ronald McDonald House kitchen supplies:** Provide RMH with new kitchen supplies via a registry set up by the New Member class.

In addition to these events, JLAA members will also have additional DIAD opportunities with SOS, Girls Group, and Strong Moms Strong Girls. Keep an eye on ENews and www.jlaa.org for more information this spring and to sign up for the events.

The CAPP Committee has also decided to extend its research for a signature project singular focus into the next league season. Coming up with specific topics to present to the general membership that will have large group interest, align with the league's missions, serve a need in the community and have organizations with which we can partner was too big a task to complete by February, the refore a necessary timeline for a new signature project will begin in the Fall.

The extra time will allow the committee to do more necessary research and make as strong a presentation as possible to the general membership next season, when the league will vote on a commitment to one area of focus.

More details are also to come on this process. Thanks for your patience!

Alison Cotsonika, CAPP Committee Assistant Chair

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The Done in a Day committee is happy to report that as of December 1, 2009 the Junior League of Ann Arbor has completed over 600 DIAD hours. Way to go JLA!!! Highlights from the fall include: Empty Bowls, Arbor Hospice, LSS Walk, Warm the Children, Meals on Wheels, Perry Nursery School, Ronald McDonald House, events from Girls Group, SOS, and SMSG.

Thanks for all your time and hard work!

Kristine Cable and Sarah Ekern

DIAD Co-Chairs

**Community Services Council**

Why remove DIAD hours for SMSG Book Club?

DIAD hours are put into place to give women in our Junior League an opportunity to give back to the community. One aspect of this is through monetary donations, gifts or other items given for a particular cause or non-profit. Another way is the time donated through our volunteer hours.

When SMSG was chosen as our project a few years ago, the league wanted to spur excitement and knowledge about the SMSG mission of relational aggression. One of the ways this was accomplished was through the reading and discussion of relevant books at SMSG book clubs. To increase attendance and educate the members in an extent far more than could be offered at GMM's, the incentive of DIAD hours were given. Through this, many women in the league became educated about this topic.

We have accomplished what we have set out to do and starting in February, we will no longer offer DIAD hours for SMSG book clubs. Rather, we will focus our DIAD hours on our active involvement and relationships within the community. It is important to note that the book clubs will continue to occur and be offered for women to continue to discuss relational aggression.

Monica Williams

V.P. of Community Services Council



Strong Moms Strong Girls

It is hard to believe the time that has passed. We have accomplished so much the past three and a half years. There will be even so much more that will start to show in the upcoming months. SMSG has worked hard to maintain our monthly workshops. We were able to get the SMSG workshop flyer into the Elementary School backpacks which increased registration. We are still working on the marketing in our middle schools. All of the past workshops have been very successful and very well received both by mother/guardian and daughter. We have had two community presentations and are currently working on getting our community groups, (i.e. girl scouts, soccer leagues, etc.) on board so we can spread the knowledge.

We had a wonderful coalition that involved many women/girl groups which met at the New Center in October. These were groups that shared a wealth of information about their organization and the goal was how to help each other. We have since then formed a Google group and hope to have another meeting in the beginning of the year. How does this help JLAA you might ask? Well, it gets the word out about the SMSG program that we have so passionately worked with. This is one small way to help the UCCF begin to learn avenues to sustain themselves without the League.

On that note, the weekend of March 18th, Lyn Michael Brown, one of the creators of "Hardy Girls and Healthy Women" will be conducting a seminar at U of M and with the help of JLAA member Stacey Bodner, she will help with the event planning. We are hoping to reach a major variety of people to make them understand the need to spread the awareness of relational aggression and ultimately be able to get the UCCF/SMSG program funding so they can sustain on their own.

This event will consist of a Thursday night lecture/book signing at Borders and then precede with a lecture on Friday morning at the University East Hall. Who knows what will come out of this???? As of today, the relational aggression/bullying topic is a priority in the schools. More schools are trying to promote how to develop and sustain "healthy relationships" in the curriculum.

JLAA-Lehigh of Pennsylvania will be visiting us in early Feb to learn how the JLAA and the UCCF developed this program and how they can make it work with their league. The exact dates when they will be here are still unsure but their goals will be to be here for the February workshop

and to watch and learn. This is where we will reach out to past community presentators to give them feedback and work with them.

When we have the exact information, we will contact any of the past recipients.

We had one book club that was well attended and we have another one coming up in January. Right now, with SMSG we have SO much going on. We will start needing the support of the JLAA in Jan.

We received this grant and we are using it. But, we will need help within our league as it gets closer. We will send notifications out as needed.

As I end this note, although I feel so gratified and proud to be a part of the JLAA, I have to say I feel even double being a part of the SMSG program. Life is tough for adults granted, but being a kid today is so much tougher than it was when we were teenagers. Problems remain the same as the years goes on, but our world now with all the advanced technology and the media that is much more explicit just seems to make those problems we all had as teenagers so much bigger today. It has been so wonderful to see how this program has helped many girls as well as their moms/guardians.

Karen Rothstein

SMSG Chair