



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MORRISTOWN**  
*Women building better communities®*

## Fact Sheet

### ***What is the Junior League of Morristown, Inc. (JLM)?***

We are 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.

Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The JLM reaches out to women of all ages, races, religious and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

### ***Fast Facts***

- Founded in 1936.
- One of eight Junior Leagues in New Jersey, and one of 296 Junior Leagues throughout the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, and Mexico.
- Currently there are over 300 members in the JLM, representing Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon, and Sussex counties.
- In the past five years the league has given back over \$50,000 of grants to the community to fund projects that support women and children well being.
- In the past five years the league has supported projects relating to self-esteem in young girls, senior companionship, caregiver appreciation, women transitioning from homelessness and children's nutrition education among others.
- Our community projects focus on improving the lives of women and children at risk in the Morris county area.

### ***Benefits of Membership***

The Junior League of Morristown, Inc. offers women:

- Involvement in fun, hands-on volunteer experiences which make a significant impact in our local communities;
- Social interaction, lifelong affiliation, and new friendships;
- Opportunities to enhance leadership skills;
- Training which prepares volunteers to serve on internal and/or external community boards; and
- Transfer option to Junior Leagues in other cities and countries if relocated.

### ***Key Community Initiatives and Partnerships***

**State Public Affairs Committee** - A non-partisan committee made up of representatives from each of the eight NJ Leagues who join together to take action on select state and national public issues. Specifically, they advocate for initiatives and legislation to improve the quality of life for women and children; improve the quality of education; and improve the environment.

**Day Top Project** - Each year the New Member Class of the JLM with the female residents at Daytop Village in Mendham, N.J. Daytop offers an alcohol/drug treatment program that addresses the needs of adolescents. Some of the activities that the JLM has provided include: yoga workshops, self-esteem workshops and art activities.

**Done in a Day Projects** - Each year we partner with local non-profits to develop and implement projects that address critical issues in our community and can be completed in a short period of time (a day or less) to offer an immediate impact. Past partners include: Jersey Battered Women's Service, American Cancer Society, Morristown Community Soup Kitchen, Interfaith Council for Homeless Families, Community Children's Museum, and Neighborhood House.

**Kids in the Kitchen Projects** - League members develop and implement hands-on healthy cooking workshops for children between the ages of 5-12.

**Children's Health and Wellness Curriculum** - Develop and implement fun interactive workshops to educate children on healthy lifestyles including exercise, nutrition, and positive body image.

**Voluntarism Scholarships** - The JLM awards four \$2,500 scholarships to outstanding high school seniors and one \$2,500 scholarship to a woman 40 years of age or older planning to attend or currently attending college.

**Community Grants** (Spring/2009) – The JLM awarded grants to All Children's Theater, First Choice Women's Resource Center, Jumpstart for a workshop series "Fatherhood Initiative: Building Connections," Market Street Mission and Women's Health & Counseling Center.

**Community Advisory Board** - An advisory partnership with leaders of area non-profits, educational institutions, small businesses and corporations. Members include: Joann Bjornson, Executive Director, Interfaith Council for Homeless Families; Mary Jo Buchanan, Director, County of Morris Department of Human Services; Terry Connolly, Executive Director, Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown; John Franklin, CEO, United Way of Morris County; Steven Miller, Executive Director, The Morris Museum; Elizabeth Parker, Co-Publisher and Executive Editor, The Recorder Newspapers; Patrice Picard, Executive Director, Family Service of Morris County; Laurie-Litt Robbins, Executive Director, Eric Johnson House; David Walker, Executive Director, Morristown Neighborhood House.

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