



## WHAT WE DO

Founded in 1925, the Junior League of Grand Rapids (JLGR) is a nonprofit women's service organization dedicated to advancing women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration and training.

JLGR empowers local women by providing leadership training, mentorship and hands-on experience. We believe that—by equipping women with the tools to lead and collaborate—we can inspire positive social change.

Over the years, JLGR has played a crucial role in supporting community programs and continues to be a driving force in creating lasting change across West Michigan. We have partnered with—and supported—organizations like the Grand Rapids Art Museum, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, Gilda's Club, CASA, Ronald McDonald House, and Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation, showcasing our commitment to making a lasting impact alongside these community partners.

Currently, our community impact focus area is advancing women's health and development. Through a multi-faceted approach, we are addressing this pressing issue and making a tangible difference in the lives of women in our community.

Whether it's through direct service, advocacy efforts or partnerships with local organizations, JLGR combines volunteer leadership, fundraising and community partnerships to create meaningful, lasting change. Our efforts, rooted in collaboration and volunteer action, are vital to building a healthier, more equitable future for all.

As we celebrate a century of service, JLGR remains steadfast in our dedication to developing the next generation of women leaders. Together, we are shaping the future of Grand Rapids, while ensuring a legacy of strong, confident women leaders who will continue to make a meaningful impact for years to come.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**ATTEND:** JLGR will celebrate its 100-year gala on April 25, 2025. Our annual gala will showcase how JLGR empowers women and impacts West Michigan through fundraising, voluntarism and leadership training. Visit our website to learn more and buy tickets.

**EXPLORE:** Visit [juniorleaguegr.com](http://juniorleaguegr.com) and follow us on Facebook (@JuniorLeagueGrandRapids), Instagram (@juniorleaguegr) and LinkedIn (@jlgr) to learn about our current and past partnerships and projects, as well as how you can contribute or become involved.

**JOIN:** We are accepting new members now. Follow us on social media for information about recruitment events and to learn more about the League. Visit our website to complete your membership application. Email us ([juniorleaguegr@gmail.com](mailto:juniorleaguegr@gmail.com)) for more information.

**HELP OTHERS:** Over the last 100 years, JLGR has helped establish programs, provided grants and furnished volunteers for various initiatives and community partnerships. Examples include YWCA, Mel Trotter Ministries, St. John's Home, Habitat for Humanity and Women's Resource Center.

**DONATE:** We encourage you to support the Junior League of Grand Rapids through a donation. In doing so, you'll help develop and sustain impactful projects in the community that foster the next generation of civic leaders, while also improving West Michigan women's health and development.



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### 278 MEMBERS



### 2023 REVENUE

\$111,072



### FOUNDED IN 1925



## LEADERSHIP



**ANNE MARIE HILLARY**  
president



**AJ WILKES**  
president elect

**Melisa Schut**  
vice president of finance

**Mabel Heitmeier**  
vice president of communications

**Kristin Georgelos**  
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vice president of membership development

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vice president of fund development

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secretary/  
parliamentarian

**Carroll Velie**  
sustainer  
representative (voting)

**Rachel Siglow**  
sustainer  
representative

**Autumn Hubbard**  
office manager

## EVENTS & FUNDRAISING



The Junior League of Grand Rapids "Painted the Town Red" at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala, honoring sustaining league member, Kim Rossi!



Through an initiative called **Wellness Adventure Yard** or WAY, JLGR designed and implemented four outdoor play spaces around Grand Rapids in an effort to improve children's physical health. The second WAY was installed in partnership with the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center.

## FUNDING SOURCES

