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*The Junior League of Wilmington, DE (JLW) would like to thank all of our sponsors, donors, partners, and supporters. With your help, the JLW is able to continue our mission to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.*

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# Letter from the Outgoing President



Dear Leaguers, Donors, and Community Partners,

The Junior League of Wilmington entered its 107th League year under the banner of **Creating Community in Wilmington** – a theme centered around the belief that all things are possible through collective action. This has been a year of transition, building a bold future while honoring our past, all while seeking to deepen connections with our friends and neighbors.

In November, we hosted our 39th **Whale of a Sale** signature fundraiser, welcoming over 1,000 shoppers and raising more than

\$16,000 on Sale Day alone! This was possible thanks to the tireless efforts of the Whale of a Sale Committee and the efforts of members (and spouses and children too)!

Service initiatives supported partners new and old including a garden cleanup at **Bellevue Farms**, Thanksgiving box-packing at **Sunday Breakfast Mission**, cookie baking for residents of **Kentmere Nursing**, family meal preparations at **Ronald McDonald House Charities**, a toy and coat drive at **Kingswood Community Center**, blood donations at the **Red Cross** and **Blood Bank of Delmarva**, menstrual hygiene kit-making with **Days for Girls**, a cooking and etiquette class at the **Teen Warehouse**, a clothing drive for **Black Mother's in Power**, and menstrual supply distribution at Wilmington's **Lady Bug Festival**. Our free trainings offered plentiful opportunities for personal and professional development on the topics of AI, networking, and negotiation. The Junior League of Wilmington was also among a select group of Leagues piloting **LEAD 1901**, a new education program created for Leagues by our parent organization, the Association of Junior Leagues International.

Our community showed up in support of us at our monthly General Membership Meetings. We were fortunate to welcome speakers from **Children & Families First**, **The Red Cross**, **The WRK Group**, **Zelvin Law**, and our very own Lieutenant Governor, Kyle Gay. These speakers imparted valuable knowledge of the great work local non-profits are doing in the community and the ways we can support them.

Other important milestones included critical repair work on our League headquarters, the historic Lea-Derickson house. Over the course of the year, we refreshed our board room with AV enhancements, repaired interior water damage, replaced specialized infrastructure, underwent a whole-house energy audit, and debuted a new **Community Cabinet**.

We were also proud to have members **Pamela Cornforth** and **Kyle Gay** honored respectively with **AJLI's 40 Over 40** and **40 Under 40** awards – an incredible distinction for a single League to accomplish in one year!

# Letter from the Outgoing President

Finally, we bid farewell to **Stand Up. Period.** Over the last seven years, Stand Up. Period. has provided essential menstrual hygiene supplies to the state of Delaware through our period supplies bank, and countless collection and distribution efforts. **The Delaware Dignity Project**, a community-driven initiative dedicated to empowering women by providing menstrual hygiene, was selected to carry on the mission of our work.

I want to thank every League member for the opportunity to serve as your 96th president. It has been a great honor, a thrilling challenge, and an unforgettable year in my life. A special thanks is owed to the 2025-26 board members for their leadership and dedication. We succeeded in creating community in Wilmington this year, and I look forward to a bright future building better.

With Gratitude,

*Merrie L. Goodlander*

Merrie L. Goodlander



# Message from the JLW Sustainers

The Sustainer Committee has had a wonderful and active year so far, bringing members together through a mix of dining, outings, and shared experiences. From popular restaurant gatherings at Firebirds, The Melting Pot, and The BackBurner to a growing number of new and familiar faces at each event, it's been great to see such strong participation and connection across the group.

Our first trip of the year was to Laurel Hill East Cemetery in Philadelphia. It involved a lot of hiking, but it was enjoyable and filled with historical information. Our next trip also involved walking, but this time inside the Herr's Potato Chip factory—an informative tour with lots to learn about all the product lines produced at the plant. The best part was the hot chips, right off the assembly line! We had a delicious lunch following the tour at Nottingham Inn Kitchen and Creamery. Highly recommend—great food and service!

Our Holiday Luncheon was on a lovely winter day. The sunroom let us enjoy the sunshine while having lunch. There was lots of camaraderie, along with great food and the lovely environment of The Greenville Country Club.

Our Holiday Lights at Longwood brought out many women to soak up the last of the holiday lights in January. The Spa Day brought out a few new faces to indulge in some “me” time to recover from the holidays and get ready for the new year. Unfortunately, the weather caused us to cancel the French Wine Tasting, but we hope to reschedule it for next year.

March brought the Sustainer Coffees - such a fun way to meet Actives and find out more about what is going on in the League. The Spring Cocktail Party is back on the calendar, this time at The Greenville Country Club. Open to both Sustainers and Actives, it's a fun event to mix and mingle with all your JLW friends.

A new event this year was our tea for Sustainer Emeritae at The Country House. We wanted to reach out and let them know how much we appreciate their contributions and continued interest in the League. We also had a luncheon to welcome our new Sustainer Emeritae at Eclipse Bistro. It's so great to see the long-term commitment so many women have to the League!



# Message from the JIW Sustainers

A spring tour of a historic house and garden has been a tradition for the past couple of years, and we did it again with our tour of The Woodlands in Philadelphia—an amazing house and lovely gardens. We enjoyed a catered lunch right on the property, which gave us more time to enjoy the grounds.

Summer will bring us a July lunch at the Mexican Table. We dined there a few years ago and it received rave reviews and a demand for a repeat meal. Dinners sell out quickly, so when you receive an email announcing the event, you need to respond quickly to reserve your spot!

Another repeat request is the ice cream making class at Hangry Bear Creamery in Kennett Square. So fun and you get to bring home the delicious ice cream made by your team. This will happen in August.

We will meet in June to set up our 2026/27 calendar of events. Let me know if you have any suggestions for the committee!

Cordially,  
Pamela Bonsib

## Welcome

Amanda Hapgood, Christine Lowery, Karen McAneray, Kristen Moaikel, Traci Madison, and Kyle Evans Gay who achieved Sustainer status this League year.

## Congratulations

Annie Silton, Lisa Simon, Sylvia Coslow, and Carla Westerman who achieved Sustainer Emeritus status this League year.

## In Memorium

We fondly remember these Sustainers and are grateful for their years of friendship and service:  
Mary Meese, Jinni Butz, Patricia Deverell, and Lyn Newsom.



# Celebrating Community and Connection



What a year it's been Creating Community in Wilmington! We kicked things off with two cherished summer traditions: the July Iced Tea hosted by Sustainer Stephanie Cory Gorris, and the annual August BBQ - luau-style! We jumped right into service, unveiling a new Community Cabinet at the League house, participating in a community garden cleanup at Bellevue Farms, and becoming frequent visitors of the WPD Community Resource Fairs. The JLW Book Club remained a cornerstone of community in our League with lively gatherings all year long.

The winter months were bustling with volunteer activities at Sunday Breakfast Mission, Kingswood Community Center, Ronald McDonald House Charities, and a lively gift exchange at HQ. A new tradition, the non-profit community mixer, met great success at Scout Cafe. March featured our treasured Sustainer Coffees, graciously hosted by Mary Bowler, Megan Pettyjohn, Jess Chapple, and Pamela Bonsib, as well as virtually with Susan Coulby. Springtime brought back the tradition of Wilmington's Flower Market and fan-favorite Penns Woods Winery Mother's Day Market. We wrapped up our League year with a springtime-soiree at the Annual Dinner at the Carriage House at Rockwood Park.

To all our Members: thank you for making time to connect. Your presence made our events warmer, our bonds stronger, and our League better. Here's to another year of friendship, fun, and impact!



**2025 AJLI**  
**40 Over 40**  
*Pam Cornforth*



Pamela Whitehead Cornforth is a mission-focused, energetic, and passionate organizational leader with more than 25 years of nonprofit leadership experience. She joined the JLW in 1987 after being solicited by JLW members to buy raffle tickets to support construction of a Ronald McDonald House. She went on to lead the League's Ronald McDonald Raffle Committee and eventually would be tapped to serve as both President of the JLW (1997-98) and as President/CEO of the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware (1999-present).

Pam oversees all House and Ronald McDonald Family Room operations. She led a \$5M capital campaign as well as a rebrand to reflect expanding mission and reach. Pam served on the RMHC Global Advisory Board, and on an ad hoc RMHC impact-study team. Pam has served the greater community as Delaware Association of Nonprofit Agencies Board Chair; Delaware State Chamber of Commerce Superstars in Business Committee Chair and Small Business Alliance Board of Managers Co-Chair; Delaware Fund for Women Founder, Secretary and Board Chair; Rotary Club of Wilmington President; and a Delaware Community Foundation Board member.

As a JLW Sustainer, she has served as both Sustainer Advisor to the President and Sustainer Director on the Board. Pam's leadership has been recognized with her selection as a SmartCEO magazine Brava! Women Business Achievement Award winner and Brava! Hall of Fame member; a 2019 Delaware Today/Delaware Business Times Women in Business honoree and the 2023 Delaware State Chamber of Commerce Gilman Bowl recipient. In 2024 Pam was chosen as USA TODAY's Delaware Woman of the Year, which recognizes women across the United States who have had a significant impact on their communities.

Pam spent eight years of her youth living in Caracas, Venezuela, and returned to the United States to earn a bachelor of arts degree in psychology with a minor in business from Skidmore College. She previously resided in New York and Connecticut and has lived in Landenberg, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Doug, with whom she has three adult children - including JLW member Anna Cornforth Jansen - and four grandchildren, for 32 years.

**2026 AJLI**  
**40 Under 40**  
*Kyle Evans Gay*



Kyle Evans Gay serves as Delaware's 27th Lieutenant Governor. She seeks to help families thrive and to protect vulnerable populations by prioritizing early education, healthcare access, workforce growth, criminal justice reform and veteran support.

Kyle joined the Junior League of Wilmington, DE, in 2015 and was its 2019-20 President, implementing the award-winning Stand Up. Period. menstrual equity initiative, and she remains an Active Member.

She began her career as a Deputy Attorney General in the Delaware Department of Justice before clerking in Delaware Superior Court. Moving into private practice, she next represented clients in Delaware's business courts and provided pro bono services for children in foster care. Before she ran for public office, Kyle worked with a community coalition to pass Delaware's Equal Rights Amendment. Later, as a Delaware State Senator, Kyle chaired two Senate committees and co-chaired a joint oversight committee. She introduced and passed measures to create automatic voter registration at the Division of Motor Vehicles and to expand healthcare access on college campuses. She secured increased funding for early education and corrected funding disparities between counties.

Informed and inspired by her Junior League service, she passed legislation to expand the availability of free menstrual products in schools. Now, as Lieutenant Governor, Kyle presides over the Delaware State Senate and chairs multiple state boards and commissions, including the Board of Pardons. She hosts monthly forums with community leaders to help shape policies reflecting the diverse experiences of Delawareans. For her collaborative, solutions-based approach, she was selected as a Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow and as a Rodel Fellow.

Kyle has served on the Public Integrity Commission, is President of the Delaware Bar Foundation, and co-founded a nonprofit to foster civic and entrepreneurial opportunities among young professionals. Kyle earned an undergraduate degree from Brown University and her juris doctor from Boston University School of Law. She and her husband live in Wilmington with their two young daughters. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, skiing, and traveling.

# Fall 2025 & Spring 2026 New Members

The League welcomed two amazing groups of New Members to our ranks this League year. Each Member brought with them a wealth of experience and skills, and we are so excited to have them join our community and work together!

## Fall 2025 New Member Class

Tinesar Forrest

Karen Baker

Isuri Abeysekara



## Spring 2026 New Member Class

Sylvia Bennett  
Yadeira Burnett  
Shara Compton

An Bougherty  
Sis Hannibal  
Lorri Martin

Grace Palcic  
Elizabeth Rich  
Jane-Elise Ryer



# Community Impact

## Messages from the Co-Chairs

### Sarah Fruehauf:

Stepping into my first leadership role with the Junior League was both a privilege and a challenge. As our League navigated the transition away from Stand Up. Period, our committee leaned into the uncertainty by exploring new organizations and possibilities through our DIAD events and finding ways to connect with our community in fresh and meaningful ways. My most treasured memory from this year was packing food boxes at the Sunday Breakfast Mission alongside my eight-year-old daughter, who took great delight in selecting the "fun" items (like Nutella and Oreos) for each box. After this event, I was filled with a deep sense of purpose knowing our efforts would reach more than 80 local families. That feeling has stayed with me as a reminder of what makes this work so worthwhile: rolling up your sleeves alongside others in service of your own community.

### Lauren Colby:

This year was one of meaningful growth, genuine connection, and no small amount of uncertainty as we navigated the transition away from Stand Up. Period. Researching our League's new focus area was an exciting endeavor that I enjoyed collaborating on alongside my co-chair and in close partnership with our President and President-Elect. Our Community Impact Committee members organized unique and meaningful DIADs that got us into the community and working with our hands. One of my favorite moments came at the garden cleanup at Bellevue Community Center, where I got to share my love of Wilmington's gardening community with my Junior League friends. There is something so rewarding about watching the transformation that only many hands working together can create in just a few short hours. I enjoyed working with my co-chair Sarah immensely this year, and have enjoyed getting to know the CI committee members as well. Our energy when working together is palpable, and I look forward to carrying that uplifting and motivating energy into whatever comes next.

## Saying Goodbye to Stand Up. Period.



MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS FOR ALL

Stand Up. Period. was officially transitioned to The Delaware Dignity Project at the conclusion of the 2025-26 League year.

# Done In A Day Events

**JLW has been hard at work in the community!**

## **DONE IN A DAY: SMALL ACTS, BIG IMPACT**

Through 10 one-day service projects, League members made a meaningful impact across the community—supporting local partners, meeting immediate needs, and showing up where help was needed most.

### **2025–2026 Highlights:**

- Fall 2025: Period supply distribution at Wilmington Police Dept. Resource Fair; Bellevue community garden cleanup; Thanksgiving meal packing for Sunday Breakfast Mission
- December 2025: Toy & coat distribution at Kingswood Community Center; cookie packages for Kentmere Nursing Home
- Winter 2026: Meal preparation at Ronald McDonald House; Menstrual hygiene packs for Days for Girls;
- Spring 2026: Care bags packed for the FED Up initiative; period supply transition to Delaware Dignity Project; League presence at Ladybug Music Festival



# 2026 - 2027 Slate of Leadership

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Ciara Seal  
**President-Elect:** Rachael Michels  
**Treasurer:** Jen Burke  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Kay Fitzgerald  
**Secretary:** Susan Salter  
**VP Communications:** Merrie Goodlander  
**VP Membership:** Aravinda Ayyagari  
**VP Fund Development:** Lynn Danner  
**VP Community Programs:** Sarah Fruehauf  
**Sustainer Director:** Conci Rosa

Congrats

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Member Engagement Co-Chairs**  
Cindy Perilli & Heidi Williams  
**Member Engagement Members**  
Renee Leverette, Tinesar Forrest,  
Kisha Riveire, Charna K. Parler-Porter  
**New Member Co-Chairs**  
Stephanie Cory Gorris & Susan Coulby  
**Nominating Members**  
Colleen Heyel, Tiffany Shrenk,  
Anna Jansen, Merrie Goodlander  
**Community Impact Co-Chairs**  
Lauren Coulby & Claudine Jensen  
**Training & Education Chair**  
Lindsay Neary  
**Fund Development Chair**  
Rachael Michels  
**Kitchen Tour Co-Chairs**  
Susan Cicala, Tiffany Shrenk, Lindsey Neary  
**Communications Chair**  
Leah McGinty

# 2025-2026 Emily Dickinson Awardees

**Yadeira Burnett**, New Member Class  
**Robyn Candy**, Whale of a Sale  
**Stephanie Cory Gorris**, Sustainer  
**Hannah Crouch**, Whale of a Sale  
**Lynn Danner**, Whale of a Sale  
**Mary Kay Haden**, Sustainer  
**Jeanie Hayes**, Sustainer  
**Mary Hickok**, Sustainer  
**Claudine Jensen**, Community Impact  
**Stephanie Larson**, Communications

**Diane Lawson**, Sustainer  
**Christine Lowery**, Whale of a Sale  
**Traci Madison**, Whale of a Sale  
**Lindsey Mason**, Whale of a Sale  
**Susan Salter**, Whale of a Sale  
**Marna Schmidt**, Whale of a Sale  
**Monica Shockley-Porter**, Community Impact  
**Tiffany Shrenk**, Whale of a Sale  
**Annie Silton**, Sustainer  
**Nancy Tieste**, Sustainer

**Mary Warburton**, Sustainer

*The Emily Dickinson Outstanding Volunteer Service Award was established in 2005 to honor JLW Members whose service to the League and their fellow Members has gone above and beyond their normal placement responsibilities.*

# How We Found the Good

International **Find the Good Day** – created by The Junior League – is dedicated to finding the good in yourself, your community, and the world around you. **This Day is not just a date on the calendar; it's a movement that reflects the timeless spirit of Junior Leagues – a legacy of kindness, empowerment, and community transformation.** Together, we aim to make a difference by embracing the power of unity, positive change, and finding the good. On the third Thursday in September, Junior Leagues across the Association host events and raise awareness.

The Junior League of Wilmington celebrated our second annual Find the Good Day by **unveiling a new Community Cabinet.** In the spirit of Creating Community in Wilmington, this resource provides a multitude of items for our friends and neighbors, including books, food, and hygiene products.

Use of the League's Community Cabinet has revealed a need for shelf stable food in our local community. **We welcome donations to help keep us stocked and deeply appreciate all charity received.**



# Piloting Programming for Future Leaders

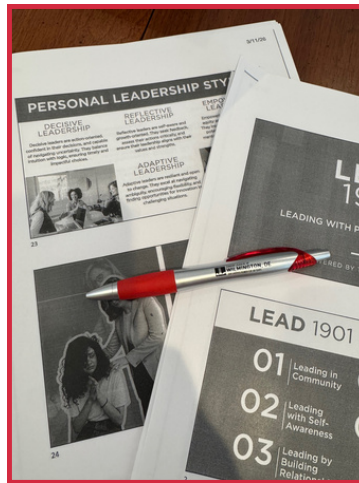
The Junior League of Wilmington was proud to be among a small group of Leagues selected to pilot **LEAD 1901**, a new curriculum created for League leaders by AJLI.

Facilitated by Sustainer and past president, Stephanie Cory Gorris, Med., the curriculum is designed as an intensive for members who want skill-building and a clearer roadmap into League and community leadership.

The interactive workshop worked through modules critical to successful leadership, including:

- Leading in community
- Self-awareness for leaders
- Building relationships
- Communication in leadership
- Leading forward

Participants provided feedback to finetune these modules and help AJLI in developing the best possible coursework!



# A Night at the Movies



This March, Leaguers and friends were delighted to grab popcorn for our very first documentary screening! Hosted at Wilmington's Screening Room at 1313, we screened **The (M) Factor 2: Before the Pause**, a powerful new documentary shining a light on perimenopause. The intimate audience learned more about this important topic through the film's personal stories and expert insights. Lively conversation followed the screening with a consensus of screening more relevant documentaries in the future!

# Year in Review: Reflecting on the Fun Fundraisers of the League Year



We had a great year raising funds for the Junior League of Wilmington, from in-person events like the Peter Kate Sip & Shop and Guest Bartending at Bellefonte Brewery to online fundraisers like DoMore24 Delaware, which raised an auspicious **\$1,918**.

On Minted®, an online marketplace of premium design goods, League-minded customers could save 20%, with **10% of proceeds** going directly back to our mission in the community.



**We thank our Ways and Means Committee for planning these wonderful fundraisers!  
In total, we raised over \$4,000.**

VP Ways and Means: Rachael Michels



# JLW'S 39TH ANNUAL

# Whale of a Sale



In November 2025, the Junior League of Wilmington hosted its 39th Whale of a Sale! The event welcomed over 1,000 shoppers and raised more than \$16,000 on Sale Day alone. Combined with our Preview Party, **the League raised over \$24,000 in support of our work.**

This year, we received an incredible donation of wedding dresses from Bella's Younique Bridal Boutique. JLW members quickly stepped in to ensure hundreds of brides are ready for their big day at an affordable price.



Our Preview Party, held the Thursday before the sale, was a blast. Guests enjoyed delicious catering from The Well, Chick-fil-A, and BJ's, and attendees had the chance to learn their true color palette from Image Atelier. The evening also featured lively raffle competitions, with great items donated by Bloom Daily Planners, Pike Creek Dental, Evolve Esthetique, Hockessin Athletic Club, Mt. Cuba Center, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Wegmans, and more. Many thanks to our wonderful Sustainers and non-Committee members who assisted with this year's sale.

## Whale of a Sale Committee

Lynn Danner, Co-Chair  
Tiffany Shrenk, Co-Chair  
Tara Brady

Robyn Candy  
Hannah Crouch  
Christine Lowery  
Traci Madison

Lindsey Mason  
Susan Salter  
Marna Schmidt

The 2026 Annual Dinner





# Annual Fund Donors

## Patrons

Donations of \$500 - \$999

Alison Frost  
Jeanie Hayes  
Matthew Senseny

## Fellows

Donations of \$250 - \$499

Amanda Hapgood  
Ashley Harris

## Partners

Donations of \$100 - \$249

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Joan Gehrke  
Nancy Graves  
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Lisa Pomraning  
Constance Rosa  
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Carla Westerman

## Members

Donations of \$50 - \$99

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Catherine Julian

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Heather Rafail  
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Peggy Sacher  
Ciara Seal  
Kelly Slabicki  
Kelsey Thompson  
Susan Woolworth

Thank you to all of our 2025-2026 Donors!



## Friends

Donations of \$1 - \$49

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Johanna Chehi  
Karen Colbourn  
Susan Coulby

Lynn Danner  
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Van Downing-Webster  
Lauren Fortunato  
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Mary Warburton

## Whale of a Sale Sponsors

### Platinum

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Bella's YOUnique Bridal Boutique  
Concord Mall

### Silver

Image Atelier  
WellFit  
djBigVillage

### Bronze

Pat Caputo's American Karate Studio  
Studio Scriv  
Pike Creek Dental

### Additional

Bloom Daily Planners  
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Chaddsford Winery  
Delaware Theatre Company  
Evolve Esthetique  
Hockessin Athletic Club  
Mt. Cuba Center  
Newt's Clean Outs & Tag Sales  
Nothing Bundt Cakes  
Truly Yoga  
Penn Cinema  
Once Upon A Child  
The Oasis Family Fun Center  
Cape May-Lewes Ferry  
Wegmans

Special thanks to our Giving Tuesday and DoMore24 Donors!

# Letter from the Incoming President



Dear League Members, Neighbors, Friends and Supporters,

As we prepare for a new League year, I am honored to reflect on the proud legacy of the Junior League of Wilmington and to look ahead with optimism for what we will continue to accomplish together.

Since our founding in 1918, the League has been a steady and meaningful presence in Wilmington—advancing women’s leadership and responding to the needs of our community through service, collaboration, and action.

Across generations, members of the Junior League of Wilmington have helped launch initiatives, support nonprofit partners, and contribute to programs whose impact continues to be felt today. This history is a testament to the dedication, leadership, and collective vision of the women who have come before us.

As President-Elect, I am deeply grateful for this foundation and inspired to help carry it forward. This year holds special significance as the Junior League movement celebrates its 125th anniversary, marking more than a century of women working together to strengthen communities around the world. Locally, this milestone invites reflection as well as renewal. Wilmington continues to evolve, and the Junior League of Wilmington remains committed to evolving alongside it—thoughtfully, responsibly, and with purpose.

Guided by our mission to advance women’s leadership for meaningful community impact, we are focused on strengthening engagement within the League, deepening community partnerships, and ensuring our work remains relevant and effective. By honoring our history while embracing new ideas and approaches, we are building a future that is both grounded and forward-looking.

The continued success of the Junior League of Wilmington depends on the dedication of our members and the generosity of our supporters. I invite those who share our commitment to leadership development and community service to learn more about joining the League, and I encourage our donors and friends to continue investing in the programs and training that empower women to lead and serve with confidence.

Together, we will honor our legacy, strengthen our present, and ensure that the Junior League of Wilmington remains a vital force in our community for generations to come.

I am deeply thankful for your continued support of our League.

With gratitude,

*Ciara Seal*

Ciara Seal



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The Junior League of Wilmington, Inc. is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. The Junior League of Wilmington welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.

