



**DEVELOPING WOMEN
TO DO A WORLD OF
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IMPACT REPORT 2024-2025 LEAGUE YEAR



FOOD4THOUGHT

In November, JLA volunteers helped Hope4TheHolidays by assisting Food4Thought with food distribution and winter goods giveaways on Thanksgiving Day.

UNITED WAY

We participated in a United Way initiative, creating no-sew blankets for veterans in the Veterans Treatment Court program (pictured right).

EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Members also supported Valentine's Day events for seniors at Woodside Gardens, volunteered at the annual Souper Bowl event benefiting Light House Shelter, and will take part in additional volunteer opportunities in April and May.



VOLUNTEER ACTION

MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY IMPACT

JLA supported nearly a dozen community partners this year, participating in:

- The Rotary's Annual Crab Feast
- Salvation Army's Angel Tree Project
- Food4Thought's food distribution efforts

We also integrated community impact into other events:

- At our Find the Good Day event in September, members donated non-perishable food items for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank.
- During our Women's Wellness Event in February, attendees contributed new and gently used professional attire to Success in Style, a nonprofit helping individuals in crisis achieve employment and self-sufficiency.





ADVANCING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

This year, JLA partnered with our sister Leagues from across the state (Junior Leagues of Baltimore, Howard County, and Prince George's County) for a tour and recognition at the Maryland State House. Attendees had the opportunity to meet with Delegate Dana Jones, Senator Pam Beidle, Senator Shaneka Henson, and U.S. Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth, as well as Maryland Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller. (Pictured above)

Our Training team also hosted an Advocacy Day training in October 2024, featuring insights from Nikki Tyree, Executive Director of the Maryland League of Women Voters, and Sari Wisch, Chief of Staff in the Maryland General Assembly. Members learned how to engage in advocacy and navigate the Maryland legislative process.

In February, we celebrated women in leadership at our Galentine's Day Brunch, where we honored Anne Arundel County's first female Fire Chief, first female Police Chief, and the first female Garrison Commander of Fort Meade. This inspiring event recognized trailblazing women making an impact in our community.



Pictured above: Anne Arundel County's first female Fire Chief, Trisha L. Wolford, and the first female Garrison Commander of Fort Meade, Colonel Yolanda D. Gore.

COLLABORATION

Building relationships with other organizations has been instrumental in advancing JLA's mission. Through member connections, we have expanded our presence in Anne Arundel County.

- In October 2024, JLA participated in the League of Women Voters' Board of Education Candidate Forum, where our President, Megan Sundberg, had the honor of serving on the panel.
- In February 2025, our Membership and Training team hosted a Women's Wellness Event, featuring a book discussion, a women's health panel, guided chair yoga, and local vendors. The event focused on self-care and empowerment for our members.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

At the start of the League year, we emphasized the importance of developing women to do a world of good.

- In Spring 2024, JLA joined the Junior League Training Collaborative, offering members virtual professional development opportunities. To date, our members have earned hundreds of hours in valuable training.
- In January 2025, our Member Experience Committee Chair, Stacie Spragins, led a training session on Embracing Conflict for Positive Outcomes, helping members navigate difficult conversations in work, League, and home life.
- JLA sent members to two major AJLI conferences:
 - Organizational Development Training, where Membership Council leaders learned best practices for recruiting and retaining members.
 - Advocacy and Leadership Institute, where members gained insights into civic engagement.



OUR MISSION

Junior League of Annapolis, Inc. is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

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