



## *About Us*

Junior League of Annapolis, Inc. (JLA) is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. It reaches out to all women of any race, religion, or national origin who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism.

## *Our Vision*

Junior League of Annapolis, Inc. is the leader in making Anne Arundel County a place where all women and children are able to reach their full potential.

## *Our Fundraisers*

- Giving Tuesday - Each year, JLA Members join the global movement that inspires people and organizations to give back to their communities and the world on a single day.
- Cookbooks - A Thyme To Entertain: Menus & Traditions of Annapolis, an official cookbook of Annapolis, Maryland.
- Little Black Dress --This is a social media-driven awareness and fundraising campaign to raise awareness about poverty and its effects on women's lives.

## *Our Community Programs*

- Community Involvement & Outreach (CIO) - Members volunteer in short-term projects for nonprofit organizations throughout the community of Anne Arundel County. CIO projects are part of the JLA's ongoing commitment to increasing the self-sufficiency of women and children.

## *Our History*

In 1901, Mary Harriman, a 19 year old New York City debutante with a social conscience, founded the first Junior League. Moved by the suffering she saw around her, Harriman mobilized a group of 80 other young women, hence the name "Junior" League, to work to improve the squalid conditions in which immigrants were living on the Lower East Side in Manhattan. Currently, there are 296 Junior Leagues in the United States, England, Canada and Mexico.

In 1948, eight Junior League members living in Anne Arundel County formed a group interested in implementing volunteer projects in the Annapolis area. Although they were members of the Junior League of Baltimore, their foremost interest was in their own community. As the group grew in number and expertise, it re-evaluated its structure and eventually became the Annapolis Committee of Junior League of Baltimore, Inc. This branch voted in February 1981 to incorporate as Junior Service League of Annapolis and to apply for membership in the Association of Junior Leagues.

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