

ANNUAL REPORT

2019
2020



EMPOWERING
WOMEN
— TO LEAD —

MISSION, MODEL & HISTORY

OUR MISSION

Founded in 1926, the Junior League of Miami (JLM) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

OUR MODEL

Central to the mission of JLM is the personal and professional growth of our members. We have been building the capacity of women leaders in Miami for nearly 100 years. Through trainings that build specific skills and volunteer leadership positions that contribute to holistic growth, our unique model places members in JLM leadership roles that mirror positions found at both for-profit and nonprofit organizations. Governed by a Board of Directors and managed by a separate Executive Management Team, JLM is a 501(c)(3) organization and our volunteer leaders promote diversity, build teams, steward budgets, and deliver impactful results. Our current and past leaders are executives across a wide array of industries in Miami.

OUR HISTORY

JLM has been training, developing, and empowering women throughout Miami-Dade County for 94 years. Throughout the League's history, the volunteering women of JLM have planted the seeds for many programs that are still part of this community today. Some have grown into major institutions, like the Children's Home Society (begun in the early 1930s), the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science (started by JLM in 1949), and Inn Transition North and South (started in 1988 with Inn Transition North opening in 1990 and Inn Transition South opening in 2002).

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Uppaluri Family Foundation Scholarship:
Milarvi Paul

The Kathryn Menke Miller Scholarship:
Massiel Cobblah

The Kathryn Menke Miller Scholarship:
Natalia Fermin

This year's winners of the Junior League of Miami Scholarships are Milarvi Paul, Massiel Cobblah, and Natalia Fermin. In addition to sponsoring this year's winner, the Uppaluri Family Foundation and our own Anita Uppaluri also continue to sponsor, and mentor the past winners of her Family Foundation's Scholarship.

From left: Natalia Fermin, Massiel Cobblah, and Milarvi Paul





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year the over 800 women of the Junior League of Miami are united by our common interest in building a stronger community and cultivating civic leaders among us. Our simple mission is a powerful one, to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women, and improve our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Our members are as diverse as our community hailing from an assortment of various backgrounds, and we come together around this passion for making Miami a better place for all of us. We pride ourselves on the training we offer to our members, along with the diverse opportunities to make an impact while developing effective leadership skills.

Our impact is made through the preparation and empowerment our members receive in the work we do. This year we may have been cut short due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but we were still able to accomplish so much through service. We hosted over 65 community-based events, including assisting families who are survivors of domestic violence get back on their feet, serving over 300 meals to homeless neighbors, delivering holiday meal baskets to families in need, and helping hundreds of children improve their reading skills through our Therapy Dogs program.

Since our founding in 1926, the Junior League of Miami has been dedicated to nurturing and training women to become community leaders and catalysts of change. Our volunteers are everywhere in the community, from serving on other nonprofit boards and for-profit boards, leading nonprofits, or running businesses.

We know this year has been one of unprecedented circumstances, so we want to thank you for supporting this network of inspiring women who hope to inspire young women for generations to come. Your involvement ensures that we continue to deepen our community impact and develop strong civically-minded women for another century. We may be distanced, but we are always stronger when we work together.

Yours in Service,
Cecilia Dubon Slesnick
President, 2019-2020
president@jlmiami.org

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI FOUNDATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020

President
Keith Warren Landon

Vice President
Sarita Courtney Baigorri

Secretary
Katie Lane Arriola

Treasurer
Catherine Lorié

Immediate Past President
Mary (Mimi) Bradley Shafey

JLM President
Cecilia Slesnick

JLM President-Elect
Jennifer Williams

JLM Executive Vice President
Jessica Delgado

JLM Treasurer
Heather Freeland

JLM Immediate Past President
Deborah Koch

Members
Michele Battle
Maria Byrd
Marianne Devine
Ann Goldman
Lauren Harrison
Anne Helliwell
Erin Dolan Knight
Kelly Lederman

LEADERSHIP

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020

President
Cecilia Slesnick

President-Elect
Jennifer Williams

Executive Vice President
Jessica Delgado

Chief of Staff
Michelle Vidal

Recording Secretary
Marisol Espinosa

Executive Vice President-Elect
Faequa Khan

Treasurer
Heather Freeland

Director-at-Large
Laura Van Gorden

Director-at-Large
Mary Jane Dacek

Director-at-Large
Gabby Portela-Briggle

Sustainer Advisor
Helen Picard

Nominating Chair
Megan McIntosh

Bylaws/Parliamentarian
Ava Habif

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM 2019-2020

Executive Vice President
Jessica Delgado

Vice President-Elect
Faequa Khan

Vice President-Community Engagement:
Tammy Reed

Vice President-Financial Stewardship
Marcia Koo

Vice President-Fund Development
Angela Carrillo

Vice President-Leadership Development
Sara Walkup

Vice President-Marketing
Halley Peters

Vice President-Membership Engagement
Shannon Egan

Placement Chair
Sara Camacho

Sustainer Liaison
Monique Greenberg

Sustainer Advisor
Debbie Korge

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES INTERNATIONAL

Since its founding in 1901 by social activist Mary Harriman, The Junior League has evolved into one of the oldest, largest, and most effective women's volunteer organizations in the world, encompassing more than 140,000 women in 291 Leagues in four countries.

WHO WE ARE

The Junior League of Miami is an organization of over 800 volunteer women of all ages and backgrounds who live throughout the Miami area. Our volunteers include executives, community leaders, entrepreneurs, mothers, and professionals from a wide range of industries and backgrounds. We welcome all women who value our mission of improving our community, promoting voluntarism and developing the potential of women.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT US

Join Junior League of Miami

Join JLM and make a mark in your own backyard—join JLM’s diverse and passionate group of volunteers today. <https://www.jlmiami.org/join-us/>

Donate to our Annual Fund

Proceeds are allocated to our programs and projects focused on empowering Miami’s women, children, and families at risk. Donate today and make an immediate impact in the community. https://www.jlmiami.org/system/donate_summary/

Donate to JLM on Give Miami Day

Each November, support JLM on Give Miami Day, one of the biggest annual giving events in the U.S.

Attend our Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon

JLM hosts an annual luncheon to recognize 3 to 4 women who exemplify the League’s mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities.

MEET JOANNA AND SARAH KATE STONE!

Joanna Stone and Sarah Kate Stone joined the Junior League of Miami this year and excelled as New Members! The mother-daughter duo both reside in Miami and throughout the year, contributed their time, energy and enthusiasm to an array of volunteer projects. To recognize their devotion, we are spotlighting Joanna and Sarah Kate. Let’s get to know our fellow Leaguers!

Joanna recently took a certification in Montessori and aging. In addition to starting a home health company channeling Montessori principals with the elderly community in Boston, here in Miami, she began to work on a brain injury program that fosters independence and community building alongside her sister, a fellow Junior Leaguer.

Sarah Kate is Joanna’s daughter and recently graduated from Eckerd College. She has worked with Royal Caribbean’s luxury brand, Azamara, in its Product Development Department.

WHY DID YOU JOIN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI?

- **Joanna:** I joined the Junior League of Miami to work with people that wanted to elevate women, support children and strengthen our community.
- **Sarah Kate:** I joined [the] Junior League to find a community designed to build others up. I found friendship, guidance, and an extraordinary group of women.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

FAVORITE JUNIOR LEAGUE EXPERIENCE:

- **Joanna:** I enjoyed meeting and planning with my [New Member] group and community leaders to support our event. People were very kind, creative and generous! I’m grateful to the folks at [Inn Transition South] “ITS,” I learned so much about challenges women face in this community! I also enjoyed and am grateful to JLM leaders, mentors and Sustainers. I met a wonderful, kind, smart, ambitious group of women committed to lifting each other and the community
- **Sarah Kate:** My favorite experience in [the] Junior League this year was collecting materials to create the Thanksgiving baskets [delivered to Inn Transitions North and South in coordination with Done In A Day]. It was fun to coordinate with my mentor (shoutout to Lucy!!). It was nice to pause and celebrate community during busy holiday times.



COMMUNITY IMPACT



INN TRANSITION

Inn Transition is a creative and vital answer to transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and their children. In a partnership created with Miami-Dade County, these apartment facilities provide housing, counseling, and child-care for a period of three to 24 months for families. The facilities need our help to continue to provide a safe living environment for shelter residents.

DONE IN A DAY

Done in a Day provides volunteers and resources to local organizations for short-term, one-day events that fall within the Junior League's mission.



THERAPY DOGS

JLM works with libraries throughout Miami-Dade to bring certified therapy dog teams to help children connect with books and develop a love of reading.

CASA VALENTINA

Casa Valentina is a residential facility providing at-risk and former foster care youth with safe, affordable housing, life skills and continued support to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. JLM partners with Casa Valentina by providing monthly activities that teach residents life skills.

PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS, INC.

The Pace Committee develops and implements Saturday sessions for alumni from the Pace Center for Girls. The sessions focus on life and leadership skills. Junior League members work closely with the girls to provide resources and mentoring to guide the girls into adulthood.



PROJECT OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

A committee of volunteers works with families moving out of Inn Transition North and Inn Transition South to help facilitate a successful move into their new home.

SCHOLARSHIPS

JLM is proud to sponsor college scholarships awarded to three female, high school seniors in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, who have exhibited superior community service involvement during their high school careers while maintaining high academic achievement. Two of the three scholarships are awarded in memory of Junior League of Miami member, Kathryn Menke Miller. The third scholarship is administered by JLM with funds provided by the Uppaluri Family Foundation.

2019-2020 DONORS

A special thanks to our donors. We could not do all we do without help from people in the community who offer their generous support.

PROMOTER (\$10,000-\$19,999)

The Northern Trust Company
Uppaluri Family Foundation

SUPPORTER (\$5,000-\$9,999)

Mary Bradley Shafey
Parlor Interiors
The Jayne and Leonard Abess Foundation Inc.

CONTRIBUTOR (\$1,000-\$4,999)

100 Ladies of Deering
Angela Carrillo
Ann Goldman
Alpha Chi Omega Foundation
Ashley Cusack
Becky Roper Matkov
Bill Seidle Automotive Group
BNY Mellon Wealth Management
Cheryl Goldstein
Citco Construction
David D. Glass
DWR Contract
D13 Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo Jr.
D3 Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson
D4 Commissioner Sally A. Heyman
D1 Commissioner Barbara Jordan
D8 Commissioner Daniella Levine-Cava
D11 Commissioner Joe A. Martinez
Erin Dolan Knight
Jeannett Slesnick
Jose Milton Foundation
Julia Rea Bianchi
Lauren Harrison
Marjorie Raines
Mark Hasner / Therrel Baisden, LLP
Mary Jane Dacek
Mejor Fund
Sheffield Bessellieu
Susan Lerner
The de Moya Foundation
Tim and Dana Martorella
Tropical Music
Wells Fargo Bank

FRIENDS (\$500-\$999)

Alise Johnson
Andrew Youngman
Andria Hanley
Anne Helliwell
Beatriz Lopez-Castro
Deborah Koch
D5 Commissioner Eileen Higgins
D6 Commissioner Rebeca Sosa
Eduardo Arriola
Gabrielle O'Quinn
Helen Picard
Herbert Hucks
Holly Blount
Jaime Borrás
Jane Short
JoAnne Matthews
Laura Van Gorden
Lavender Greenberg PLLC
Mary Jochem
Melinda Colson
Melisa Fuentes
Michele Battle
Peggy Hudson
Rosemary Hartigan
Royal Thai
Sheryl Shoup
Susan Lerner
Taylor Abess
TileBar
Victoria Hucks
Yvette Ramirez

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Arcs and Sparks
Ashley Cusack
Atlantic Pacific Community Builders
Ballast Construction
Julia & David Bianchi
Kristen's Confections / Kristen Reyes
LATAM Cargo
Lopefra
Nave
OJ Painting
Stephanie Heller Norman, Founder of RKVIST



\$56,562

IN TOTAL DONATIONS
ON GIVE MIAMI DAY



364

TOTAL GIFTS



Presented by



**NORTHERN
TRUST**

Each year, JLM hosts the Women Who Make A Difference luncheon to recognize outstanding women who exemplify the League's mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities. Honorees have made a positive contribution to the residents of Greater Miami and at least one honoree is a JLM Sustaining Member. Proceeds from this event fund our community projects, including transitional housing facilities and support for survivors of domestic violence at ITN and ITS, our Therapy Dogs reading program, and Done in a Day volunteer opportunities.

On March 11, 2020 we held our VIP party at Navé to kick off the WWMD celebration. In attendance were the 2020 honorees and many of the event sponsors, in addition to this year's scholarship recipients. Though pushed back due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon is slated to go virtual on September 10, 2020.

Congratulations to the 2020 JLM Women Who Make A Difference Honorees

Lileana de Moya

A longtime advocate for the rights of children and young adults with disabilities, Ms. de Moya is the founder and CEO/President of The de Moya Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable trust that is committed to creating employment opportunities for young adults with unique abilities, building hope, confidence and independence.

Maria Clara Harrington

For more than 18 years, Maria Clara Harrington has been serving young survivors of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and sex trafficking through counseling, advocacy, and outreach. At the Chance Program, she is in a role that enables her to combine her understanding and compassion for survivors, with her skills as an educator, to raise awareness of child sex trafficking. Maria Clara led the launch of the first drop-in center for young female survivors of sex trafficking in Miami and continues to collaborate with other organizations for a community-based approach to end sex trafficking.

Rebecca Roper Matkov

Rebecca (Becky) Roper Matkov, a preservation consultant and writer, served as CEO of Dade Heritage Trust, Miami's largest nonprofit historic preservation organization for 18 years. She is a past president of the Junior League of Miami and the current president of the Deering Estate Foundation's Board of Directors. In 2015 she received the Florida Secretary of State's Award, given to one "whose passion for historic preservation has forever changed the face of Florida."

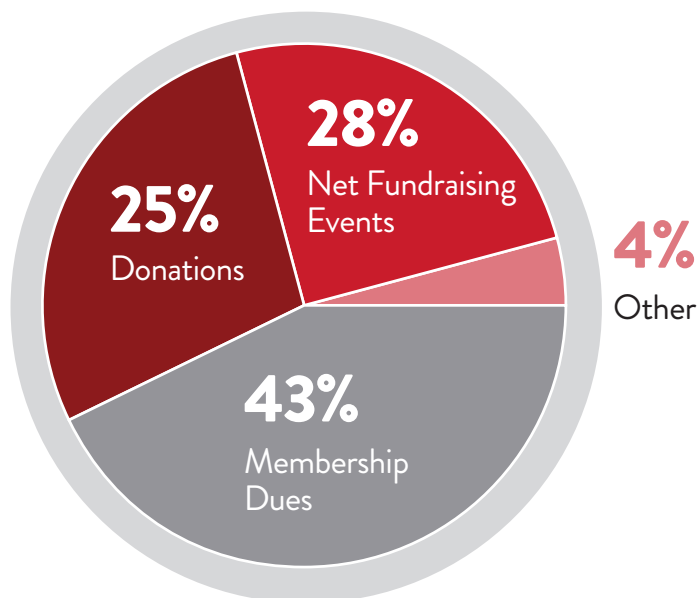
Ana VeigaMilton

Ana VeigaMilton presides over the José Milton Foundation (JMF) and guides Social Responsibility for the Milton family business, United Property Management (UPM), one of the largest property owners and managers in South Florida. JMF was established to support programs in South Florida that improve quality of life and close the opportunity gap, with a special focus on education, research, and healthcare.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

\$205,482



YEAR IN REVIEW



60

backpacks delivered to children at ITN and ITS



84

community service opportunities provided



85

holiday meal baskets distributed to families at ITN and ITS



12

families, including 31 children, moved from transitional housing to homes of their own



733

members



47

holiday gifts distributed to families at ITN and ITS



CONTACT US

Junior League of Miami
713 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

305.443.0160

office@jlmiami.org
www.jlmiami.org



@JrLeagueMiami



@JuniorLeagueMiami



Facebook/JuniorLeagueMiami



Junior League of Miami

