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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
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Who we are:

Mission Statement

The Junior League of Cedar Rapids (JLCR) 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.

Vision

Our vision is to serve Cedar Rapids and the surrounding communities as a prominent source of female leaders for public and private service and as advocates for issues relating to women and children on a local, state, national and international level.

Our History

The concept of Junior League was formed more than a century ago in New York by a group of concerned young women who wanted to contribute to their community in hopes of making it a better place to live. Today, the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) encompasses more than 294 autonomous Leagues with more than 190,000 members. Our local organization was founded as a service league in 1929 and officially became Junior League of Cedar Rapids in 1934. Currently, we are a diverse group of more than 300 active and sustaining members.

Bridging the G.A.P.

JLCR launched its current project, Bridging the G.A.P. (Guide, Advocate, Provide), in 2011. The project is designed to improve outcomes for teens and young adults who are involved in the child welfare system and is the only local program dedicated to meeting these needs. Our program focuses on helping this population become independent, self-sufficient adults in three critical areas: Guide- Partnering with Foundation 2 and providing meeting space and meals for their weekly meetings, Achieving Maximum Potential (AMP) Advocate- Growing community awareness to the needs and support of those youth in and aging out of foster care through education and training opportunities Provide- Assisting those foster youth through various programs and initiatives such as our Housing First Program (housing assistance), Apartments in a Suitcase (providing household essentials), school supplies, scholarships for various youth needs (maintenance, transportation, etc.)

Bridging The G.A.P.:

Your sponsorship supports the Junior League of Cedar Rapids to provide support to foster youth in the community in the following ways:



Housing Program

Provides rental assistance for former foster youth accepted into JLCR's stable housing program. The youth will receive coverage for 100% of his/her rent for the first 6 months, stepping down to 63% for months 7-9 and 33% for months 10-12. This program allows its participants to achieve housing stability while being able to build up savings and focus on other aspects of their life, such as education.

Apartment in a Suitcase

Supports an Apartment in a Suitcase for local youth aging out of the foster care system. These suitcases are filled with everything they need to set up an apartment, from cleaning supplies to a crock pot to a tool kit, as a part of their transition to independent living.

School Supplies

Support the purchase of necessary school supplies for local teens in foster care. These supplies help youth in the community receive the supplies they need to succeed in high school.

Scholarships

Provides scholarship funds to support the numerous requests for financial support received from foster youth in our community. The youth must apply for these scholarships and help support expenses such as car repairs, college application fees, transportation, and textbooks.

AMP Meals

Supports healthy, family-style meals cooked by JLCR volunteers for 30-35 foster teens attending bi-monthly AMP support group meetings.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

All Bridging the G.A.P. sponsorship levels offer benefits as described below. To schedule a meeting to learn more please email info@juniorleaguecr.org,

Presenting sponsor: \$10,000

- 8 tickets to Fostering Strength
- Prominent features on JLCR webpage and email marketing
- Premier and frequent recognition at events held including Trivia and Fostering Strength
- Annual Report Listing
- Significant Social Media promotion
- Option to present at JLCR membership meeting
- Recognition at JLCR Annual meeting

Examples of what this can provide the foster youth in our community: Rental assistance for one former foster youth, five Apartments in a Suitcase, meals for foster teens attending AMP meetings during the year, as well as funds for the scholarship program.

Gold sponsor: \$5,000

- 8 tickets to Fostering Strength
- Featured on JLCR webpage and email marketing
- Recognition at events held including Trivia and Fostering Strength
- Annual Report Listing
- Social Media promotion

Examples of what this can provide the foster youth in our community: Five Apartments in a Suitcase, meals for foster teens attending AMP meetings during the year, as well as funds for the scholarship program.

Silver sponsor: \$2,500

- 4 tickets to Fostering Strength
- Featured on JLCR webpage and email marketing
- Recognition at events held including Trivia and Fostering Strength
- Annual Report Listing
- Social Media promotion

Examples of what this can provide the foster youth in our community: Five Apartments in a Suitcase, and meals for foster teens attending AMP meetings during the year.



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Sponsorship Opportunities:

Bronze sponsor: \$1,000

- 4 tickets to Fostering Strength
- Featured on JLCR webpage and email marketing
- Recognition at events held including Trivia and Fostering Strength
- Annual Report Listing

Examples of what this can provide the foster youth in our community: Three Apartments in a Suitcase.

Star sponsor: \$500

- 2 tickets to Fostering Strength
- Featured on JLCR webpage and email marketing
- Recognition at events held including Trivia and Fostering Strength
- Annual Report Listing

Examples of what this can provide the foster youth in our community: An Apartment in a Suitcase.

Spirit sponsor: \$250

- Featured on JLCR webpage and email marketing
- Recognition at events held including Trivia and Fostering Strength
- Annual Report Listing

Examples of what this can provide the foster youth in our community: Cover the cost of two AMP meals.



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