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○ History of The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc (AJLI)

- The first League was founded in New York City in 1901 by Mary Harriman (pictured right). Mary saw a need on the Lower East Side of Manhattan and rallied a group of her friends to give a helping hand. Mary's concept was to recruit young women to go into New York's settlement houses and do frontline social work among the needy. Thus, in 1901, was born "The Junior League for the Promotion of Settlement Movements," the organization that would become The New York Junior League.
- How many Leagues are there in AJLI? The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI), headquartered in New York City, is made up of 292 Leagues throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Great Britain, representing more than 150,000 women. The Leagues and the Association share a common mission and vision toward which all activities are focused.
- How many Ohio Leagues are there? Eight (Akron, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Stark County, Toledo, and Youngstown)
- What affiliate group is JLSC a member of? Because of our size of Active membership, we are a member of the Small Leagues Big Impact group, which is a group for Junior Leagues who have fewer than 125 Active members. It is a means for Leagues to collaborate, ask questions, share best practices, and promote the JL mission.



○ History of The Junior League of Stark County (JLSC)

- How did the Junior League of Stark County start? Junior Service was founded by 12 women with an idea to service the community in 1915. The application to AJLA was accepted February 16th, 1937 and we became The Junior League of Canton. We changed our name to The Junior League of Stark County in 2010 to represent the areas we serve.
- Examples of past projects and impact in the community
[WATCH VIDEO - Past President, Megan Pellegrino]
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/bqSdiUhM4gJatRz18>
- Additional information about past projects can be found at <http://jlstarkcounty.org/about-jlsc/history-junior-league-stark-county/>
- What is The Women of the Year ? - Each year, The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio, Inc. invites nominations for its annual Women of the Year awards. This event began in 1947 to recognize women who make an impact in the community and for their contributions to voluntarism and leadership in Stark County.

Please direct any questions to a Board member or to your Council VP

After you have completed the module, please visit the following link for a short 4 question quiz:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KloVtmHgMd-OJJ61McjF-FlrU7nPvZhsTiXaPil1NAo/edit>

The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio, Inc.

—Abbreviated Timeline—

Canton Junior Service League Formed— 1915	1901 —The Junior League is founded by Mary Harriman in NYC
Aultman Hospital Tumor Clinic established— 1940	1937 —The Junior League of Canton is accepted into The Association of Junior Leagues
Inaugural Women of the Year Event— 1947	1942 —JLC assumes responsibility for all volunteer activities at Aultman Hospital
25th Anniversary Gift to the Community: Mckinley Museum Planetarium Dome— 1962	1955 —Cookbook “A Matter of Taste” published
Guardian ad Litem Program initiated— 1981	1973 —Sitter Service Co-Op opens
Massillon Family Living Center “Store” renovated— 2004	1986 —50th Anniversary Gift: Established Child & Family Advocacy Center
Pegasus Farm Adaptive Riding Course built— 2006	2005 —Habitat “Women’s Build”
Coordinated All-Ohio Food Drive— 2011	2010 —Name Changes to Junior League Stark County
Awarded a \$25,000 grant for The Martin Center Van— 2015	2014 —Unveiled Junior Leaders Grant
Designed and Organize a Nursery at The Martin Center — 2017	2016 —\$25,000 Walmart Grant awarded for a high capacity kitchen at The Martin Center
<i>Par for the Kitchen</i> at The First Tee of Canton — 2019	2018 —Professional Development Day for the Women at Deliverance House

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