




# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF FRESNO

The Junior League of Fresno, Inc., is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

## 2016-17 Annual Report



**191**  
Members

**29** 

Opportunities to Participate in Leadership Training

**1,102**  
Hours spent in Leadership Training



Dedicated  
**2,219**  
Volunteer Hours to our Community




Recipient of  
**\$2,000**  
Grant from Gwynnie Bee

Provided **22** scholarships to female high school athletes who have excelled in academics, athletics, and community service.



# \$1,000

To support programs covering :

### Mini-grant given to North Star Family Resource Center.

- Teen Support Groups
- LGBTQ Resources
- Teen Needs Workshops

### Supported Legislation for Foster Youth:

**SB 213**

Expanding Foster Child Placements

**SB 245**

Protecting Foster Youth

**AB 1567**

Data Sharing for College-Bound Transition Age Youth

... and 5 more!



Impact Fresno short-term "mini projects" completed to benefit various non-profits in our community

New Members remodeled a room at **Mollie's House**, a safe house for young women who have survived human trafficking.



### Held our first *Independent City*

issue-based community impact program providing life skills to foster youth in our community ranging from food & nutrition, transportation, educational & vocational training, and job readiness.

# A Message from our Leadership...

During the 2016-2017 Junior League year, members of the Junior League of Fresno committed to going “All In.” In our inaugural year of focusing our community efforts solely on advocating for and making improvements in the lives of children who are living in foster care and who will eventually “age-out” of the system, we developed our signature program and developed deeper relationships with local organizations. We have taken a passionate stance to make a lasting difference in the lives of “California’s kids,” while training our membership about the foster care system, the potential outcomes of aging out and developing our own leadership and personal skills. Throughout the year we have learned the risks of human trafficking in Fresno County, what it means to be a servant-leader, the effects of life on the street as a homeless woman, and heard stories of perseverance and hope from former foster children.

These accomplishments and more are outlined in this report were made possible because of our members, community partners, and the generous support of our donors and sponsors. Whether you are a member, community partner, donor or beneficiary of the League, your contributions are making a difference in the lives of the women and children in Fresno County.

*It is our pleasure to serve,*

Rachel Kutzt

Melinda Scott

President 2016-2017

President 2017-2018

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This year, Junior League of Fresno has collected and donated more than \$5000 worth of product donations to 10 non-profit organizations.

