



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MARTIN COUNTY



**WOMEN
BUILDING
BETTER
COMMUNITIES**

**LEADERSHIP
EMPOWERED**



**PROSPECTIVE
NEW MEMBER
GUIDE**

About JLMC

The Junior League of Martin County (JLMC) sees women as catalysts for lasting community change. Our approach is simple. Through hands-on training and formal learning opportunities, we equip our members with the skills and leadership needed to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve. By identifying opportunities and impact areas focused on women, children, and civic leadership, we address serious issues and have a powerful impact in Martin County.

Since 1992, JLMC has made a lasting impact on the community. Over the past 30 years, the League has invested in tackling community issues, including: poverty, foster children, and the environment. Some of examples of past nonprofit partners, include:

- Florida Oceanographic Society
- Gertrude Walden Child Care Center
- PACE Center for Girls
- Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast
- 10th Street Community Center



Our Mission

To advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

JLMC Community Impact: Past, Present, and Future

The Junior League of Martin County has a rich history of creating meaningful impact in our community. We have been on the forefront of social reform, identifying problems and finding solutions in a collaborative way. We've tackled a long list of community issues: poverty, illiteracy, food insecurity, and under-resourced foster children. As we reflect on our League's accomplishments, we are most proud of the following Legacy projects:

- Gertrude Walden Child Care Center provides care and early childhood education to young children of east Stuart. JLMC first started working with Gertrude Walden in 1997 when we began to focus on youth development. We have continued to support the Center over the years, including hurricane relief efforts in 2004, hosting a health fair in 2008, and fundraising for a new playground in 2017.
- Florida Oceanographic Society provides environmental education for our community. Our partnership began in 1997 to provide a hands-on learning experience for children through interactive play. In 2012, JLMC developed another program to facilitate the restoration of our estuary.
- Today, the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast is one of the go-to local museums for children and their families. JLMC was instrumental in founding the museum, raising capital to build the museum, and sponsoring exhibits.

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Community Impact: Past

A BRIEF HISTORY OF

JLMC

With **25+ years of service to the community**, here's a brief history of the Junior League of Martin County.



1992-1993

Beth Conway, Kim DeMeulemeester and Suzanne Karr began the Junior Service League of Martin County, Inc.

Their drive to start this organization stemmed from the fact that they saw the need for a children's museum in Martin County.

1998-1999

We hosted our first **Pineapple Ball**, which became an annual fundraiser and was **ongoing for 12 years**.

2000-2001

We became the **296th Junior League** in the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), and officially known as the Junior League of Martin County (JLMC).

2008

The Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast opened.

JLMC was instrumental in their opening and attended many conferences & schools, showcasing exhibits of the future museum.

2015-2016

We initiated the **Books for Kids** program which collected new and gently used books to help new teachers in the Martin County School System build up their classroom libraries.

2018

We celebrated the **10th Annual Reindeer Dash 5K** and added a 10K route to the race to celebrate this milestone.

2022

Celebrating 30 years of service in the community and celebrating with a Spring Soiree at one of our legacy locations; Florida Oceanographic Center

2004-2005

After Frances and Jeanne, the League responded by creating an ad hoc Hurricane Response Committee, which **used \$25K** in approved funds from our reserve and operating budget **to assist with hurricane relief efforts**.

2009-2010

We celebrated our **10th Anniversary** as an official member of AJLI.

We held the **1st Annual Reindeer Dash 5K** and **1st LUNAFEST® Film Festival**.

2017-2018

JLMC celebrated 25 years of service in the community. Founding members organized the Jubilee Junkanoo to celebrate the past 25 years of achievements and raise funds for playground improvements at GWCC.

2019

The **GWCC playground was dedicated to Past-President Val Wright** to honor her memory. Val was passionate about their mission and volunteered a lot of her time & energy into this organization.

Community Impact: Present

Impact Areas and Initiatives

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Done in a Day (DIAD)

In addition to our community impact areas and initiatives, JLMC partners with other local nonprofit agencies to complete important community projects that can be 'Done in a Day' (DIAD). Examples of these type of projects include donating new books to schools; feeding the hungry during the holidays; stuffing backpacks with peanut butter sandwich supplies at the end of the school year; completing beach cleanups; etc.



Rudolph's Reindeer Dash 5K/10K & Small Fundraisers

Our annual signature fundraiser - Rudolph's Reindeer Dash 5k/10k - plays an integral role in supporting our community programs. Hosted annually on the first Saturday of December, our Reindeer Dash is a landmark event in the community, attracting over 400 runners to race through historic downtown Stuart and ending with a festive celebration at Memorial Park. In addition to our signature event, JLMC also hosts a series of small fundraisers throughout the year to support our League's operations and impact initiatives.

Community Impact: Future

As we celebrate more than 35 years of service in Martin County, leadership is also planning for the next 35 years and beyond. The League continues to evolve to fit within a current cultural context and better meet emerging priorities for members and our community. In this effort, JLMC has already established safeguards to secure its future.

JLMC Endowment Fund

Our Junior League established its own endowment fund in 2023 to secure the organization's future success and community impact. Only the interest accumulated each year is available to be spent. As the principal continues to grow, through fundraising efforts, so too will the interest available to be used on meaningful impact initiatives, scholarships, and member training.

The Junior League of Martin County Scholarship - Indian River State College

Established in 2010, this endowed scholarship fund provides scholarships to female students at Indian River State College. Members review applications to select an award recipient.

The Junior League of Martin County Scholarship - Martin County Schools

Established in 2023, JLMC provides annually scholarships to graduating female students in the Martin County School District. Members review applications to select an award recipient.



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Committees:

Activities, Operations, & Management

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board is legally and fiscally accountable for our non-profit organization. The primary function of the Board is to make sure that the organization is fulfilling its charitable mission by providing financial oversight, ensuring adequate resources, maintaining legal and ethical integrity, and providing organizational support.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Management Team (MT) is comprised of the chairwoman of each committee, and led by the President and Vice President. This leadership team is responsible for the operation, planning, and execution of our activities.

ADVISORY-NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Advisory-Nominating is responsible for members' League experience, providing advisory support for members, developing learning opportunities, managing the roster, coordinating League placements and leadership, and more.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership's primary function is to expand the General Membership secure the future of the League by recruiting and educating new members. The committee is also responsible for planning monthly General Membership Meetings (GMM's).

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Community develops opportunities to advance initiatives in our impact areas of women, children, and civic leadership by identifying our community's most pressing needs, educating members, and coordinating volunteerism.

FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Fund Development is responsible for organizing small and large fundraisers, including our signature event - Reindeer Dash 5k and 10k - to support our League's operations and impact initiatives.

Membership

Membership is open to all women at least 22 years of age who live in Martin County or one of its surrounding counties. Prospective members should demonstrate an interest in:

- volunteerism
- community welfare
- leadership development

JLMC membership provides opportunities to connect with like-minded women, build professional and personal skills, and make a lasting impact on our community.

Become a Member

Thanks to our year round recruitment and rapid onboarding, our Junior League accepts new members throughout the year. Becoming a member is easy and focused on providing members the flexibility to adapt personalized experiences. Join today in five simple steps!

1. Submit an online inquiry form, which will notify our Membership Committee to reach out to you.
2. Have an introductory conversation with the Membership Committee.
3. Learn about JLMC, our work, and our membership.
4. Pay online membership fees to officially join the League!
5. Work with the Advisory Committee to activate your membership, join a committee, and engage with other members in upcoming activities!

Member Benefits

- Improve your community through organized and effective methods.
- Build relationships with a diverse group of current and emerging women leaders.
- Increase your understanding of community needs.
- Develop your volunteer skills and your leadership potential.
- Share your talents with a network of interesting women.
- Increase your interaction with community agencies and community leaders.
- Become a part of an international association of 196,000+ women.



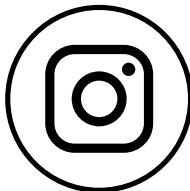
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