

Junior League of Greenville

FAQs

What is the Junior League of Greenville's Mission?

The Junior League of Greenville (JLG) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community. We do this through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

What year was the JLG founded?

1929

How many members are in the JLG?

1,200

Where does the JLG focus its fundraising and volunteer work?

The JLG engages in initiatives that help women in our community overcome barriers, focusing on human trafficking and economic mobility.

How much does it cost to be a Member of the JLG?

First year dues are \$215. After the first year, dues are \$120.

Do Prospective Members need a sponsor to join the JLG?

No! You do not need a sponsor or recommendation to join the JLG.

Where can I learn more about joining the JLG?

The JLG hosts several events throughout the year that allow Prospective Members to learn more about the JLG and meet current Members. Prior to joining, Prospective Members *must attend* an Open House event. Open Houses for the 2019-2020 year are scheduled for May 23rd - 6:00pm and June 11th - 12:00pm at JLG Headquarters.

What are the benefits of joining the JLG?

Members join the JLG for many different reasons. The JLG is a great way to meet people and build lifelong friendships, develop leadership skills through Placement opportunities, uncover new talents by taking on different responsibilities, and have a lasting impact on the Greenville community!

What do JLG Members do?

First year Members are known as Provisional Members. Provisional Members attend monthly Course Sessions to learn more about the League and volunteer at The Nearly New Shop, our largest fundraiser. Provisional Members and Active Members attend at least four General Membership Meetings each year and have the opportunity to attend several professional/personal development opportunities (LEAD events). Active Members volunteer primarily through In-League and Community Placements.

What volunteer opportunities does the JLG provide?

Active Members choose an In-League or Community Placement each year through an online selection process. In-League Placements include supporting JLG initiatives and programs as well as operational opportunities like finance, communications, and property management. Community Placements entail working directly with a non-profit organization supported by the JLG.

Why do Members volunteer at The Nearly New Shop in addition to their personal involvement in the community?

The Nearly New Shop is the JLG's largest fundraiser and largest community impact project. While there is a small team of paid staff, the JLG relies on its Members to help run the Shop. By utilizing Members as volunteers, the JLG is then able to donate more proceeds back to the Greenville community.

What other fundraisers support the JLG?

The JLG participates in various external fundraising events like Belk Charity Day and percentage nights at local businesses throughout the year. We also host two fundraisers that Members participate in directly.

1. The Little Black Dress Initiative is a weeklong event in the Fall where Members wear the same "LBDI" every day and raise money and awareness of our Mission. Members are not required to participate, but are encouraged to support other Members through donations and social media.
2. Shop for Greenville is an event in the spring where local businesses, restaurants, and retailers partner with the JLG and provide discounts during a 10-day shopping event. Members are required to purchase at least one Shop for Greenville discount book.

How has the JLG impacted the Greenville community?

Since 1929, the JLG has awarded nearly \$3,000,000 in grants and countless volunteer hours to non-profit organizations. Some of the JLG's projects include seed funding and support for the Peace Center, Pendleton Place, The Children's Museum of the Upstate, Roper Mountain Science Center, Nicholtown Child and Family Collaborative, and many more.

Please email join@jlgreenville.org for more information.