

Community Impact



JLNS is proud to support SCHTTF in its fight against human trafficking in Sonoma County. The District Attorney's Office chairs the task force, a group comprised of 19 organizations throughout the county which seeks to prevent trafficking and rehabilitate victims. It is the task force's collaborative efforts and the unique design that has helped so many women and children. Gioia Hershey, our President-Elect-Elect, was appointed to the SCHTTF in February 2017 to represent JLNS, and part of the proceeds from our inaugural "Heroes in Heels: Champions for Human Trafficking Awareness" event was earmarked to support human trafficking victims.



Children's Museum of Sonoma County

JLNS continues to support the Children's Museum with a five year grant commitment, and we are proud to sponsor the Storybook Cottage at the permanent museum, in addition to the Museum-on-the-Go, which brings a mobile museum of learning to hundreds of children in Sonoma County. www.cmosc.org



State Public Affairs Committee

JLNS is active in legislative advocacy, and continue in partnership with 16 other Leagues throughout California to draft and support legislation that affect education, health, violence prevention, and family support across the state. Since 1971, the Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee (CalSPAC) has represented the interests of its member Leagues and their community projects to policymakers at the national, state, and local levels. ISPAC advocates for legislation favorable to its member Leagues' projects and issues in: education, family support, health, human trafficking, and violence prevention. Since 1992, CalSPAC has sponsored six bills and co-sponsored three bills that are now California Law; sponsored two California Resolutions; and co-sponsored one Congressional Resolution. Our voice in Sacramento is powerful, and we're proud of our efforts. www.californiaspac.com



The Living Room

Day Services for Women and Children Who are Homeless.

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JLNS is proud to support the Living Room, the only day center in Sonoma County that specifically serves homeless and at-risk women and their children. As is our tradition, JLNS provided over 60 gift bags with toiletries and other essentials as well as a Valentine's Day dessert bar to the women of the Living Room again this year.

www.thelivingroomsc.org



Redwood Empire Food Bank

We have held a number of our Done-in-a-Day (DIAD) volunteering events at REFB, packing boxes or bags of food for families in need. Since 1987, the Redwood Empire Food Bank's service has expanded to focus on providing as much healthy food as possible and including nutrition education. REFB currently assists over 82,000 Sonoma County residents every month.

www.refb.org



V.O.I.C.E.S.

Through our continued partnerships in Sonoma County, we were instrumental in the development of a program to help youth aging out of the foster care system. The combination of our grant money, countless volunteer hours, and projects has supported VOICES in helping hundreds of youth find their place in our community, and receive information and support with employment, housing, educational opportunities, medical and mental health services, and other valuable life skills.

<http://voicesyouthcenter.org/programs/sonoma>



JLNS is proud to support the Valley of the Moon Children's Home which was founded in 1994 to positively impact the lives of abused, abandoned, and neglected children. JLNS past projects include an annual Halloween party and donations to the children's library; this year our League members collected socks and pajamas to donate, and helped with a garden clean-up day at the home.

www.vomcf.org