



# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CLEARWATER-DUNEDIN

*Women building better communities\**

**What We Do:** Women building better communities. That's the Junior League.

The Junior League has been the driving force behind the kinds of initiatives and institutions that make our community a healthier, more vital place to live. Junior League members, reflecting a wide range of backgrounds, interests, and professional pursuits work together to identify unmet needs, forge effective coalitions, and work for change. Time and time again, the Junior League is among the first organizations to step up to the plate and tackle a community's biggest challenges.

## **Project Focus Area:**



We have created an "Alliance to Nurture, Grow and Enhance Life Skills (ANGELS) for Foster Families". In March, 2008, the Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin, Inc. selected a new project focus. Our efforts and resources will assist foster families in Pinellas and Pasco Counties for at least the next three years.

## **Community Projects**

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### **Education and Community Grants**

\$2,500 in grant money has been awarded by the JLCD this year to Pinellas County Title 1 School educators.

\$5,000 has been given this year to non-profit organizations that assist foster children and families in Northern Pinellas and Pasco counties.

\*To date, nearly \$90,000 has been awarded in Education Grants & nearly \$250,000 in Community Grants.\*

### **Done In A Day Projects**

The JLCD provides volunteer hours to several one-day, hands-on projects throughout our communities, including:

- Guardian Ad Litem Backpack Assistance
- Ice Skating Party to benefit foster children of the Eckerd Community Alternatives program
- Great Explorations Event with Help-A-Child, Inc.
- YMCA Activity Day to benefit foster children of the Eckerd Community Alternatives program
- Salon & Personal Care Day to benefit foster children of the Eckerd Community Alternatives program
- Jacket-O-Lantern project with Clothes to Kids, Inc.
- ANGELS Giving Tree during the holiday season to provide gifts for foster children
- Princess for a Day to benefit teen girls in the Eckerd Youth Alternative foster program
- Life Skills Course to benefit foster teens of the Eckerd Youth Alternatives program.

### **Past Projects**

In addition to the programs and projects currently provided to the communities of Northern Pinellas and Southern Pasco counties, the JLCD has supported other programs with dollars and volunteers. While this is not a comprehensive list of all of the projects that we have participated in, it does highlight some of our achievements and illustrates our commitment to making a difference in our communities.

- PlayParc (UPARC)
- David L. Mason Children's Art Museum
- Clearwater Free Clinic Health Happening
- Sunshine Playground at the Long Center
- Rick Pitino High Point Success Center
- RCS Emergency Housing Activities Support Center
- Heritage Park
- Dunedin Fine Arts Center
- Time Out Homes
- The Family Connection
- Gateway Children's Shelter
- F.U.N. Bus

**Mission:** We are an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. We reach out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

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