



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
**THE PALM BEACHES**  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2024- 2025



# OUR MISSION

The Junior League of the Palm Beaches is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

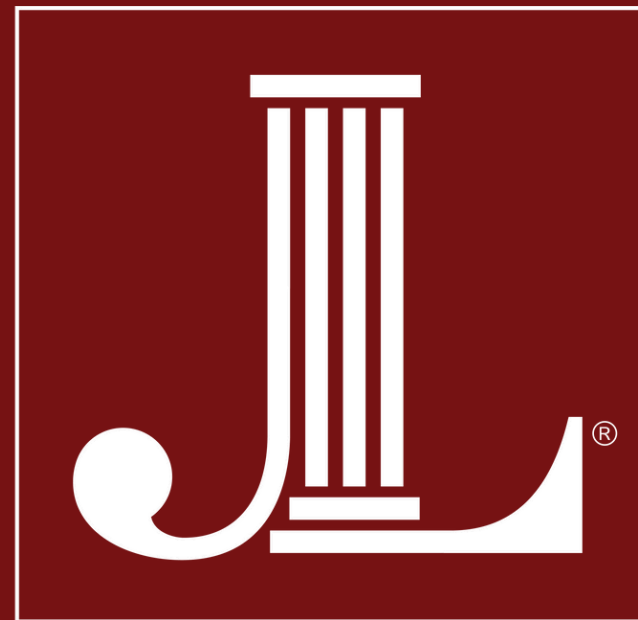
The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission statement. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.

THE ANNUAL REPORT is an annual publication of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, Inc. and is distributed to Junior League Active, Sustaining, and New Members as well as community supporters. Junior League of the Palm Beaches is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization of trained women volunteers. Junior League of the Palm Beaches works to positively impact literacy throughout Palm Beach County.



# Junior League of the Palm Beaches

## LEARN THE LEAGUE'S HISTORY



1941

JLPB Founded by  
15 Women

1961

JLPB Builds Cox Science  
Center & Aquarium

1976

JLPB Featured in  
Town & Country Magazine

2001

JLPB Establishes  
Quantum House

2020

JLPB Establishes  
the Period Supply Bank

2020

JLPB Pilots the  
Free Little Library Program

2024

Period Supply Bank Moves  
to PBC Food Bank

# 2024-2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## MARIA PUMAREJO

The 2024–2025 League year was one defined by energy, engagement, and innovation. We hosted six themed retreats between June and August to foster leadership development, deeper connections, and renewed purpose among our members. Our Mid-Year Leadership Retreat featured Palm Beach County Mayor—and proud JLPB Sustainer—Maria Marino, who inspired us with her message of how to “lead to the finish line.” From a sold-out International Women’s Month Panel in CityPlace to five thoughtfully curated General Membership Meetings featuring educational and empowering panels, our members were constantly given the tools to grow, lead, and serve. Engagement soared as our calendar included a variety of dynamic, mission-driven opportunities—many of them family-friendly—allowing members to connect both personally and professionally.



We continued to embrace our role as community changemakers through a powerful mix of tradition and creativity. We proudly awarded our annual high school scholarship to Jessie Baxter of Jupiter High School and conducted two inspiring New Member Bus Tours, educating our Fall and Spring classes about the League’s legacy and impact. Our signature community projects made headlines—literally—with a full-color feature in The Palm Beach Post on Super Bowl Sunday highlighting our Little Free Libraries, 15 of which were installed this year thanks to our friends at Hedrick Brothers Construction. We hosted six fundraising events and launched an exciting new merchandise campaign that helped us raise funds while promoting JLPB pride across Palm Beach County. Our Period Supply Bank reached a historic milestone by placing an order that will deliver our 1 Millionth period supply since its founding in 2020—made possible through six new partner agencies and culminating in a special distribution through the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County.

Our Past Presidents played a pivotal role this year, lending their wisdom and experience through multiple training opportunities and inspiring panel discussions that uplifted and empowered our members across all stages of their League journey. Every shift, every panel, every initiative this year was rooted in our mission—to develop the potential of women and improve communities through the power of trained volunteers. And this year, we did it together—bigger, bolder, and more united than ever.

# ISSUE BASED COMMUNITY IMPACT:

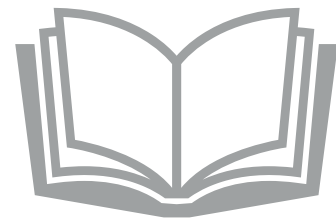
## LITERACY

For over 82 years, JLPB has a legacy of service throughout Palm Beach County. We, as an organization, are continually examining the needs of our community and strive to make a tangible impact for decades to come, through the growth of our issue based community focus of education and literacy.



### D.I.A.D. DONE IN A DAY

Providing support for nonprofit community organizations to help in completing their projects and fulfilling their missions



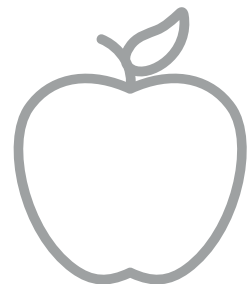
### LITERACY & CREATIVITY

Supporting the love of reading with story times at local libraries and collaboration with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



### ALLIANCE FOR PERIOD SUPPLIES

Providing period supplies to 13 allied partners to benefit women and young girls in Palm Beach County



### Red Apple Supplies

Equipping educators of Title I schools with the critical supplies they need to support their students



### Free Little Libraries

Constructing Free Little Libraries on Title I Elementary School campuses supplied with new books



# JLPB 2024 - 2025 AT A GLANCE

More than 1 million period supplies were distributed to our community

JLPB Members volunteered 80 hours lobbying for League causes with local and state officials

The JLPB Public Affairs team met with 10 elected officials supporting League causes

250 JLPB volunteer hours were dedicated to our Day of Impact

22 Little Libraries installed at Elementary Schools - 4,500 books donated



# Literacy

## Free Little Library

*"We have a Little Library on our campus where kids can come in 24/7 – 7 days a week to take a book to take home.*

*Another benefit – it increases our students reading – they can get a book they can read. We know that reading is the foundation of a lifelong learner – not just in school but beyond when they get out of school. "*

*Dr. Carlos Castro  
Principal*

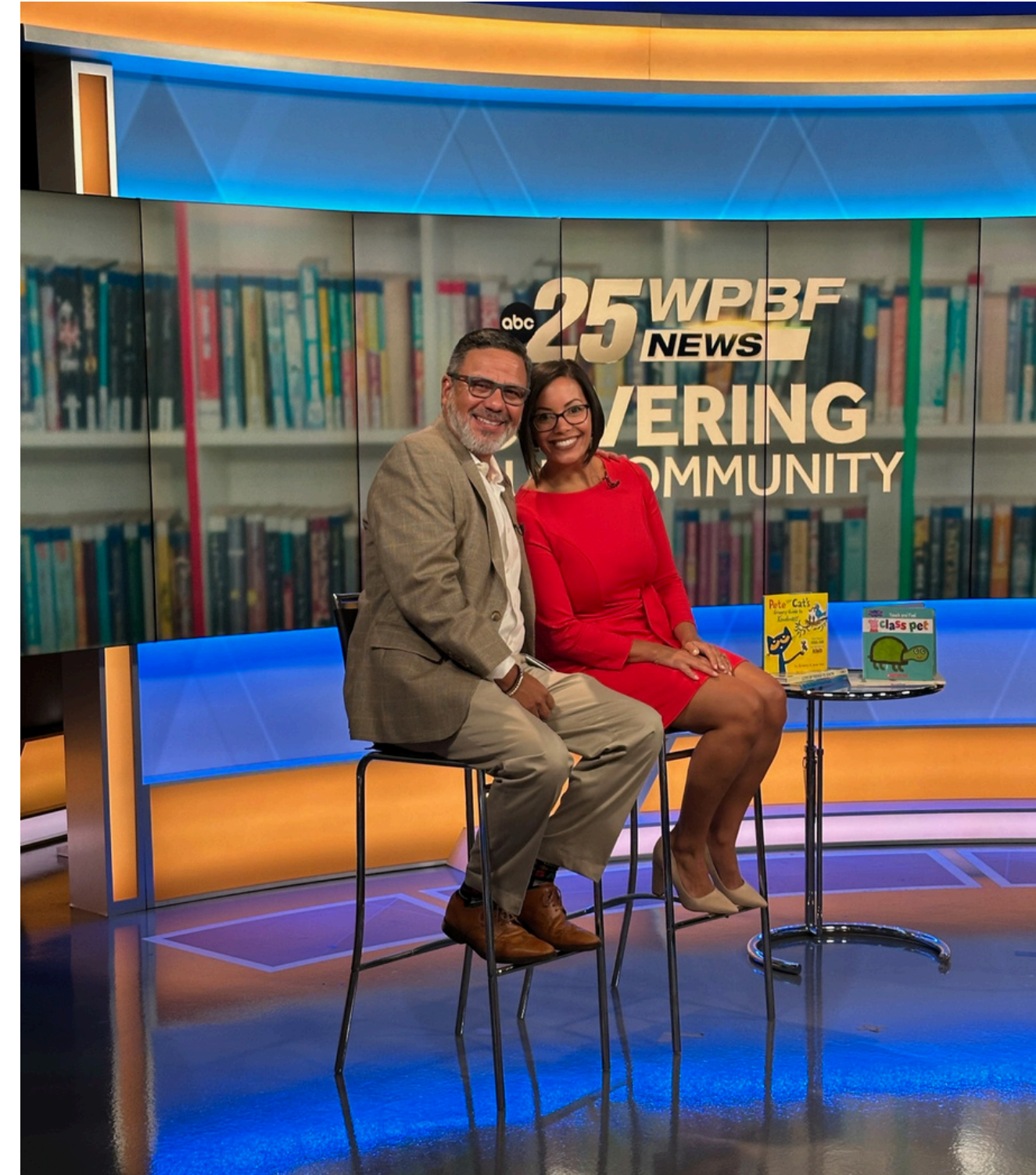
*Lake Park Elementary School*



# Little Libraries Making Headlines



The Palm Beach Post  
February 9, 2025



WPBF NEWS  
December 14, 2024

# REASONS TO BELIEVE



**613**

**Membership**



**26**

**Spring New Members**



**230**

**Active Members**



**357**

**Sustaining Members**



**A common thread  
unites us.  
We are all committed  
to developing the  
potential  
of women, promoting  
voluntarism and  
improving  
Palm Beach County.**

# 2024 - 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President  
President-Elect  
Executive Vice President  
Treasurer  
Nominating Chair  
Secretary  
Board Member  
Board Member  
Board Member  
Board Member  
Board Member

**Maria Pumarejo**  
**Kate Stamm**  
**Kelly Armentano**  
**Cori Lorelli**  
**Brianna "Bri" Sullivan**  
**Danica Sun**  
**Kathryn Sexton**  
**Lauren "Ashley" Costa**  
**Lisa Farley**  
**Emily Friedlander**  
**Steffanie Ngo-Hatchie**



# 2024 - 2025 MANAGEMENT TEAM

## Executive Management Team

Executive Vice President  
Executive Vice President-Elect  
Communications Vice President  
Community Vice President  
Development Vice President  
Membership Vice President  
Treasurer-Elect  
Events Vice President  
Sustainer Vice President

**Kelly Armentano**  
**Christine DeMichael**  
**Katie Velotta**  
**Courtney Tarsa**  
**Alexia “Lexi” Medick**  
**Ana Martinez**  
**Kristina Williams**  
**Kirsten Davis**  
**Xiomi Murray**

## Nominating

Nominating Chair  
Nominating Member  
Nominating Member  
Nominating Member  
Nominating Member

**Brianna “Bri” Sullivan**  
**Chelsea Bellew**  
**Alexandra Hayes**  
**Robyn Lawrence**  
**Allison Freeman**



# THE ALLIANCE FOR PERIOD SUPPLIES

The members continued growth of the JLPB Period Bank in Palm Beach County. It was a major focus of JLPB, as community partners rely on us to aid in period poverty relief. During the 2024-2025 league year JLPB distributed over 200,000 period supplies to our community.

- Since the inception of the Period Supplies program, JLPB has distributed 1,000,000 total supplies to community partners!
- 6 shifts have been organized by JLPB members at the Period Supply Bank.



## The Period Bank Partners with the Palm Beach County Food Bank

The Alliance for Period Supplies at JLPB established a partnership with the Palm Beach County Food Bank to house our ever growing donations and to host our packing events.

# DAY OF IMPACT

March 15, 2025

Day of Impact, is an annual event for the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. The members of the League dedicate the second Saturday in May to volunteering in the community.

## 250 Hours Volunteered

- Gleaning with CROS Ministries
- Donation Sorting at Hands and Feet
- Quantum House Meal Preparation
- Period Supply Packing at Palm Beach County Food Bank
- Red Apple Supply Shift
- Hygiene Kit Assembly at South Florida Soup Kitchen
- Little Libraries Book Sorting



# JLPB VOLUNTEERS

## DONE IN A DAY

Providing support to partner non-profit organizations throughout the community to help in completing their projects and fulfilling their missions.

**580**  
**Hours**  
**Volunteered**  
**16**  
**Community**  
**Partners**

### 2024-2025 DIAD Partners

- PBSO - A Day for Autism
- Red Apple School Supplies
- COX Science Center
- South Florida Soup Kitchen
- Mounts Botanical Garden
- Lake Park Public Library
- Path to College
- Hands and Feet Palm Beach Gardens
- Education Foundation of Palm Beach County
- Palm Beach Children's Hospital
- Go Teach Awards Ceremony
- C.R.O.S. Ministries
- Palm Beach County Food Bank
- Riviera Beach Urban Farm
- Quantum House
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library





**Junior League of the Palm Beaches &  
The Hands and Feet  
Florida's Childrens First  
Palm Beach County Advocates for  
Children Award Winner**



**Kelly Armentano  
2024 Girls Run the Diamond  
Honoree**



**Alexandra Chase  
Executive Women of the Palm Beaches  
Women in Leadership Award Nominee**



**Cori Lorelli  
Women's Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County  
29th Annual Giraffe Marvelous Mentor Nominee**

# 2024 - 2025 AWARDS



# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE PALM BEACHES RECEIVES THE 2025 AJLI MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS AWARD



# SCHOLARSHIPS

Jessie Baxter is a visionary leader and the founder of Ta Ta for Now, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing undergarments and menstrual products to underserved girls. Through her initiative, Jessie has made a significant impact, reaching over 7,600 girls, raising more than \$525,000, and collaborating with 25 organizations, including the Junior League.

Jessie's work extends beyond addressing basic needs—it's about empowering girls to stay in school, participate in activities, and feel confident in their own skin.

Academically, Jessie is an outstanding student at Jupiter High School in Jupiter, FL. She is graduating with an AICE Diploma with Merit, is an AP Scholar with Distinction, and holds a GPA of 3.96, ranking 62nd out of 785 students (Top 8%). Jessie has also participated in the University of Miami Summer Scholar Program, taking pre-law courses, and is dual-enrolled at Palm Beach State College. Additionally, she is pursuing a Nonprofit Management Certificate through Duke University.

Jessie is a leader on campus as the Student Government Treasurer and President of the Rho Kappa Honor Society.

With plans to attend UNC Chapel Hill Honors College, Jessie aims to pursue a career as a public interest attorney and, ultimately, a U.S. Senator, where she plans to advocate for equity, justice, and systemic change.



# JLPB ADVOCATES

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Much of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches' community impact would not be possible without communicating with local and state representatives. Our Public Affairs committee serves as the advocacy arm of JLPB. They monitor state legislation, educate our members and the community, and take action on public policy issues important to our Mission. This committee won recognition for its work this year as best public affairs committee from FLSPAC.

JLPB participates in the Junior Leagues of Florida State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC), a non-partisan education and advocacy organization representing 22 Junior Leagues and over 11,000 women statewide. Together, we have monitored legislation and advocated for issues of importance to our members for almost 40 years to help improve the lives for Florida women, children and families.

**128**  
**Hours**  
**Volunteered**



# JLPB SUSTAINS

## Educational & Cultural

Sustainer members include women who have dedicated a minimum of ten years of service to JLPB. Sustainers support the JLPB mission by volunteering with our community projects, supporting our fundraisers and representing JLPB in the community. In addition, sustainers have their own calendar of events and community projects, allowing them to have their own impact, while enjoying the long-standing sustainer traditions of service, social, educational and cultural enrichment.



# JLPB FUNDRAISERS



## Lady in Red

September 27, 2024

The Ben Hotel - West Palm Beach

Junior League Members and their guests shared a night of community and celebration overlooking the intercoastal.



## Costumes & Cocktails

October 19, 2024

Bodega West Palm Beach

JLPB members came together to for a spooktacular evening to benefit the League filled with many more treats than tricks!



# JLPB FUNDRAISERS



## Holiday Luncheon

December 7, 2024

The Eau Palm Beach

A whimsical holiday luncheon including silent auction, champagne reception, plated lunch and celebration of our Fall New Member Class.



## Sprint Into Spring Training 5K

February 1, 2025

CACTI Park of The Palm Beaches

Sprint into Spring Training 5K run includes an in-person and virtual 5K plus Kids Fun Run. Racers receive race t-shirts, finisher medals, and awards, with proceeds benefitting established JLPB programs, which support youth causes in Palm Beach County.



# JLPB FUNDRAISERS



## Night at the Ballpark

March 8, 2025

CACTI Park of The Palm Beaches

Whether you're a die-hard baseball fan or a casual observer, JLPB Night at the Ballpark of the Palm Beaches offers a memorable experience filled with the excitement of America's favorite pastime.



## International Women's Day Panel

March 13, 2025

CityPlace

Panel of women leaders including Jennifer Feriol -Director of Housing & Community Development, City of WPB, Tara McCoy - CEO, HSS - Florida and our JLPB President & VP of Engagement at Quantum House - Maria Pumarejo.



# JLPB FUNDRAISERS



## Hill House Sip & Shop

December 12, 2025 & April 16, 2025

Hill House Palm Beach

JLPB partnered with Hill House to raise pair a love for fashion and philanthropy for two sip and shops in this league year providing a portion of the evenings proceeds to the League.



## May Dinner

May 20, 2025

Pelican Club

JLPB commemorates the culmination of the year with the formal installation ceremony of the new Board of Directors and Management Team, alongside the graduation of the Spring New Member Class.



# MAY DINNER

MAY 20, 2025



Incoming JLPB Nominating Committee  
2025-2026



Incoming JLPB Board Members  
2025-2026



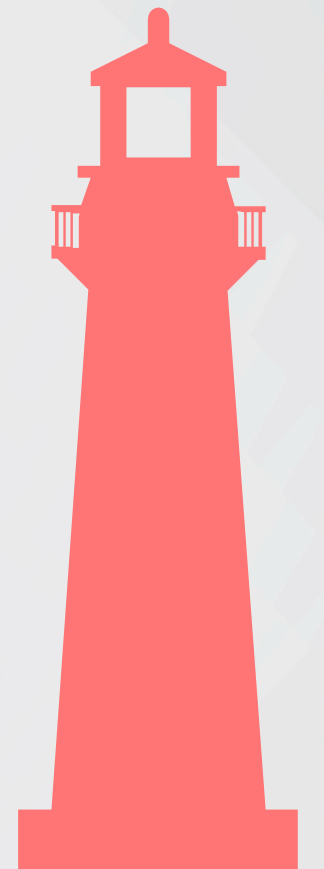
Incoming JLPB Management Team  
2025-2026



Past Presidents



Spring New Member Class  
2024-2025



# Annual Award Winners

## President's Award

Recognizes a member in a non-VP or Board position who has made an extraordinary contribution to JLPB, showing commitment to DEIB through their actions and interactions with others.

**Active Member**      **Sustaining Member**  
**Jennifer Sariol**      **Margaret Schuemann**

## Above & Beyond Award

**Jennifer Sherm**

Recognizes a member that has gone above and beyond on their volunteer hours not related to the Member's Placement.

## Leadership Award

**Kirsten Davis**

Recognizes a member in a leadership position who has shown exemplary leadership skills.

## Committee of the Year

**New Member**

## Community Partner of the Year

**Palm Beach County Food Bank**

## Mission Supporter of the Year

**Hedrick Brothers Construction**

## Susan Schachtel Literacy and Education Champion of the Year

**Bruce Hightower**

## Outstanding New Member of the Year: Spring & Fall

**Nadia Dunrod and Joely Pique**



# GENERAL MEMBER MEETINGS

**SEPT** Cacti Park of the Palm Beaches  
*Past Presidents Panel*

**OCT** Cacti Park of the Palm Beaches  
*The Events Industry*

**JAN** Palm Beach County Food Bank  
*Your Mental Health Matters*

**FEB** Palm Beach County Food Bank  
*Your Money Habits Matter*

**APRIL** CACTI Ballpark of The Palm Beaches  
*President's Leadership Series: Capstone*



# JLPB EVENTS



## Cluster Meetings

November 2024 & March 2025

A smaller, more intimate member meeting in place of GMMs, hosted in various locations around Palm Beach County by members of the executive committee.



## President's Leadership Series

October 2024-April 2025

Provided next level training for JLPB members with six topics ranging from finance and communications, to fundraising, management, and board governance. This training empower 80 women in their leadership roles in JLPB.



# JLPB EVENTS



## Meet Me In The Mezzanine

November 10, 2024

The Kravis Center for the Arts

League members joined together to enjoy an afternoon of community and entertainment with the Palm Beach Symphony at the cultural hub of Palm Beach County, the Kravis Center.



## League Retreats

June 2024-May 2025

Throughout the league year, each council, leadership, and new members joined together to celebrate their collective mission and bond at whimsically themed JLPB HQ Retreats.



# JLPB EVENTS



## Vote Smart: Ammendments

October 25, 2024

JLPB HQ

JLPB Public Affairs and Education and Training Committees are joining forces to bring our members an exclusive non-partisan training on the Constitutional amendments on the ballot



## New Member Bus Tours

October 5, 2024 & February 8, 2025

Palm Beach County

An opportunity for new members to join leadership in a tour of JLPB community partners - including the FLITE Center, Red Apple Supply, PBC Food Bank, Quantum House and more!



# JLPB FINANCIAL REPORT

As of May 31, 2025

## Statement of Financial Position:

• Assets	\$1,874,146.29
• Liabilities	\$91,389.98
• Equity	\$1,782,756.31

## Additional Financial Notes:

• Fundraising Efficiency Ratio	44.54%
• Endowment Balance	\$1,103,222.48

## Net Changes in Fundraising Assets:

• Gross Fundraising Income	\$189,484.69
• Fundraising Expenses	\$84,405.04
• Net Fundraising Profit	\$105,079.65



# SUPPORT JLPB

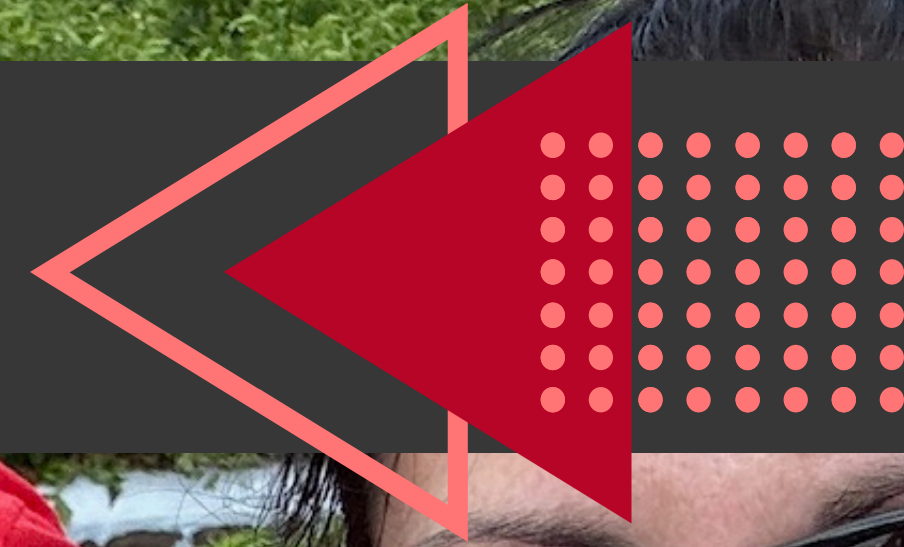


Your donation to the Junior League of the Palm Beaches allows us to continue our mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Donate now to help fund our community programs and empower the next generation of women leaders. Each dollar used in the community by JLPB is multiplied in value by our volunteers' time.



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