



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
TOPEKA**

Women building better communities

Junior League of Topeka Fact Sheet

Who We Are

The Junior League of Topeka is a non-profit, 501(c)3, organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community. Over the past 69 years, JLT has founded a number of vital community programs in Topeka including ERC, Hospice, CASA, Volunteer Center of Topeka, Everybody Wins When Adults Read with Children, and the Topeka Community Foundation. Additionally, JLT provides leadership and volunteer training for Topeka women interested in being a positive force in the community. JLT's new signature project titled "Happy, Healthy Me", is focused on reducing and preventing childhood obesity in Shawnee County.

Mission Statement

The Junior League of Topeka, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Vision Statement

We strive to have diverse members who promote and sustain friendships through building an integrated team of trained volunteers to improve the quality of children's self-esteem in our community.

Reaching Out Statement

The Junior League of Topeka reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

Focus Area

Children's self-esteem

Membership/Organization

Founded in 1937, the Junior League of Topeka is part of a network of 294 Junior Leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom. The Association of Junior Leagues International, formed in 1921, has more than 170,000 members.

The Junior League of Topeka has a membership of around 400 members. Membership is open to all women over 21 years of age living in Topeka and surrounding communities who show an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism.

Demographics

38% are 30 to 49 years old

53% are age 50+

82% are married, 41% have dependent children

63% are employed, 77% of those full-time

65% hold a Bachelor's Degree

18% hold a Master's Degree

JLT members' occupations range from attorneys, state workers, accountants, business owners, teachers and stay-at-home moms to name a few.

Famous Junior League Members

Shirley Temple Black, 1928- , Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula, CA

Barbara Bush, 1925- , Houston, TX

Laura Bush, 1946- , Austin, TX

Betty Ford, 1918- , Grand Rapids, MI

Katharine Hepburn, 1907-2003, Hartford, CT

Sandra Day O'Connor, 1930- , Phoenix, AZ

Nancy Reagan, 1921- , Los Angeles, CA

Eleanor Roosevelt, 1884-1962, The City of New York

Mary Harriman Rumsey, 1882-1934, The City of New York

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