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Junior League of Lancaster Announces 2024-2025 President and Board of Directors

LANCASTER, PA – August 6, 2024—The Junior League of Lancaster (JLL) is pleased to announce Laura McGarry's appointment as President and the incoming 2024-2025 Board of Directors.

A native of Lancaster County, McGarry is a 2007 graduate of Ephrata High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Pennsylvania State University and a Juris Doctor degree from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law. Prior to joining RKG Law, she spent several years representing the Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Service Agency and Office of Aging, where she litigated on behalf of Lancaster County children and families. McGarry joined the JLL as part of the Fall 2015 Provisional Class and has held several leadership positions, including Communications Vice President, Placement Vice President, and President-Elect. When she's not actively volunteering in the community, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Kevin, and their three children, Jack, Alice, and Kate.

"Serving as President of the Junior League of Lancaster is a profound honor, especially as we look forward to another year of impactful community service. Our members are dedicated to making a tangible difference in Lancaster County, and I am excited to lead such a passionate group of women," shared McGarry.

In addition to McGarry, fellow 2024-2025 Board members include:

Melissa Esterly, President-Elect
Anne Louise DeBord, Sustainer Chair
Amy Lewis, Treasurer
Kelly Gehman, Nominating Vice President
Jess Rodriguez, Placement Vice President
Anna Michaels, Community Impact Vice President
Kris Zarnoch, Communications Vice President
Annie Hartley, Fund Development Vice President
Yalonda Rice, Membership Development Vice President

The JLL's current initiative is nutrition accessibility, a focus area aimed at combating the lack of access to healthy and nutrient-rich food and improving nutrition knowledge and dietary habits across all populations in Lancaster County. As part of this initiative, we are excited to announce over \$3,000 in support to our awarded partners for our 2024 Community Grant Program. This program supports Lancaster nonprofits that address health, nutrition, and food accessibility.



within our community. Notable grants include \$600 to Edible Classroom for school-day garden lessons, \$600 to Arch Street Center for their daily food program, and \$1,400 to Solanco Life Ministries for purchasing local fruit and dairy items for their food bank families.

The Junior League of Lancaster celebrated its 100th anniversary last year with a series of commemorative events throughout the year, culminating in a Centennial Gala at the iconic Fulton Theatre on June 1st, 2024. This milestone event, sponsored by the Louise Steinman Von Hess Foundation and Woodstream Foundation, brought together members and community partners for an evening of celebration, underscoring the JLL's enduring commitment to community engagement and volunteerism.

Operating on a fiscal year, the 2023-2024 League year began on July 1, 2024, and will conclude on June 30, 2025.

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ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER

Established in 1923, the Junior League of Lancaster is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Junior League members scan the needs of our community, conduct issue-based research, and identify areas where we can be most impactful in our local ecosystem. As of June 2022, our current initiatives include Nutrition Insecurity, a newly adopted Issue-Based Community Impact (IBCI) focus area, to combat the lack of access to healthy and nutrient-rich food and improve nutrition knowledge and dietary habits across all populations in Lancaster County. For nearly a century, we have identified the needs of our area and have rallied to provide meaningful and lasting improvements. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Please visit the League's website at www.jllancaster.org for more information about the League's projects, programs and fundraisers.