



EMPOWERING WOMEN TO LEAD SINCE 1931



THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LONG BEACH

“The Junior League provided me with so many opportunities to learn. Public speaking, leadership, facilitation, negotiation, interpersonal relationships. And what a great place to learn these skills—in such a **supportive** environment.”

- Judy Ross



“The Junior League is the **best gift** I’ve given myself. It has given me the opportunity to be able to do things with women to help my community and better myself.”

- Holly Carpenter



“The skills I got from the Junior League, like time management **skills** and PR development, really helped me in my realty business. The Junior League can help you take your interests and new skills, and build them into a career.”

- Pam Spoo

“I am a very different woman through my affiliation with JLLB over the past six years. I’m a more **well-rounded** woman and individual through staying engaged in the organization.”

- Alex Weiss



“We are not here just to volunteer, we are here to be trained, to become something, to **transform** ourselves. It’s learning the landscape of our community and being able to put it all together.”

- Paula Barrow



Our Mission

The Junior League of Long Beach 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.

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

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IT STARTS WITH A WOMAN



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What do **you** get out of being a JLLB member?

The Junior League of Long Beach isn't just about **giving back** to the community. It's also about you—giving you the **training and skills** you need to be an effective leader. Because strong **leaders** make **strong** communities.



A place for women's voices to be heard

When the Junior League was founded by Mary Harriman in 1901, women's clubs were one of the only ways for women to be treated seriously and create change in their communities and lives. Though a lot has changed since then, a majority of leadership roles in society still go to men. Thus, member leadership training remains a top priority for all Junior Leagues.

The Junior League of Long Beach: We build women who build our community

Established in 1931, JLLB has been the driving force behind the kinds of initiatives and institutions that make our community a healthier, more vital place to live. Our organization provides women of all backgrounds the opportunity to acquire new skills, better understand our community's needs, and become leaders in their workplaces and other organizations.

JLLB has developed, supported and launched more than 60 projects into the community. We've done this through needs assessments, fund development support, and volunteer hours.

Some of our most impactful community projects include:

- Children's Dental Health Clinic
- Casa Youth Shelter
- Rebuilding Together Long Beach
- The Volunteer Center South Bay-Harbor-Long Beach
- Bethune Transitional Center
- Rancho Los Cerritos School Tour Docents
- Long Beach Regional Arts Council
- Literary Women

Current programming and objectives

Especially Me! and **Confidence & Me** programs combat bullying through character development and life skills enhancement. Specially developed for 5th to 8th graders and their caregivers, these programs encourage relationship building and respect for the self and others.

Kids in the Kitchen programs promote health and wellness by involving kids in hands-on environments that focus on preparing healthy foods.

As a charter member of the **Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force**, it is our goal to eradicate human trafficking.

The Long Beach Lunafest Film Festival is one of our major annual fundraisers, enabling us to further our programs and empower women.

Local notable members

Our members share a vision for building a better community. The training our members receive enables them to confidently serve as leaders, facilitators and educators in all aspects of their lives.

- **Beverly O'Neill**, Long Beach mayor from 1994-2006
- **Judy Ross**, first executive director of the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership, past JLLB president
- **Jean Bixby Smith**, founding member of the Long Beach Community Foundation, past JLLB president
- **Mary Stanton**, past long-term board member of Long Beach Unified School District
- **Gina Rushing Maguire**, founding member of Leadership Long Beach, co-founder of Woman to Woman Recovery Center in LB, past JLLB president
- **Virginia Zart**, founding member of the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force, past JLLB president