



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF INDIAN RIVER

2016-2017

PROPOSED COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Excerpt from the current Standing Rules:

A program should incorporate:

1. Provision for training of League members.
2. Demonstration of the effective use of trained volunteer.
3. Utilization of a substantial amount of League expertise in the development and the maintenance of the program.
4. Fulfillment, without duplication, of a high priority need as recognized by the community and/or nation as well as the League.
5. System for the regular evaluation of the programs progress in achieving its goals and objectives.
6. Design for tax exempt status.
7. Consideration for the time, interest, and capabilities of the League membership.
8. Fiscal and administrative stability:
 - a. Assurance that League funding is matched by League authority.
 - b. Establishment of clearly and thoroughly defined areas of responsibility among cooperating parties.
9. An evaluation process for the program should be developed as part of the proposal.

The proposed Community Programs are as follows:

Devereux Community Based Care

The mission of Devereux Community Based Care is to enhance the safety, permanency and well-being for all children in Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast through a community network of family support services. It is proposed that JLIR continue to support Devereux Community Based Care by hosting the annual holiday party for foster children and families.

Operation Prom

Operation Prom IRC is a grass roots initiative comprised of community members who are aware of the high financial costs of participating in special and memorable events that many take for granted, such as proms, and who desire that all teens have the opportunity to attend their proms. It is proposed that JLIR plans, hosts, and provides volunteers for this event to provide teens the opportunity to attend prom in style.

Whole Child Indian River

Whole Child Indian River is a Ground Floor Project of JLIR, and it is a web-based program that identifies family needs and then links families to services. It is proposed that JLIR shall continue to support Whole Child Indian River by providing volunteers to this Ground Floor Project over the course of the next calendar year (June 2016 – May 2017) throughout the transition process of Whole Child Indian River from JLIR to the Treasure Coast Food Bank. Volunteer opportunities will be provided by the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

Community Impact Projects

JLIR annually focuses its support on a variety of Community Impact Projects, committing financial support and volunteer hours in an effort to fulfill our mission of improving the community through effective action and leadership. It is proposed that JLIR shall continue Community Impact Projects for 2016-2017. The number of Community Impact Projects chosen from the applications will not exceed two (2). The proposed Community Impact projects are as follows:

Habitat for Humanity

Seeking to put God's love into action, Indian River Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

CIP Proposal: "A Brush with Kindness" focuses on exterior home preservation, including painting, minor repairs, landscaping, and cleanup. The improvements obviously benefit the family, but they also contribute to revitalizing the appearance of the neighborhood by eliminating eyesores. It helps preserve affordable housing stock and has a positive effect on property values.

CIP Proposal: "New Construction Waterside" - Construction of new homes at our Waterside Community located on 20th Avenue SW off US1 South/9th Street. Projects may include painting, framing, landscaping, roofing and other general construction areas.

Hibiscus Children's Center

To provide safety for abused, abandoned, and neglected children through prevention programs, residential programs, shelter programs and recovery programs.

CIP Proposal: Hibiscus Center requests Junior League volunteers to organize and execute a spa day for the teen girls. Manicures and facials would be a great activity and educational time to talk with girls about potential careers available in cosmetology/esthetics field. The purpose of this CIP is for the teen girls to gain confidence in themselves and education on how choices affect health and beauty.

The Senior Resource Association

The Senior Resource Association promotes independence and dignity in our community by providing services to older adults and transportation to all.

CIP Proposal: Senior Resource Association's Meals on Wheels Adopt-A-Route program provides an excellent way for companies, civic and faith-based organizations to engage in community service. The Junior League would adopt a route for a day and deliver food to our local community. Volunteers must deliver meals between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. M-F and use their own vehicles.

Girls on the Run

Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum, which creatively integrates running.

CIP Proposal: In the fall, we are projecting to have 120 participants in the elementary program. This year we plan to combine our fundraising race with the girls final 5K because we want our sponsors to see firsthand the great things these girls are accomplishing. We are asking the Junior League to help us make this special for the girls as they strive to reach their goal of completing the 5K. Members would help create race goody bags with materials supplied by GOTR. They could include special messages to the girls to encourage them. Members would help with the "Happy Hair" and photo booth stations. During the race, Junior League members would help to direct runners on the course and cheer on our girls. Interested members could serve as running buddies and complete the 5K with a girl in the program.

Environmental Learning Center

ELC educates, inspires and empowers all people, including those with minimal access to nature, to be active stewards of the environment and their own well-being.

CIP Proposal: Help is needed during ELC's annual open house, Ecofest, which is held in March every year with an average of 3000 attendees.

Dasie Hope

Offering a safe and nurturing environment where children can learn, dream and aspire to achieve by developing self-esteem and acquiring life survival skills.

CIP Proposal: Volunteers are needed at our "Howling Halloween Celebration". The purpose of this event is to empower children's healthy eating habits while having fun. All children love Halloween, so to promote healthy eating, the following will take place: vegetables and fruits will be made into Halloween characters, introduction to vegetables in a decorative display, information about the food characters on display, judging of "best display," coloring contest, and blind-folded taste test. Halloween is a time of fun, but also healthy eating. Healthy eating should be a way of life. This project encourages youth to enjoy and try different foods, besides all "sugary" snacks while enjoying fun activities.