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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JUNE 2021

With this June Bulletin, I start my second year as NCJWSTL Board President. And, what an interesting year the first one has been! Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we reimagined the work of NCJWSTL and kept our mission alive in everything we planned.

It was a year of recognition of the work we do together! NCJWSTL received the LaunchCode MoonShot Award for Commitment due to the dedication of the Healing Hearts Bank. NCJWSTL was named a 2020 Women in the Workplace Honoree by the Women's Foundation of Greater St. Louis. Congratulations to CEO Ellen Alper and her staff! With face masks and social distancing, Back to School! Store (BTSS) moved to a different type of venue. At the end of July, from the College Hunks warehouse parking lot, 100 volunteers delivered 2,000 backpacks filled with books, games, and school supplies to our partner agencies to be distributed to the children. Smiles were shared by all.

In October, we reimagined our "Celebrating Women" event virtually with the Missouri History Museum and their exhibit celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. It was a beautiful evening as we honored Senator Claire McCaskill with the Hannah G. Solomon Award. My thanks to Nanci Bobrow, 125th Chair, and the event Co-Chairs, Deborah Matson, Dana Sandweiss, and Fran Zamler, along with the committee for this inspiring event enjoyed virtually by over 450 people.

Through the year, we have kept in touch through our monthly Lunch & Learns and Coffee Talks. My thanks to VP of Advocacy, Felice Joyce, Chair, Linda Dahl, and Advocacy Manager, Jen Bernstein, for the meaningful subjects of the Lunch & Learns; and to VP of Membership, Lisa Gubernik, and Past President, Susan Katzman, for Coffee Talks, and the Membership Engagement Committee for their awesome membership events. Their guests have provided us with interesting and useful information. Our first virtual fundraiser, NCJWSTL's Grape Escape: The Ultimate Wine and Food Tasting was held in April. What a fun evening everyone had tasting wines paired with delicious food from local caterer, Bottled Up Chefs. My thanks to Co-Chairs, Phyllis Langsdorf, Barbara Langsam Shuman, along with VP of Development, Susan Dertke Hendin, and their committee for all their hard work. To end my first year, we had Board Installation, Section Awards, and Leadership Class recognition on May 27th.

We honored our 2021 Section Award Winners: Emerging Leader Award - Hillary Hinz; Community Service Award - Arlene Baer and Patti Teper; Leadership Award - Susan Witte; Fritz Lainoff Advocacy Award - Debbie Gilula and Andrea Powers Schankman; and Volunteer Service Award - Terry Cox. Congratulations to these outstanding women and thank you for all you do for NCJWSTL!

Welcome to our new Officers and Board Members: President Elect - Nancy Litz; VP Leadership - Sue Lapp; VP Advocacy - Hiliary Hinz; and Treasurer - Michelle Brooks.

New Board Members: Barbara Barnholtz; Alison Fox; Cindy Frank; Phyllis Langsdorf; Debbie Matson; Karen Grossman Tabak; and Peggy Cohen Voss.

Congratulations! I look forward to working with you and the continuing officers and board members. I applaud your commitment and dedication as together we continue the great work of this organization. What will this next year bring? Hopefully with vaccinations, masks in place, and social distancing, we will be able to meet in person. With the start of our 125th Anniversary Celebratory year in 2020, we kicked off the Partners for Our Future Endowment Campaign. I am pleased to report we are close to our goal! If you haven't donated yet, please consider donating and put us "over the top."

My hugs and thanks to all of our 125th Co-Chairs: Darien Arnstein - Endowment Campaign; Nanci Bobrow - Celebrating Woman; Lisa Gubernik - Days of Giving Back; Marlene Hammerman - Sisters Act! Luncheon; Susan Katzman - Past President; and Marilyn Ratkin - Marketing

You have done an OUTSTANDING job and we applaud you. Some great things are coming up! BTSS will be August 1st with much of the same format as last year. April 27th, 2022, is the new date for the Sisters Act! Luncheon to be held at the Ritz Carlton with Kathy Najimy as our guest speaker. Marlene Hammerman and the committee have been working very hard in planning this event so it could be held in person. You won't want to miss it.

As I close, I want to thank all our members, volunteers, supporters, and staff for your commitment and dedication to NCJWSTL. As you can see, we continue the work of our mission - inspired by Jewish values to advance social and economic justice for all women, children, and families with open minds and full hearts. Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!

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AWARDS

MEET THE 2021 SECTION AWARD WINNERS

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – ARLENE BAER & PATTI TEPER

The Community Service Award is presented to a volunteer or volunteers who have demonstrated the spirit of NCJWSTL on a particular project — the spirit of innovation and dedication.



Arlene Baer



Patti Teper

Arlene Baer and Patti Teper were recognized for their dedicated service as Co-Chairs of NCJWSTL's Healing Hearts Bank (HHB). Together, they oversee this program that provides low-interest micro-loans to women and families to help further their financial independence. Both Arlene and Patti spearhead communications, program development, and partnerships with agency and volunteer bankers.

From the application process, to establishing relationships with borrowers, both Arlene and Patti enjoy all aspects of working to support women and families. Borrowers may not have access to traditional banking for items related to income generation, credit building, and increased self-sufficiency, and HHB is a viable alternative to predatory lending. Their ingenuity, perseverance, and commitment before and throughout the pandemic, has positioned Healing Hearts Bank to continue meeting the needs of the community.



EMERGING LEADER AWARD – HILLARY HINZ

The Emerging Leader Award is an award that is sanctioned by National. This award identifies and nurtures future Section leadership. The criteria are that the recipient: Has potential for assuming future Section leadership; Understands and supports the NCJWSTL purpose and programs; Demonstrates commitment to the Section; Currently serves on the Section board, has served for less than five years, or is currently chairing a committee or serving as an officer.



Hillary Hinz

Hillary Hinz was honored with the Emerging Leader Award because of her outstanding commitment and sustained impact as a leader at NCJWSTL. Because of her passion for women's issues and social justice, Hillary became involved with NCJW while living in Memphis, TN. Upon moving to St. Louis, she joined the St. Louis section, and jumped in with both feet! Hillary's involvement includes participating on a number of committees, Co-Chairing the annual luncheon, and she especially enjoys working on the Back to School! Store.

Hillary joined the board of NCJWSTL in 2016, and was installed as Vice President of Advocacy in May, having just completed her second term as Vice President of Marketing. She recently graduated from NCJWSTL's Leadership Class. She is thrilled to be working with strong, talented women who are dedicated to the organization's critical mission.



FRITZI LAINOFF ADVOCACY AWARD – DEBBIE GILULA & ANDREA POWERS SCHANKMAN

The Fritzi Lainoff Advocacy Award is given to a member or members who demonstrated a strong commitment to advocacy and raising the awareness of NCJWSTL issues locally, statewide, and nationally.



Debbie Gilula



Andrea Powers Schankman

Debbie Gilula and Andrea Powers Schankman were given the Fritzi Lainoff Advocacy Award in May for their incredible efforts as Co-Chairs of NCJWSTL's Get Out the Vote initiative in 2020. Together, they worked to ensure that as many people as possible were registered to vote, and had the ability to vote absentee where necessary. This included working tirelessly with many other agencies and organizations locally and across Missouri. This project included providing notaries for more than 1,500 absentee ballots at public libraries and at NCJWSTL.

Both women have passion for advocacy and social justice and furthering the mission of NCJWSTL through their extensive volunteer service in a multitude of programs and projects.

LEADERSHIP AWARD – SUSAN WITTE

The Leadership Award is given to a member who has demonstrated long-term leadership efforts and service to the Section.



Susan Witte

A stalwart and tenured leader at NCJWSTL, Susan Witte was honored with the NCJWSTL Leadership Award in May for her outstanding commitment to furthering NCJWSTL's organizational impact and legacy in the community.

Susan was installed as President of NCJWSTL in 2016 and served as President for two years. Prior to that she served on the Board for 10 years, during which she was Vice President of Membership, and a member of the Executive Committee. Over the years she has chaired various NCJWSTL projects and committees, including Community Service Evaluation, Back to School! Store Strategic Planning, Celebrating Women, and Cocktails and Closets. She currently serves on the Awards, Personal Solicitation, and Nominating Committees, is a Co-Chair of the 125th Luncheon, and Chairs the Project Development Committee.



VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD – TERRY COX

This award was created in 2007 to begin the tradition of honoring outstanding volunteers who have given of their time and talents to NCJWSTL.



Terry Cox

Terry Cox was recognized with NCJWSTL's Volunteer Service Award for her outstanding service at The Resale Shop and NCJWSTL. For the past two years, Terry has been volunteering 16 to 24 hours weekly in her position at The Resale Shop. She is a favorite amongst staff, customers, donors, and volunteers alike because of her entertaining one-liners and willingness to help anyone with anything at any time. Terry is part of a great team that works hard towards customer satisfaction and supporting the NCJWSTL mission that is so near and dear to her heart. Staff and colleagues appreciate and acknowledge the incredible impact Terry has made through her service; Terry is dependable, capable, caring, and kind.

THANK YOU TO THE AWARDS COMMITTEE FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN SELECTING OUR 2021 SECTION AWARD WINNERS!

Chair: Marissa Rosen

Committee Members: Darien Arnstein, Nanci Bobrow, Gail Eisenkramer, Sherri Goldman, Lisa Gubernik, Farilyn Hale, Marlene Hammerman, Hillary Hinz, Susan Katzman, Phyllis Langsdorf, Marilyn Ratkin, Rose-Lynn Sokol, Nancy Weigley, Susan Witte

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SIGN UP FOR 5 WAYS TO ADVOCATE EMAILS

Stay up to date with what you can do to advocate on behalf of women, children, and families.



Sign up to receive our weekly *5 Ways to Advocate* newsletter to learn how you can take action with NCJWSTL. To receive *5 Ways to Advocate* in your inbox every Monday morning, email Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call the office at 314.993.5181.



Keeping our members up-to-date on the details of NCJWSTL's core issues through our Advocacy in Action Virtual Lunch and Learn series is a top priority. **Lunch and Learn programs take place on Zoom on the third Thursday of each month from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT.** Please register by visiting ncjwstl.org, calling the office, or emailing jbernstein@ncjwstl.org. There's no cost to attend.

UPCOMING SESSIONS

JUNE 17

Parenting a Transgender Child with community volunteers, Lisa Brennan, Karen Rudolph, and Rabbi Daniel Bogard

JULY 15

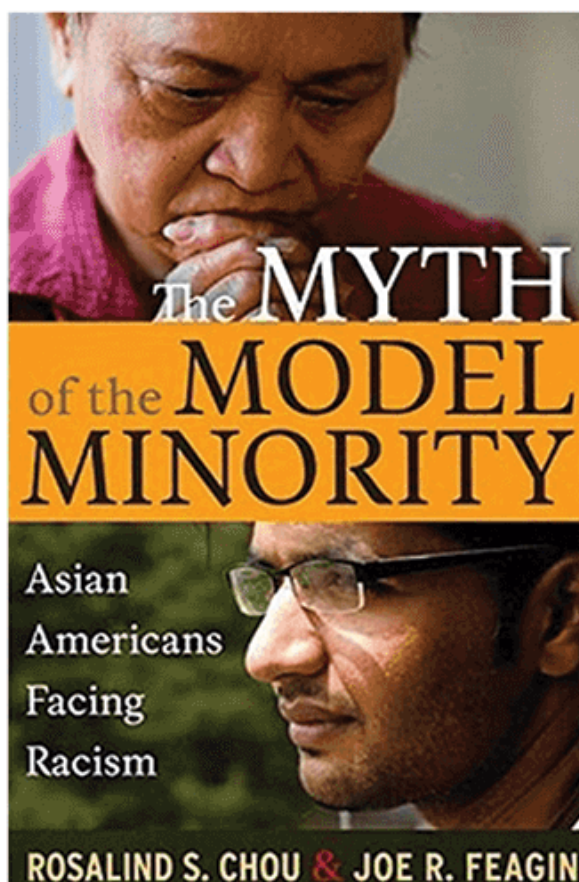
School Accreditations/School Closures with Black Males in Education St. Louis (BMESTL) co-founder, Dr. Howard Fields

AUGUST 19

Advocacy Workshop & Legislative Wrap-up with The Missouri Independent Editor-in-Chief, Jason Hancock

WINE & WISDOM VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Come learn and socialize with other NCJWSTL members as we explore fiction and non-fiction books that delve into social justice topics.



Our next book will be "Myth of the Model Minority: Asian Americans Facing Racism" by Rosalind S. Chou and Joe Feagin. Asian Americans have long been viewed by white Americans as the "model minority." Yet few Americans realize the lives of many Asian Americans are constantly stressed by racism. This reality becomes clear from the voices of Asian Americans heard in this first in-depth book on the experiences of racism among Asian Americans from many different nations and social classes. Chou and Feagin assess racial stereotyping and discrimination from dozens of interviews across the country with Asian Americans in a variety of settings, from elementary schools to colleges, workplaces, and other public arenas. They explore the widely varied ways of daily coping that Asian Americans employ – some choosing to conform and others actively resisting. This book dispels notions that Asian Americans are universally "favored" by whites and have an easy time adapting to life in American society. The authors conclude with policy measures that can improve the lives not only of Asian Americans but also of other Americans of color.

We would love for you to join us via Zoom for an engaging conversation on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM CT. For more information and to register, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org. There is no cost to attend.



LEADERSHIP CLASS

Since February, the class enjoyed inspiring and educational programs bi-weekly via ZOOM. Each session opened with a d'var Torah presented by a local female rabbi and an NCJWSTL member shared an overview of one of our section projects in community service, advocacy, and membership. The 2021 cohort received their certificates and wrapped up the series with a Graduation celebration in May.

Co-Chairs Sue Lapp and Michelle Gerchen created an impressive lineup of speakers and program topics:

Dynamics of Leadership – with community activist and Build-a-Bear founder, Maxine Clark

Communication for Leaders – with public relations expert, Peggy Lents

Self-Care for Change Agents – with author and speaker, Harlan Cohen, and Pilates instructor, Kim Lieberman

Building Great Teams – with Millstone Institute Director, Marci Mayer Eisen

Navigating Difficult Conversations – with Past-President, Susan Katzman

Cultivating Cultural Intelligence – with Dr. Amy Narishkin of Empowering Partners

Advocacy Priorities and Processes – a panel discussion with current and former elected officials, Tracy McCreery, Cora Faith Walker, and Jean Evans

We are excited to see these outstanding participants move into new areas of leadership within the section and the broader community. You can read more about each of them at ncjwstl.org/leadership.

2021 LEADERSHIP CLASS GRADUATES



Bonnie Davis



Amy Gallant



Sheri Glantz



Mindy Grossmann



Hillary Hinz



Debra Cannamore Lee



Gina Marten



Heather Peck



Dana Sandweiss



Randee Schmittiel



Vicki Singer

CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE

Cultivating “Cultural Intelligence” – our ability to interact with sensitivity across cultural differences – has become an ongoing focus within NCJWSTL since our initial training session in April 2020. Dr. Amy Narishkin of Empowering Partners presented that training for 44 staff and volunteer leaders.

Since then Dr. Narishkin has coached six of the participants as they led follow-up groups of their peers, meeting monthly on ZOOM to support one another in building their Cultural Intelligence (CI) awareness and ability. Over six months, that work has supported personal growth and also spawned a number of additional initiatives:



- Dr. Narishkin has presented single-session CI workshops for the full Board, staff, the Leadership Class, and the Advocacy department’s Lunch & Learn series.
- Some training participants have introduced CI training and concepts within their workplaces.
- NCJWSTL has shared Dr. Narishkin’s work with other sections around the country.
- Community Service committees have been cultivating CI awareness and applying those practices in their program design and implementation.
- Amanda Stein, Vice President of Community Service, is recruiting an advisory council for the Back to School! Store.
- The section has initiated a lending library of books related to racial equity and advocacy priorities.
- Amy Hammerman and Sarah Martin are chairing a committee to ensure that we are applying a justice and equity lens to all Section activities, as outlined in our strategic plan.

Special thanks to group leaders Amy Hammerman, Susan Dertke Hendin, Julie Hundman, Mary Murphy, Karen Silverman, and Amanda Stein for taking us to the next level of Cultural Intelligence. This is an ongoing priority and our work will continue as we expand this initiative throughout our Section.

If you’d like to participate in a future training, please email Nancy Litz, VP of Leadership, at nnr@nancynixrice.com.

To read more about Cultural Intelligence skills and their application in your own life, your career, congregation, and family life, check Dr. Narishkin’s blog at empoweringpartners.com/blog.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman Program is a support group to help women who have lost their life partners. The program’s support network bridges the gap between grief and growth as women strive to meet life’s new challenges.

Wife Widow Women welcomes Linda Sher as the new Wife Widow Woman coordinator! This is a volunteer position and she has jumped in with both feet. She is excited to continue to help provide this wonderful service to those going through a difficult time. Two new groups have started within the last few months via zoom. Many of the past groups also continue to meet regularly via zoom as well. If you or someone you know is interested in the Wife Widow Woman support group, please contact the NCJWSTL office at 314.993.5181.



NCJW KIDSCOMMUNITYCLOSET

Kids Community Closets (KCC) had an especially unique year due to the pandemic. Despite virtual learning and restrictions on physically entering school buildings, our wonderful closet liaisons still delivered more than 3,000 items to our partner schools during this school year. Thank you to our KCC liaisons! We cannot do it without you!

Thank you to our KCC Co-Chairs: Michelle Brooks and Diane Packman

Thank you to our KCC Liaisons: Debee Alex, Jody Altman, Arlene Baer, Karen Berger, Nancy Berk, Arlene Biel, Joan Block, Sandra Feigenbaum, Marcia Feit, Sharee Feldman, Roberta Feinstein, Carole Goldstein, Nancy Goldstein, Ellen Gross, Judy Grosz, Marlene Gummers, Farilyn Hale, Julie Hundman, Jackie Kleban, Jackie Kofsky, Joyce Kolker, Harriet Kopelow, Barb Kramer, Susie Kravetz, Carole Lander, Cyndi Levin, Linda Levin, Louise Levine, Mimi Levy, Louise Mass, Betsy Mehlman, Barb Melnik, Ellen Moses, Nancy Novack, Peggy Pearlman, Mandy Rubenstein, Harriet Rudman, Carolyn Satz, Donna Segal, Andy Shanker, Ann Sheinbein, Renee Silverstein, Merle Singer, Joy Sterneck, NJ Sterneck, Roberta Stoltz, Patti Teper, Judy Wasserman, Susan Witte

If you are interested in being a closet liaison please contact our KCC Chairs, Diane Packman at love2mom2460@gmail.com or Michelle Brooks at michellebrooks@hotmail.com.



(Above) Meghan O'Toole, ABC Today School Network Coordinator picking up books for distribution

NCJW PROJECTRENEWAL

On March 14, 2021, Project Renewal held its second Shopping Event since the pandemic began. Haven of Grace and Lydia's House were both in attendance with a total of 10 women visiting and shopping. Each guest received a voucher to use in The Resale Shop and a bag overflowing with self-care items to take home. Our wonderful Resale Shop volunteers — Shelli Berger, Terry Cox, Anne Delautre, JoAnn Goldstein, along with Resale Shop Volunteer Manager, Karla Zabel, and Co-Chairs, Amy Gallant and Joyce Kolker, helped the participants receive a fully personalized experience. *"The ladies just loved the experience! Haven of Grace cannot wait to participate in the next Project Renewal event,"* said Kim Brown, Haven of Grace Director. Thank you to our amazing Co-Chairs Amy Gallant and Joyce Kolker for ensuring that, even in this difficult time, we are still able to serve women in need. If you would like to get involved with Project Renewal, please email Marci Ranger at mranger@ncjwstl.org.



(Above) Guests from Haven of Grace and Lydia's House shopping at the Resale Shop



CALL FOR VOLUNTEER BANKERS FOR HEALING HEARTS BANK

More than ever people are facing financial issues. Through the Healing Hearts Bank (HHB), NCJWSTL has the funds available, up to \$500 per applicant, to lend to those who need it most. We work with 20 agencies that help people fill out an application for a HHB loan. Once completed, the applications are passed to our team of HHB Bankers to review for need and the likely ability to repay. We provide follow-up by assigning a team supporter to each applicant to check that payments are being made, and if not, to find out what is going on and offer ways that we can help. Can you help us heal those hearts? Volunteering for HHB means committing approximately two to three hours per month – a little bit of time goes a long way to help improve the lives of women, children, and families in the community. Want to get involved? Contact Marci Ranger at 314.993.5181 or mranger@ncjwstl.org.

A HEALING HEARTS BANK TESTIMONY

A Gourmet BBQ Sauce Now Available to NCJWSTL Members

by Andrea Lubershane, Team Leader of the Healing Hearts Bank Community Bank



On a dreary day last November, I received a spreadsheet about the status of Healing Hearts Bank borrowers who were in arrears in their loan repayments. It was with a heavy heart that I saw the name of Yvette Carter, who, after promptly and fully repaying the first two loans she received from us, was now unable to pay off the third loan.

Yvette had been one of our first clients with a remarkably successful barbeque sauce business. I called Yvette and asked her what was going on - she explained that with Covid-19, all of the usual sources where she could sell her sauce had just dried up. We brainstormed. *Why not promote Yvette's sauces to NCJWSTL membership?*

There are three flavors of Yvette's Goldiloks BBQ Sauce: Original Goldiloks Smokie White Gourmet BBQ Sauce, Smokie Gold Gourmet BBQ Sauce, and Smokie Mustard. NCJWSTL members get an exclusive opportunity to purchase these delicious sauces at a special price of \$4.00/12 oz. jar.

To order Yvette's wonderful barbeque sauces email her at ygodilocks63@aol.com and let her know which sauce(s) and the quantity you would like. She will reply with details on payment (Zelle, PayPal, CashApp, or check accepted) and coordinate pick up at the NCJWSTL office.

THE WOMAN & THE SAUCE

Yvette Carter is the seventh of eight children born to a single mother in a middle class area of St. Louis where she always had enough to eat and no worries about unpaid bills. Her mother was an A-1 cook who ruled the kitchen while Yvette watched, learning how to expertly season food.



After high school, she pursued a variety of jobs and careers, but her love of cooking and food was always prominent. Yvette spent time with chefs and cooks, including one who had posed a difficult question to her kitchen staff about how to make a white barbeque sauce. All of the staff started their recipe with a can of RED tomato sauce which led Yvette to work on finding a solution. "Self? Why isn't there a BBQ sauce for people who grill and eat seafood?"

Yvette went to bed that night, tossed and turned, and began to create the item in her mind. By 5:30 AM, she had every ingredient in her head and quickly wrote them down. She pulled out her trusty small saucepan and began the process. After a couple hours of tweaking and tasting her creation, Goldiloks Smokie White Gourmet BBQ Sauce, was born! Within a few more days, she developed the Smokie Mustard and the Smokie Gold BBQ Sauces, completing the set. Anointed Hands Catering, LLC was created: The date was September of 2015 and Yvette was 52 years old -- healthy and vibrant, working in the health care industry as an in-home Medication Technician for disabled and psychiatric patients, and accepting catering jobs at Better Family Life.

Newly divorced, raising a young daughter, a student at St. Louis Community College, and working in home healthcare, Yvette happened upon the newly conceived NCJWSTL Healing Hearts Bank program for helping small minority business owners receive a low-interest business loan. She was at some of the first meetings to help establish the Healing Hearts Bank! The history of Healing Hearts Bank and Yvette Carter are inextricably linked and continue to be so as she starts on her fourth business loan!



(Right) Goldiloks Smokie White Gourmet BBQ Sauce label; Yvette Carter displaying her BBQ sauces





SPONSOR A CHILD

ST. LOUIS FAMILIES NEED OUR HELP NOW – PLEASE SPONSOR A CHILD TODAY!

When you sponsor a child for \$180, you are providing a brand new backpack, necessary school supplies, and essential gear that helps 2,000 students be prepared to learn.

During this critical time, please consider increasing your gift. The need is ever-growing and your contribution makes a difference in the lives of the children in our community.

To Sponsor a Child or make a donation to the Back to School! Store visit –
ncjwstl.org/back-to-school-store.

Thank you for your support and to those who have already donated!

The 2021 Back to School! Store contactless delivery event is Sunday, August 1, 2021. Building on the success of last year's event, volunteers will once again deliver 2,000 backpacks prefilled with school supplies and other essentials directly to our 70 partner agencies throughout St. Louis City and County. Having made the decision to do a contactless delivery event early in the planning process, BTSS Co-Chairs were able to get creative and include even more items that kids need to start the school year with confidence.

Each child will receive a backpack prefilled with:

2 Composition Books, 4 Folders, Pencils, Colored Pencils, Markers, Crayons, 2 Glue Sticks, 2 Highlighters, Scissors, Ruler, Pencil Sharpener, 2 Books: *Toothpaste Millionaire* by Jean Merrill with family reading guide and *What Do You See?* by NCJWSTL Member, Julie Hundman, Headphones with microphone, Reusable water bottle, a hat and glove set, and a pair of Bombas socks



Additional items that will be delivered to agencies include:

Dental kits (toothbrush, toothpaste and floss) donated by Delta Dental, Coloring books on financial literacy donated by Stifel Bank & Trust, and Period kits for girls entering 4th and 5th grades

Also new this year is a Family Resource Directory included in each backpack that provides families with a printed listing of resources across a range of categories that include: basic needs, counseling, health services, financial services, job placement/training, parenting, legal services, services for children with special needs, domestic abuse, substance use treatment, youth programs, and utility assistance. The Family Resource Directory also includes Emergency/Crisis Hot Lines. **If you have any questions about the 2021 Back to School! Store, please call Marci Ranger at 314.993.5181.**



(Above) Children receiving BTSS backpacks and supplies; Volunteers picking up backpacks to drop off at a BTSS agency; Volunteer picking up backpacks for a BTSS agency; A BTSS backpack filled with supplies

BACK TO SCHOOL! STORE – GET INVOLVED!

SPONSOR A CHILD

When you sponsor a child for \$180 you are helping each child be prepared to learn with confidence and self-esteem. Your support provides brand new items to each child. If you are interested, please call the NCJWSTL office at: 314.993.5181 or visit ncjwstl.org/back-to-school-store and click 'donate'. Thank you in advance for your donation and to those who already have donated!



(Above) Elementary student excited about BTSS

VOLUNTEER TO BE A DRIVER

In our contactless model we need drivers to deliver the backpacks and extra items directly to the BTSS agencies on Sunday, August 1, 2021. Be on the lookout for an email in June with more details about signing up to volunteer.

DONATE PERIOD SUPPLIES

This year we will be providing period kits to the agencies to ensure that young girls have access to period products. Government assistance does not cover women's sanitary products. This directly impacts young girls' ability to attend school during their period. **We are asking for volunteers to donate the following supplies and drop them off in the NCJWSTL office vestibule June 1-21st.**

Different sized feminine pads (preferred brand, U by Kotex)
Pantliners
Regular Pads
Super Pads

Overnight Pads
Small Accessory Bags (Ziploc Contain the Clutter - Essential Stuff or Skinny Stuff brand)
**No tampons, please*

If you have any questions about the 2021 Back to School! Store, call Marci Ranger at 314.993.5181.

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

by Julie Hundman

During the 2021 Back to School! Store, every child will receive a very special book in their backpack. The book, *What Do You See?*, is written and self-published by NCJWSTL member, KCC Liaison, and Cultural Intelligence Ambassador, Julie Hundman, and illustrated by Elizabeth Wright. The book is based on the idea that our backgrounds and family histories influence our unique perspectives of the world and that these different perspectives should be acknowledged, understood, and appreciated.

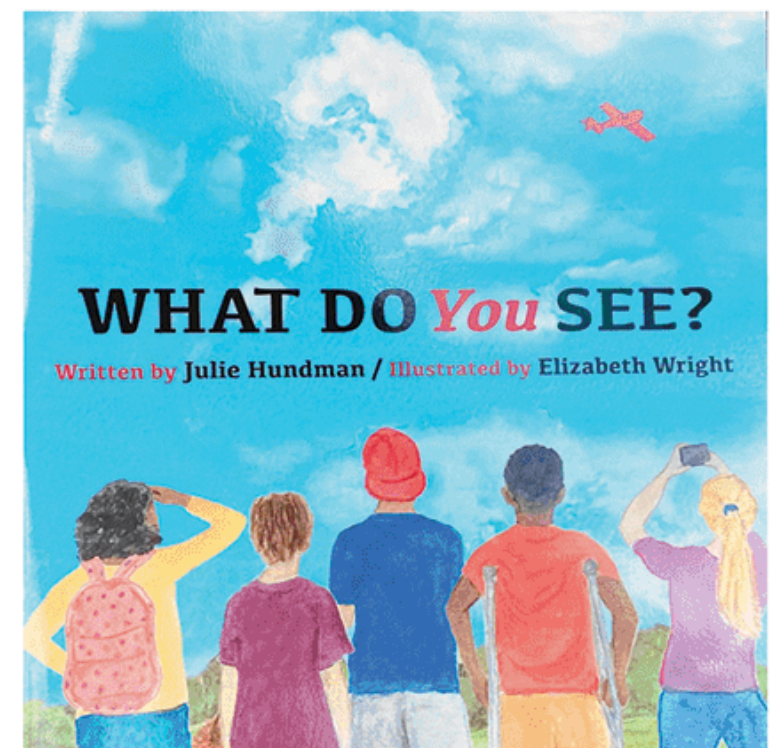
It offers insights into what we see, why we see things differently, and encourages children to take a thoughtful look at their world and expand their perspective.

"I wanted to children to understand that when you see that someone has a different perspective, you are forced to look carefully at that person and learn from them," said Julie.

When Julie retired from a 35-year career teaching physical and health education, she began volunteering her time with the Humane Society of St. Louis teaching "Humane Education" at several St. Louis City schools. Julie believed that Humane Education translated to people as well as animals. This experience and insight inspired Julie to tell stories and write books to help teach these lessons to the children.

"We are so excited to provide a book written by one of our own NCJWSTL members. The topic is relevant for all children and can inspire meaningful conversations with families," said the Back to School! Store Co-Chairs, Alissa Arst, Chris Bomze, Judy Grosz, Sarah Beth Matt, and Jennifer Scissors.

(Right) Julie Hundman's book, *What Do You See?*; Julie Hundman reading her book to elementary students





THE RESALE SHOP HAS GONE VIRTUAL!

The Resale Shop's online shopping platform officially launched April 1st. Initial orders saw shoppers buying clothing, handbags, and jewelry, from brands like Coach, Tory Burch, J.Crew, and Kate Spade. The most robust categories during launch included activewear, handbags, jewelry, shoes, and dresses. Curbside pickup was brisk as shoppers were excited to get their new purchases in-hand right away.

The new online shop provides accessibility for the mobile-savvy audience and helps grow The Resale Shop's crucial fundraising efforts to support women, children, and families through NCJWSTL's programs and projects. "We are excited to share curated finds from The Resale Shop with a whole new audience of online shoppers," said Jessica Duneman, Director of Retail Operations for The Resale Shop.

Secondhand clothing is more popular than ever. While consumers were already actively embracing secondhand clothing before the pandemic because of its sustainable business model, the resale market saw a boost during the pandemic as widespread job losses encouraged budget-conscious shoppers to search for bargains.

A ThredUP study shows value isn't the only driver, as 80% of consumers no longer feel there is a stigma to buying used fashion. This has made them comfortable shopping for it and flaunting their resale finds. Resale consumers now feel proud to shop for secondhand clothing because they have made it a priority to help reduce clothing waste. The study estimates that if everyone bought one used item this year, it would save 5.7 billion pounds of carbon emissions, or the equivalent of taking half a million cars off the road for an entire year!



(Left) Riona Oshima-Ryan, Ecommerce Specialist, poses next to our mannequin used for ecommerce photography (Middle) Behind the scene images of the ecommerce photo studio and clothing racks dedicated to the ecommerce shopping site (Right) Riona Oshima-Ryan, Ecommerce Specialist, and Yolonda Curtin, Resale Marketing Manager, highlight the dedicated parking space for Ecommerce Curbside Shopping pickups.

UPCOMING SALES AT THE RESALE SHOP

June 18-19	Father's Day Sale-25% off Men's Clothing
July 2-3	Fireworks Sale – 25% off Storewide
July 5	Shop Closed for Independence Day
July 1-31	BTTS Pencil Promotion
August 6-7	Back to School Sale – 25% off Storewide
August 17	National Thrift Shop Day – 25% off Storewide



MEMBERSHIP

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WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

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Stacey Hoffman
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WE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS IN LOVING MEMORY

Evelyn Fagin
Doris Fishman
Elynor Flegel
Gloria Goldblatt
Karen Knopf
Orietta Kohn

Esther Langsam
Ann Lux
Marcia Pass
Peggy Ross
Jean Sachs

**as of April 6, 2021*

COFFEE TALK WITH SnL

You're invited to join us for our virtual monthly coffee talks hosted by NCJWSTL's Past President, Susan Katzman, and Vice President of Membership, Lisa Gubernik. We will be sipping our favorite morning beverage and enjoying each other's company while discussing light topics.

Each month we also have a special guest! Previous guests have included actor Annie Potts, the Sklar Brothers, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhouses co-founder Scott Redler, former Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune executive producer, Harry Friedman, St. Louis lost restaurant and recipe enthusiast, Dr. Harley Hammerman, and interior designers, Rebecca Stisser and Billi Jo Eubank.

Coffee Talk takes place on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM CT. Please register by visiting ncjwstl.org, calling the office, or emailing Heather Libhart at hlibhart@ncjwstl.org.



NCJWSTL presents

Coffee Talk with SnL

• Tuesday, June 22 • Tuesday, July 27 • Tuesday, August 24

VIRTUAL EVENT



SAVE THE DATE FOR ROAD TRIP TRIVIA!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

Stay tuned for more details!

For more information visit
bit.ly/2021NCJWSTLRRT

RENEW YOUR NCJWSTL MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS – STAND WITH NCJWSTL!

NCJWSTL continues to offer monthly virtual events to help keep us connected and informed throughout these challenging times. Our community comes together to learn, make a difference, volunteer, and at Coffee Talk, share some levity and laughter.

Your membership makes this possible. Please consider joining or renewing your dues today. Your membership keeps NCJWSTL connected, strong, and positioned to advance social and economic justice for all women, children, and families.

Membership benefits include:

- Membership events like Coffee Talk with SnL and Lunch & Learns
- Exclusive pricing for special events
- Complimentary notary service provided to members – Email jbernstein@ncjwstl.org for more information
- Resources to make informed decisions in the voting booth
- Networking, connecting, and building relationships with other members and supporters
- Online membership directory access
- Making a difference in the lives of women, children, and families here in the St. Louis area and so much more.

Your NCJWSTL membership ensures that NCJWSTL continues social activism and community service for another 125 years.



(Above - L to R) Dianna Fine, Rosalyn Borg, Marilen Pitler

IT'S EASY TO JOIN OR RENEW!

Visit our website at ncjwstl.org and click on 'JOIN' or call us at 314.993.5181 to pay via phone.

- Regular Dues: \$54 per year
- Young Advocates (*birth to 18*): \$18 per year
- Under 25: \$25 per year
- Sustaining Membership: \$72 per year
- Supporting Membership: \$108 per year
- Local Life Member: \$360
(payable in monthly installments)

You can be a role model to our members and other community members by becoming a life member! For \$360 you can make a lifelong commitment to the NCJWSTL mission. This ensures that more of our funding goes towards our community service efforts and you won't have to worry about renewing your membership each year.

Members, don't forget about NCJWSTL's Online Directory, which provides an easy way for you to stay connected with one another! You'll have the most current member information at your fingertips and the ability to update your profile in real-time. The directory is searchable, printable and easy to use on all of your devices (phone, computer, or tablet).

DEVELOPMENT

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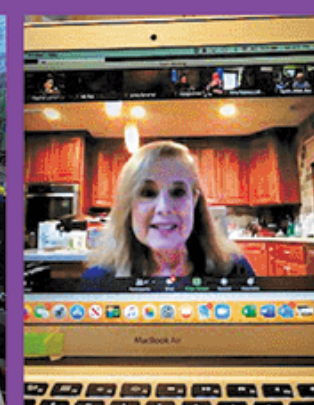
NCJWSTL'S GRAPE ESCAPE: THE ULTIMATE RECAP

More than 140 individuals recently participated in NCJWSTL's Grape Escape: The Ultimate Wine and Food Tasting. This was the first wine and food tasting ever hosted by NCJWSTL and it was a virtual event. Nearly \$20,000 was raised to fund NCJWSTL programs that improve the lives of women, children, and families in our region. Bottled Up Chefs provided the four-course tasting and local wine experts explained each wine pairing. We thank our many generous sponsors, especially our presenting sponsor, the St. Louis – Kansas City Carpenters Regional Council. The event was co-chaired by Phyllis Langsdorf and Barbara Langsam Shuman, a stellar Grape Escape committee with outstanding support from VP of Development, Susan Dertke Hendin and NCJWSTL Director of Marketing & Development, Jessa Glick. Thank you so much for your support of an amazing event!

All our best, Barbara Langsam Shuman & Phyllis Langsdorf - Co-Chairs, NCJWSTL's Grape Escape

THANK YOU TO OUR WINE CONNOISSEURS!

Joan L. Berkman, Carol Blinder, Jane & Bob Feibel, Sherri & Rick Goldman, Lisa & Mark Gubernik, Lynn Friedman Hamilton, Marlene & Harley Hammerman, Susan Dertke Hendin, Karen Kalish, Suzanne Lesser, Phyllis & Kenneth Langsdorf, Marcia Mellitz, Barbara & Michael Shuman, Susan & Alan Witte



(Top Row) A beautiful pre-dinner tablescape submitted by Karen Kalish; Robert Kramer & Judith Levens Kramer; Marcos & Cathy Rothstein; Co-Chair Phyllis Langsdorf with Kim Portnoy in the background (Bottom Row) The Matsons & Tessers; Ruth Lederman, Susan Witte, Alan Witte, Karen Kalish; Leslie Corey; Co-Chair Barbara Langsam Shuman

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LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

Keep NCJWSTL Thriving

Planned giving can ensure that NCJWSTL will continue to receive your support in perpetuity and help us maintain our financial capacity and strength for the next 125 years!

Plan Ahead, Your Way

Please consider including NCJWSTL in your will or estate plan. It's a simple way to continue a lifetime of support for our mission. We can make it easy by providing language for you, your attorney and/or your estate planner. If you've already made a planned gift, be sure to let us know so we can add your name to our Legacy Circle. For more information, contact Jessa Glick, Director of Development & Marketing at 314.993.5181 or jglick@ncjwstl.org.



HAVE YOU MADE A LEGACY GIFT FOR NCJWSTL?

We're delighted to recognize and thank these individuals and families who are members of our Legacy Circle:

Darien and Stephen Arnstein, Lise and Lee Bernstein, Drs. Nanci and James Bobrow, Michelle and Gary Brooks, Gail and Charles Eisenkramer, Lisa and Mark Gubernik, Amy and Zach Hammerman, Marlene and Harley Hammerman, Terry* and Harvey* Hieken, Betty Kagan, Karen Kalish, Toby* and Irvin* Katz, Susan Katzman, Lucy and David Levy, Sidney Martin*, Nina Needleman, Sherri and Steve Newstead, Marilyn and Gary Ratkin, Carolyn and Larry Satz, Liz and Bruce Shapiro, Nancy Siteman, Ruth and Alvin Siteman, Gloria and Sandy Spitzer, Rochelle Weiss and Stephen Loeb, Susan and Alan Witte (*of blessed memory)

GO ALL IN.
SUPPORT THE BACK TO SCHOOL! STORE

VIRTUAL POKER NIGHT

PRESENTED BY THE MEN OF NCJWSTL

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT
PRIZES | RAFFLE | GIFT BAGS

THURSDAY JUNE 24, 2021
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

TO RSVP ONLINE VISIT
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OR CALL (314) 993.5181

NCJWSTL | 125
CREATING CHANGE AND IMPACTING LIVES SINCE 1895



VIRTUAL EVENT

PARTNERS FOR OUR FUTURE

Inspired by our Jewish values, NCJWSL has been improving the lives of women, children, and families for over 125 years. One hundred years ago starting a milk program in the St. Louis Public Schools was vital to meet the needs of children; today, we are still challenged with children's issues but also so much more: racial justice, domestic violence, human trafficking, anti-Semitic vitriol, loss of personal choice, gun violence, and separating families at the border.

NCJWSL has pioneered the founding of many community programs, many of which now exist as independent non-profit organizations. Imagine the St. Louis landscape without these programs founded by NCJWSL...

- The Scholarship Foundation
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of St. Louis County
- Crown Center for Senior Living
- Legal Advocates for Abused Women



It's critical that NCJWSL be around and strong for another 125 years. Our work has never been more urgent and current issues make our mission's even more relevant. We have become a respected voice in the community, participating in and leading change. *Partners for Our Future* is our campaign, in honor of our 125th Anniversary, to create an Endowment Fund to ensure and expand NCJWSL's financial capacity to sustain our work into the future. This Endowment Campaign will ensure that our legacy will continue far into the future.

We want to especially thank, and recognize, our generous donors (*listing is current as of April 9*) who have already participated by making a commitment to the *Partners for Our Future* Campaign:

VISIONARY (\$125,000+)

Evelyn and Louis Cohen
Jane Goldberg**
Terry** and Harvey** Hieken *
Nancy and Ken Kranzberg
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Bruce and Liz Shapiro*
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Carol and Michael Staenberg

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Darien and Stephen Arnstein*
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Nancy Sachs
Andrea Powers Schankman
Karen Silverman
Gloria and Sandy Spitzer^
Michael and Amanda Stein
Amy Stone
Patti Teper
Georgee, Jeff, and Chase Waldman
Ellen Weiss

* Legacy Circle Member ** Of Blessed Memory

If you haven't yet participated in our Endowment Campaign, we hope you will consider becoming a **Partner for Our Future**, and ensuring the continuing strength of NCJWSTL. It is a one-time gift to this Endowment Campaign, in honor of our 125th anniversary, and we deeply appreciate and thank you for your support and consideration.

Questions about the **Partners for Our Future Endowment Campaign** can be directed to Darien Arnstein at sdarnstein@sbcglobal.net or Jessa Glick at jglick@ncjwstl.org.

The 125th Anniversary Celebration is chaired by:

Darien Arnstein, Nanci Bobrow, Lisa Gubernik, Marlene Hammerman and Marilyn Ratkin under the leadership of NCJWSTL President, Gail Eisenkramer, and Immediate Past President, Susan Katzman

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Sisters Act!

NCJWSTL 125TH CELEBRATION


FEATURING ACTIVIST & ACTOR

Kathy Najimy



SAVE THE DATE – Sisters Act! Luncheon – April 27, 2022

Celebrate with Kathy Najimy at NCJWSTL’s Sisters Act! Luncheon and help us build on 125 years making a difference in the lives of women, children, and families in our community.



MY NCJWSTL STORY

By Eddie Rosenheim, as told to Darien Arnstein and Nanci Bobrow

Eddie Rosenheim was the driving force of the NCJWSTL Oral History Project from its inception in 1983 until the project ended sometime in 2013 – almost 30 years. Eddie says that “she dreamed up the project” as it seemed important to her to preserve family memories into the future.

The Oral History project “went over well” and the project was pretty much a “one-woman show,” with Eddie interviewing individuals recorded on audiotapes. She estimates that she did one or two interviews a month for many years. She would ask open-ended questions, such as “tell me about your parents” and it was fun for people to reminisce. Eddie is an intent listener, and she would ask questions and “the conversation would just flow.” Eddie would take notes and be able to delve further into the stories. Eddie did these interviews as a volunteer and only asked for a contribution to be made to NCJWSTL. She enjoyed meeting people and working one-on-one with them.

She also recalls attending many NCJWSTL meetings but really found her calling with the Oral History Project concept. She also participated in the Art Interest group, and included her mother and mother-in-law with attending the group as well. She recalls that she led the Art Interest program for a short period of time as well.

Eddie fondly recalls her involvement in NCJWSTL and is proud of the impact her Oral History Project had, both for the families who have a treasured keepsake, and for the financial contribution that NCJWSTL derived from it. Some people are distraught when they cannot locate the tapes that Eddie made and gave to them, but nothing was archived at NCJWSTL; there was only a family copy. Even today, people still come up to her and ask if she was the person who interviewed their family. She is happy to have helped people chronicle their memories.

(Above) Eddie Rosenheim



SUE MATLOF

Why and how have you been involved with NCJWSTL?

I believe in the work NCJWSTL does. It reaches individuals of all ages, providing direct services, advocacy, and programs.

What is your favorite service/program?

I have to say the Back to School! Store is my favorite. Children in less fortunate circumstances have a chance to choose new clothes, shoes, and school supplies to be able to feel good about themselves when they begin a new school year. It gave me a sense of satisfaction to fit children with winter coats and see smiles on their faces, even though it was 100 degrees outside.

Why did you first give to NCJWSTL?

I admire many of the individuals who are passionate about NCJWSTL. The organization seems to attract women of all ages to become active and work for programs to help our community. I think it is important that younger women become active early on so that they are ready to take on the leadership roles when it is their time.

What other organizations are you involved with?

Shaare Emeth, Jewish Family Services, Jewish Federation, Mirowitz, Camp Rainbow

(Above) Sue Matlof
volunteering at the
Back to School! Store

What made you decide to give a Legacy Gift for NCJWSTL's 125th Anniversary?

I'm fortunate to be able to do creative estate planning. I set aside a specific amount of dollars that goes into charitable IRA's for these different organizations. Over the course of my lifetime, I hope the original dollar amount continues to grow to benefit each one. It is an easy way for me to be charitable.



AMANDA STEIN

Why and how have you been involved with NCJWSTL?

I love the mission of NCJWSTL. It is very fulfilling to work to empower women, families, and children, and to help them better their lives and situations. I became involved in NCJWSTL through Andrea Newstead who introduced me to the Back to School! Store. For the 2012 Back to School! Store I served as the Volunteer Co-Chair. I continued in this role for a few years until becoming a Chair of the Store, overseeing acquisitions and then volunteers. In 2020, I began my first term as the Community Service Vice President, helping to oversee all of the community service projects. I have also served on the general board, am a graduate of the 2013 NCJWSTL Leadership Class, and chaired the 2018 Leadership Class.

What is your favorite service/program?

I love all of NCJWSTL community service programs. Each one really works to help women, families, and children in difficult situations and different stages of life. From the Back to School! Store, preparing 2,000 students for the first day of school to Wife Widow Woman helping women cope with a terrible loss, NCJWSTL improves the lives of those around them.

What made you decide to give a gift to our 125th Anniversary celebration?

I first joined NCJWSTL after I graduated college and returned to St. Louis. It helped me to find friends and create a community here after having been away at college. NCJWSTL works hard to make it easy to get involved, no matter your schedule, and because of this they continue to grow and reach more people. My husband and I wanted to be a part of that continued growth.

What motivates your philanthropy?

For me it is about creating a better today and tomorrow for those around me. The example of philanthropy has always been set for me from my mom and dad volunteering for the synagogue or HOA, my grandparents' involvement with the JCC and synagogue sisterhood, to my in-laws involvement with a variety of St. Louis organizations. I have been taught by the role models around me that philanthropy is a part of what we do to make the world a better place.



(Top) Amanda and
Michael Stein
(Middle) Amanda
greeting volunteers
at BTSS
(Bottom) Amanda
being interviewed
by Fox 2 News

TRIBUTES JANUARY 13, 2021 – APRIL 9, 2021

As we come together to support one another in difficult times, we also celebrate each other's joys. You can honor and celebrate a special event in your or a loved one's life by making a tribute. Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and personal wins - big or small - are all great ways to honor and celebrate those we love and are most proud of. You can set up a tribute charge account, and know that you only need to call the office to make your tribute! For more information on how to make a tribute, visit ncjwstl.org/donate/tributes or call the office at 314.993.5181

KEY

● CHAI TRIBUTE = \$18 - \$24

□ SILVER TRIBUTE = \$25 - \$49

■ GOLD TRIBUTE = \$50+

CHILDREN

(BTSS/KCC) Back to School! Store & Kids
Community Closet Fund
(LF) Lassie Frager Fund
(WBL) William B. and Bernice Susman
Lee Fund for Back to School! Store

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

(SF) Sosnoff Fund

SERVICES TO WOMEN

(JB-WWW) Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow
Woman Fund
(AACT) Advocacy In Action
(WES) Women's Emergency Services Fund
(SP) Section Priorities
(SLL) Ruth and Nancy Siteman
Leadership Legacy Fund
(HHB) Healing Hearts Fund

SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS

(CC) Crown Center and Older Adult Programs
(WMF) Wilma Messing Fund
(OACAP) Older Adult Community Action
Program Committee

PRESIDENT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

(ATK) Harry Fredrick and Ann Trepp
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IN HONOR

Ellen Alper's Speedy Recovery

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SLL) ●
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Ellen and Steve Alper and family for good health

Jane Tzinberg Rubin (SP)
Arlene Baer, on receiving the Community
Service Award
Dianna Fine (SP)

Jon Baris' Special Birthday

Sheryl and Larry Zigler (BTSS/KCC) ■

Jen Bernstein's notary services

Lucie Watel (AACT) ■

Sandy Brickman's Speedy Recovery

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Charles and Gail Eisenkramer's 60th Anniversary

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Amy and Steve Gallant, in honor of her new grandson Bennett Robert Gallant

Joyce Kolker (BTSS/KCC)
NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Richie and Jamie Gallant, in honor of their new son Bennett Robert Gallant

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Michelle Gerchen's Engagement

Lisa Gubernik (BTSS/KCC) ●

Debbie Gilula, on receiving the Fritz Lainoff Advocacy Award

Dianna Fine (SP)

Dani Glassman's Special Birthday

Nanci and Jim Bobrow (SP) ●

Jay and Carole Goldstein, in honor of the birth of their grandson

Sherri and Steve Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

Harley Hammerman, for a fun Coffee Talk

Diana Rothbarth (SP) ■

Marlene Hammerman's Special Birthday

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SP) ●
Gary Meltz and Kathy McDaniel (BTSS/KCC) ■
Diana Rothbarth (SP) ■
Eileen and Barry Schechter (BTSS/KCC) ■
Ken and Lucy Schwartz (BTSS) □

Hillary Hinz, on receiving the Emerging Leader Award

Dianna Fine (SP)

Gloria Johnson, for a Speedy Recovery

Sandi Shapiro (SP) ●

Gerry Joyce, for a Speedy Recovery

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Susan Katzman's Special Birthday

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SLL) ●
Charles and Gail Eisenkramer (SP) ●
Hillary Friedman (WES) □
Marlene and Harley Hammerman (SP) □
Carolyn Satz (BTSS/KCC)

Lorraine Laiderman's Special Birthday

Marcy and Kohl Handlan (WES) □
NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Phyllis Langsdorf for chairing Grape Escape

Joan Berkman (SP) ■
Lynn Hamilton (SP) □

Nancy Litz election as President-Elect of NCJWSTL

Michael and Paula Geigerman (SP) ■

Shelley Marglous' new grandson

Hudson Pierce Steffen

Rick and Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Kathy McDaniel's grandson

Dominick Luther Park

Rick and Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Vicki Nanney, in honor of her upcoming wedding to Tony Rios

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Marilen Pitler's Bat Mitzvah

Carol Faintich (BTSS/KCC) □

Marci Ranger for a Happy Birthday

Nanci and Jim Bobrow (SP) ●

Marci Ranger for her Community Service work

Ann Pendergrass (BTSS/KCC)

Marci and Carl Ranger, on the birth of granddaughter Frankie Ranger

Nanci and Jim Bobrow (SP) ●

Marilyn and Gary Ratkin (BTSS/KCC) □

Sherri and Jim Rosen, on the birth of Jordan Ace

Sharee and Mark Feldman (BTSS/KCC) ●

Dr. Ken Rotskoff's Speedy Recovery

Marilyn and Gary Ratkin (BTSS/KCC) ●

JoEllen and Len Rubenstein, on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Arden

Rick and Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Steve and Sherri Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

Andi Schankman, on receiving the Fritz Lainoff Advocacy Award

Dianna Fine (SP)

Geraldine Schiller's Birthday

Nanci and Jim Bobrow (SP) ●

Barry Shapiro, in honor of Diana and Aaron's engagement

Sharee and Mark Feldman (BTSS/KCC) ●

Merle and Dale Singer's Anniversary

Ken and Lucy Schwartz (BTSS/KCC) ■

Gloria and Sandy Spitzer, in honor of their 70th Wedding Anniversary

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Courtney and Eric Swillinger, on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Marah

Sherri and Steve Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

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IN HONOR

Jane Wasserman's Speedy Recovery
Kitty and Hanford Gross (SP) ●
Susan Witte, on receiving the
Leadership Award
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Vivian Zwick's birthday
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Harriet Abatgis
Felicia Abatgis Flynn's
Kindergarten Class (BTSS/KCC) ■
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JUNE 2021

- 17 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn
- 19 Juneteenth
- 21 Executive Board meeting
- 22 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 24 NCJWSTL's Virtual Poker Night
- 28 Board meeting

JULY 2021

- 4 Independence Day
- 5 NCJWSTL & The Resale Shop - CLOSED
- 15 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn
- 19 Executive Board meeting
- 21 Wine & Wisdom Book Club
- 26 Board meeting
- 27 Coffee Talk with SnL

AUGUST 2021

- 1 Back to School! Store
- 19 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn
- 23 Executive Board meeting
- 24 Coffee Talk with SnL