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Women Helping Women Brunch



Women Helping Children Committee (L-R): Berenice Haberman, Section President, Milisa Flekier, David Matson, President/CEO of the Children's Place, Joanie Kort and Judy Wasserman.

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Special Donations

The 9th in the series of *Women Helping Women* programs took place on October 14 at the Overland Park Doubletree. For the second time, the event focused on children.

David Matson, the president and CEO of The Children's Place (TCP) in Brookside was the featured speaker. His theme "Positive Healing." was in keeping with the NCJW Mission Statement which emphasizes improving the quality of life for women, children and families.

TCP is dedicated to helping our community's youngest survivors of abuse and neglect. The first step, said Matson, is recognizing troubled children.

The *Women Helping Children* brunch was co-chaired by **Milisa Flekier, Joanie Kort, and Judy Wasserman**. Sylvia Stone worked on publicity; Mary Weiner created the invitations. Ellen Dalen and Berenice Haberman advised.

**NCJW
Welcomes
New Members**

Benita Hirsekorn

Mirra Klausner

Shirley Matson

Alice Nast Statland

Barbara Waldron

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

**Dinner at
Coaches Bar and Grill**

November 15, 4-8 p.m.

An opportunity to eat, drink, and
root for the Chiefs for the benefit
of NCJW

Roe v. Wade

January 22, 2010

A celebration of
womens' rights

Interfaith Luncheon

Feb 23, 2010

A chance to learn about
other beliefs and religions

Washington Institute

March 21 -23, 2010

An opportunity to hobnob with
your national legislators and
advocate for social change

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings!



Dear Members,

Funding represents the biggest challenge facing the Greater Kansas City Section and all charitable organizations. We will continue to create fundraising events such as our dining out, a garage sale and, of course, our Light up a Life campaign. Look for your *Light Up a Life* letter in December and help raise awareness throughout the community about our programs and the importance of your NCJW contribution.

The number of potential recipients of our aid continues to grow; our costs continue to rise. So, please open your wallets along with your hearts. The Greater KC Section isn't just a discussion board we take action and accomplish change.

As an organization striving to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families, that safeguards individual rights and freedoms, this year as well as the coming year will be an important one for NCJW.

During the Congressional session, we have an opportunity to address critical issues such as health care reform, hate crimes, and civil rights: issues that demand the resonant and powerful voice NCJW is uniquely positioned to deliver. Make sure your voice is heard on Capitol Hill. And, please respond to our *Light Up a Life* Campaign when you receive your letter in December.

Thank you for all you do and continue to do.

Berenice

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

NCJW Scholarship Committee met over the summer and awarded \$23,500 in scholarships to 17 undergraduate students and 2 Flarsheim scholarships to Jewish Women entering the first year of graduate school. These scholarships are made possible by the tribute funds and special name scholarship funds in the Scholarship program. Thanks for the continued support from all of our generous contributors.

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LIGHT UP A LIFE

We are gearing up for *Light Up a Life*: Our Section's major fundraising campaign. Please open your hearts and your wallets to provide Kansas City area's disadvantaged children with dental checkups, eye glasses, birthday parties, and, Baskets for Babies providing the necessities with which to begin life, domestic violence awareness and scholarship programs for women, and national and Israeli programs advocating the rights of women and children.

We are grateful to our many generous members who year after year support NCJW's activities and projects. But, consider the impact of 100% participation!

So, if NCJW isn't on your donation list, please reconsider.

As you can see a little bit goes a long way. Please open your hearts to give so that we may continue to help those who are less fortunate. Please contact Meg Adler at (913) 339-9593 or mradler@kcav.com with any questions on donations of property or planned giving.

2009 FLARSHEIM FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED TO LAURA MICHELLE GOODMAN AND LESLIE BROOKE

The Flarsheim Fellowship is awarded to young Jewish women entering their first year of graduate school. The Fellowship honorarium, based on academic excellence, community service and strength of character. The Fellowship was established by a bequest from Louis Flarsheim in honor of his grandmother, Bertha Lieberman, the section's founder.

LAURA MICHELLE GOODMAN



Laura, daughter of Jane and Stanley Goodman, completed high school at Blue Valley Northwest and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Brown University in 2005, with a BA in Mathematical Economics. She attends Babson College in Boston, where she is earning a Master of Business Administration degree. While at Brown she co-founded and chaired Locks of Love Drive. This event continues biannually. Laura was the Director of the Brown Investment Club Newsletter, Peer Academic Advisor, Economic Department Speaker Coordinator and a Hillel fundraiser. Since college, she has been active in Little Brothers' Friends of the Elderly, Boston Jewish Federation Leadership Development, and Brown University admissions' department. She worked full-time at CRA International, Antitrust Economics and Business Consulting and will develop business plans which she hopes to implement in Kansas City. She states, "I am attending business school to learn more about entrepreneurship, both in the traditional sense of starting a for-profit entity and also as it relates to social entrepreneurship, which seeks social returns."

LESLIE BROOKE PICKER



Leslie, daughter of Bobbie and Scott Picker, is a graduate of Blue Valley North High School. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Illinois in 2009, earning a BA in Political Science. She attends Columbia University in New York City, where she is earning a Master of Journalism degree. As an undergraduate, she was a teaching assistant in statistics, public relations manager and singer for *Girls Next Door A Cappella Group*, and Daily Illini On-Air producer and reporter and talk show host. Leslie received a Hearst Award for Radio Features, and was a National Finalist for the SPJ Mark of Excellence Award in News Reporting. Leslie was an intern at both CBS Evening News and Bloomberg TV-Radio. She spent a semester as a Fellow at Washington Center for Politics and Journalism. She did casework for veterans affairs for Senator Dick Durbin and worked as a KMBC-TV intern. It is through her broadcast and reporting experience that Leslie says, "I am attending Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism where I can learn how to intelligently make a difference through writing and researching."

COMMUNITY ACTION

DICTIONARY DAY 2009

NCJW gave 109 third graders at M. E. Pearson Elementary School in Kansas City, Kansas their own dictionaries. Dictionary Day was sponsored by a very generous anonymous donor.

Needless to say, the children were delighted.



(L-R): Ellen Dalen, Vice President of Community Service, and Maureen Salz prepare books for Dictionary Day at M.E. Person School.



WE CARE FOR EYE CARE

Since school started, NCJW has provided eye exams and glasses to nine students. These families expressed gratitude for the assistance from NCJW.

DELTA DENTAL HELPS KATS KIDS

Our Section received a Delta Dental grant to provide a new toothbrush, toothpaste, and dental floss for each student in the KATS birthday party project.

The children showed great excitement about the brushing kits. We thank our grant-writing team **Ellen Dalen, Berenice Haberman, Ellen Portnoy, and Connie Simon**. And, we also give a very big thank you to Delta Dental.



BASKETS 4 BABIES



Project chair **Carla Oppenheimer** reports distributing five *Baskets for Babies* to SafeHome and five to Gillis.

FUN AND OPPORTUNITIES

HONEY SALES NET NEARLY \$4,700



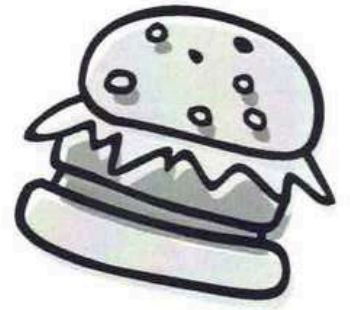
Co-chairs **Barbara Cosner, Lynn Murray, and Bev Newman** reported a very successful *Honey for the Holidays* campaign this year. We sold 875 jars, 7% more than last year, resulting in a profit of nearly \$4700.00. And, the lucky recipients received beautifully wrapped jars of honey and blessings for the New Year.

Meg Adler, Vice President of Fund-Development, graciously turned her home into an assembly plant for wrapping, packing and addressing these wonderful gifts.

Many thanks go to wrapper/packers **Meg Adler, Debby Agron, Estelle Berman, Hilary Fried, Laura Fried, Sharon Friedman, Patty Gilgus, Bev Johl, Donna Kaelter, Carol Katz, Ida Levine, Evie Lowenthal, Gerri Minken, Andrea Olitsky, Esther Pearlmutter, Ellen Portnoy, Laurel Rogovein, Teri Sackin, Maureen Salz, and Merna Siegler.**

JOIN US AT COACHES

In August, families and friends gathered at California Pizza Kitchen for food, socializing and fundraising. Together we raised approximately \$250, more than tripling the proceeds of our last *DINE TO DONATE!* Thank you to all who attended.



The next DTD is Sunday, November 15 between 4 and 8 p.m. at Coaches Bar and Grill, 14893 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park. Join us for more good food, socializing, fundraising and the Chiefs' game. NCJW will receive a portion of the receipt from all food sales during this time period so bring your family, your friends, your neighbors and others. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

No flyer is necessary for this event. Just show up to eat anytime between 4 & 8 p.m. and have a great time. Please note: Discount coupons will NOT be accepted during the fundraiser. This event is only at the Metcalf location.

NCJW AND SAFEHOME TOGETHER AGAIN



NCJW has once again partnered with SAFEHOME, the Johnson County domestic violence shelter. Our volunteers have been placing cards in restroom stalls, starting with predominately Jewish agencies. The cards give information about domestic violence and the telephone number for SAFEHOME (913)262-2868.

SAFEHOME offers shelter as well as free therapy and support groups. For Jewish survivors, Kosher food is available as is rabbinic counseling. Many thanks to NCJW volunteers who have placed the cases and cards: **Symie Menitove, Maureen Salz, Linda Schlachter, Ann Stern, and Sandy Suffian.**

We are now preparing cards to place in other Johnson County places, such as beauty salons and restaurants. If you wish to help, please call **Ann Stern** (913.491.1897) or e-mail annstern@kc.rr.com. Restrooms are often the only place that a woman can go without her abuser.

LET'S BAKE A CAKE!

We have a new project: baking birthday cakes for the children of Gillis Center in KCMO. Since 1870. Gillis has served the needs of Kansas City's troubled children and families; it offers residential care for boys from at-risk homes. A home-made birthday cakes shows a child that someone does care.

Please, dust off your cake pans and contact project chair **Lynn Murray** at (913)451-3075 or sweets4419@aol.com.



SEE US PLAY ATWORK

DINE TO DONATE

(From left) Ann Stern, Merna Siegler, Cathy Boyer Shesol, Louise Garfinkle, and Roni Beshears met for lunch at California Pizza Kitchen



OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETS WITH NCJW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Standing (from Left) : Linda Appell, Stacy Kass.,
NCJW Executive Director.
Seated (from Left) Ellen Dalen, Ellen Portnoy, Ida
Levine, Meg Adler, and Berenice Haberman



WOMEN HELPING WOMEN GUESTS

(From Left) : Ida Levine, Debby Agron and Ro-
chelle Barash



GUESTS MINGLE AT THE WOMEN HELPING CHILDREN BRUNCH

(From Left): Shirley Matson, Judy Wasserman,
and Sylvia Stone

FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE...

OUR WORK IN ISRAEL



NCJW's work in Israel directly mirrors the organization's efforts to create progressive social change in the US. NCJW's pioneering Israel programs foster and support education, promote the empowerment of women, and bridge the gaps in society for Israel's vulnerable women, children, and families. Three years ago, NCJW welcomed a partnership with US/Israel Women to Women (W2W), an organization dedicated to supporting grassroots programs and advocacy efforts for women in Israel. This partnership continues to create meaningful opportunities to build on a shared legacy of courageous, compassionate work.

NCJW has been actively involved in Israel for more than 60 years, with programs like the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education (RIFIE) at the Hebrew University and the NCJW Women & Gender Studies Program at Tel Aviv University forming the cornerstones of NCJW's historical education work there. Today, strategic efforts like the Israel Granting Program and NCJW's advocacy and coalition work continue in this spirit of educa-

PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES

NCJW members and supporters across the country work together with one another, coalition partners, and the NCJW offices in Washington and Jerusalem to take action on a wide variety of domestic and international issues. Guided by NCJW's mis-

- ⇒ Civil Liberties
- ⇒ Civil Rights
- ⇒ Economic Justice
- ⇒ International Concerns
- ⇒ Israel
- ⇒ Judicial Nominations
- ⇒ Reproductive Health & Rights
- ⇒ Separation of Religion & State
- ⇒ Well-being of Women, Children and Families

For more information, check out www.ncjw.org.

NCJW'S HISTORY

In 1893, Hannah G. Solomon of Chicago was asked to organize the participation of Jewish women in the Chicago World's Fair. When Hannah and her recruits discovered that participation was not substantive, but would consist of pouring coffee and other hostess duties, they walked out. Hannah then took matters into her own hands, building on the courageous action and volunteer work she had been leading for years. By the end of the World's Fair, Hannah and the accompanying delegate body of women had founded the National Council of Jewish Women, changing forever the role of Jewish women and the nature of volunteerism.

Today, 115 years later, NCJW remains distinct among organizations -- courageous, compassionate, powerful, and, above all, pioneering.



IN MEMORIAM

Roz Ginsburg

NCJW Section President 1967—1968

Tom Levitt

Established the *Jennie Levitt Leadership Award* in honor of his mother in 1978. The award is given to a currently active NCJW member age 45 or younger who demonstrates leadership abilities.

Elaine Ryder

Loretta Rice

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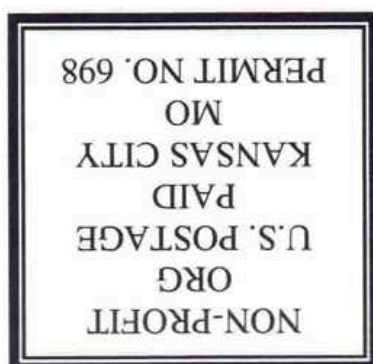
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