

## NCJW of Greater Kansas City Update

*Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

*Let's make our small group larger - share with your friends what we are doing and let's grow and do more!*

NCJW  
Success

This year we instituted *foodieKC* as a fundraiser. We are selling decks of cards representing 52 different restaurants in the Kansas City area at \$20 a deck. When you spend \$25 at one of the restaurants you will receive \$10 off. After dining at two restaurants, you are saving!!

NCJW  
Success

We had a *Dine-to-Donate* with over 40 people participating!!!!

NCJW  
Success

*Light Up A Life* went out - see the donor card, page 7 - it is never too late to donate!!!

NCJW  
Success

*Interfaith Luncheon* - Trying something new - no panel.

NCJW  
Success

We are going back to *American Heartland Theatre* on Sunday, April 21. Please join us at 2 pm to see *Life Could be a Dream*. Send \$36 per ticket and a self addressed stamped envelope to the NCJW office for your tickets.

NCJW  
Success

We will be discussing the "Get" or Jewish divorce at our *Installation/Awards/Women Helping Women* event on Sunday, June 2, 2013.

NCJW  
Success

We hope to be showing an Israeli movie in August - stay tuned for details.

NCJW  
Success

Community Service projects keep going strong - *KATS* program, *We Care For Eye Care*, *Baskets 4 Babies*, *Academy for Integrated Arts*, *The Children's Place*, *Marillac*, *Gillis Birthday Cakes*, *Dictionary Day*, *SafeHome* - What do you want to help with? Do you want to donate time? Money? Product? Chair something? We take any and all volunteers and donations!

NCJW  
Success

We are sending letters to local agencies and businesses reminding them about *A-Lotta-Stuff at Stan's*. This is our own Lori Siegel's business. She will come and pick up your furniture and household items. You get to donate it to NCJW, take a tax write off and NCJW gets a percentage of what it sells for, WIN!!

NCJW  
Success

Politically we are trying to keep you more informed on a regular basis.

NCJW  
Success

Scholarship Committee and our two Bridge groups are going strong.

NCJW  
Success

We are always looking for new members and new ideas - our first *Lilith Salon* did not have many people but had a great conversation - get the magazine and come! Find *Lilith Magazine* at [www.lilith.org](http://www.lilith.org).

NCJW  
Success

What is next? That is up to you - become a vocal member of the organization and help us GROW!

Thanks for your constant support. -Meg Adler, Co-President NCJW

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**Thank You to our Volunteers who have helped us fulfill our mission  
of providing programs and services that benefit women, children and families.**

**ADVOCACY/E-MAIL  
TREE**

Meg Adler  
Barbara Holzmark

**ART SHARE**

Meg Adler  
Debby Agron  
Carolyn Goldman  
Barbara Gorodetzky  
Berenice Haberman  
Linda Sander

**AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Berenice Haberman,  
*Chair*

**AWARDS EVENING**

Jody Cosner, *Chair*  
Meg Adler  
Barbara Cosner  
Berenice Haberman  
Janet Mark  
Carla Oppenheimer  
Ellen Portnoy  
Maureen Salz

**BASKETS 4 BABIES**

Carla Oppenheimer,  
*Chair*  
Linda Sander

**BEYOND BOUNDS**

Barbara Cosner,  
Alayne Mooney,  
*Co-Chairs*  
Meg Adler  
Roni Beshears  
Jean Brown  
Jody Cosner  
Diane Davidner  
Milisa Flekier  
Berenice Haberman  
Ida Levine  
Symie Menitove  
Bev Newman

Eileen Sherman  
Merna Siegler  
Sheila  
Sonnenschein  
Sandy Suffian  
Evy Tilzer

**BRIDGE**

Heather Aronoff  
Tootie Brown  
*Co-Chairs*  
Ginger Lewin  
Sue Vile

**BULLETIN**

Andi Wildman

**CHILDREN'S PLACE**

Milisa Flekier, *Chair*  
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Meg Adler  
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Rhonda Fromm  
Berenice Haberman  
Arlene Kasoff  
Mirra Klausner  
Kim Matsil  
Carla Oppenheimer  
Carol Porter  
Jen Paul  
Debra Rubin  
Merna Siegler  
Wendy Sitzmann  
Murielle Steinman

**DINE TO DONATE**

Ida Levine, *Chair*  
Debby Agron

**DELTA DENTAL VAN**

Carla Oppenheimer,  
*Chair*  
Meg Adler  
Bonnie Buchbinder  
Janelle Flacks

Minda Flacks  
Milisa Flekier  
Berenice Haberman  
Mirra Klausner  
Ellen Portnoy  
Debra Rubin  
Kim Matsil  
Sandy Rozen

**DICTIONARY DAY**

Linda Sander, *Chair*  
Mirra Klausner

**FRIDAY STUDY GROUP**

Betty Barnett  
Virginia Brown  
DeeDee Dale  
Thelma Dreyer  
Julie Gerson  
Jackie Golden  
Midge Grossman  
Jean Hiersteiner  
Ann Kander  
Pinky Kase  
Joe Kratchman  
Grace Lenk  
Marilyn Melcher  
Marjorie Montague  
Myra Siegel  
Estelle Sosland  
Alice Statland

**GILLIS BOYS HOME**

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Carla Oppenheimer

**GRANTS**

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Connie Simon

**HONEY**

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Beti Moskowitz  
Lynn Murray  
Bev Newman,  
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Natalie Hammer  
Joan Jacobson  
Carla Oppenheimer  
Ellie Penner  
Maureen Salz  
Linda Sander  
Linda Schlachter  
Merna Siegler

**INTERFAITH  
LUNCHEON**

Beti Moskowitz  
Ellen Portnoy  
Sandy Suffian,  
*Co-Chairs*  
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Bonnie Buchbinder  
Eva Cummings  
Ellen Dalen  
Bev Newman  
Gloria Nixon  
Maureen Salz  
Merna Siegler

**JEWELRY PARTIES**

Debby Agron  
Linda Schlachter

**KATS**

Ellen Dalen, *Chair*  
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Berenice Haberman  
Maureen Salz  
Elie Simon

**LIGHT UP A LIFE**

Meg Adler, *Chair*  
Berenice Haberman

**NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE.**

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Mirra Klausner  
Bev Newman  
Maureen Salz  
Linda Sander  
Andi Wildman

**SCHOLARSHIP**

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Jane Duggan  
Berenice Haberman  
Ro Jacobson  
Beti Moskowitz  
Lynn Murray  
Carla Oppenheimer  
Sonny Singer  
Sandy Suffian

**SUNSHINE**

Heather Aronoff

**WE CARE FOR EYE  
CARE**

Ellen Dalen, *Chair*

**WOMEN HELPING  
WOMEN**

Merna Siegler,  
*Chair*  
Meg Adler  
Melanie Allmayer  
Barbara Cosner  
Sharon Friedman  
Naomi Kauffman  
Esther Pearlmutter  
Linda Schlachter  
Sandy Suffian  
Donna Thalblum  
Lois Winston

**OOPS**

We apologize for inadvertently omitting and/or misrepresenting the  
following information in previous NCJW communications.

*The correct information is:*

\* We have 8 schools in the birthday party project, KATS.

\* We do eye glasses for ALL school age children.

\* Thank you to our two Bridge groups who combined gave our section \$1400

\* Thank You Colgate Dental Van. (not Delta)



*Miriam Adler raising money  
for Baskets for Babies.*



# NCJW Gives To The Community

National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Kansas City Section has helped the community this holiday season.

Talking books donated by NCJW were recorded by 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Bluejacket/Flint Elementary School (Shawnee Mission Schools). These books were taken to Children's Mercy Hospital to be given to children in the hospital on Christmas Day.

NCJW gave all students at the Academy for Integrated Arts (Kansas City) a book for the holidays. These students also received a holiday toy compliments of a donation from the Thelma & Meyer Fox Children's Fund that is managed by NCJW. And, dreidels were given to each student as they learned about Chanukah.

Toys were also given to Operation Breakthrough and the Marines.

Holiday gift-wrap was given to The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah for their holiday project.

## *Continuing and Upcoming programs:*

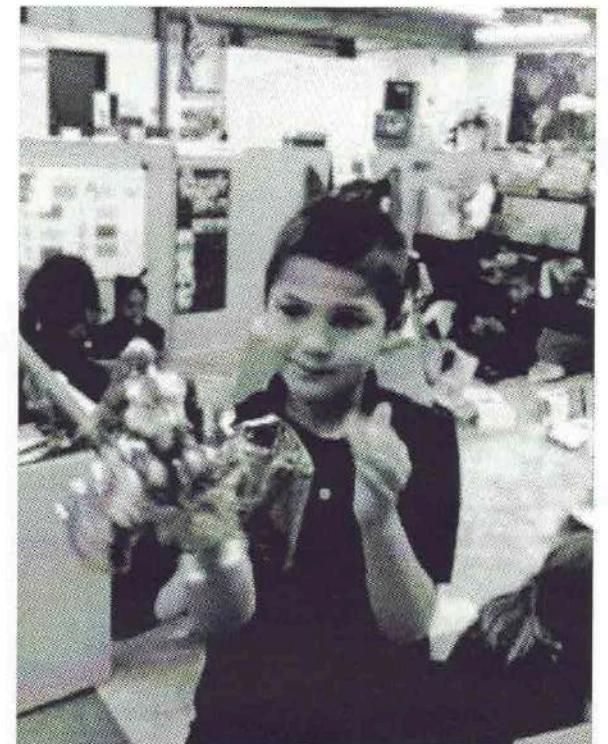
We continue to fill backpacks for pre-school age children two weeks a month at The Children's Place. Groups are in place but if you'd like your name on the sub list, please let us know. This activity takes about 45 minutes and is located in Brookside, Kansas City, MO. The Children's Place is always looking to boost their pantry - please think of these things when at the store and take to 2 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64113 or drop off at our NCJW offices or send a check directly to The Children's Place. Currently they are in need of the following items: non-sugary cereal and squeezable jelly. And the following items in single serving packages: Juice Boxes, Granola Bars/Nuts, Fruit snacks/Fruit Roll-ups/Dried Apples, Cheese Snack Crackers, Pretzels, Chex Mix, Graham Crackers, Cereal bars, Instant Oatmeal, Laughing Cow Light Cheese, Chef Boyardee Assorted Bowls, Campbell or Progresso Soups, Easy Mac & Cheese Cups, Peanut Butter, Pudding Snack Pack.



The students at the Academy for Integrated Arts are enjoying the toys we donated during their 100 days of school celebration.

On Saturday, May 11, NCJW will be helping the Academy for Integrated Arts with their first carnival. We will be providing baked goods and drinks as well as help during the event. Please watch your email for further information as the date gets closer. Please contact Linda Sander at [lsander@kc.rr.com](mailto:lsander@kc.rr.com) if you are interested in helping out.

We are also getting involved with Marillac located in Overland Park. Marillac offers treatment and prevention programs for boys and girls up to 17 years old. They have a hospital, residential treatment facility and day school. NCJW has offered to participate in their birthday club. We will provide birthday gifts and treats for children at the facility for three months out of the year: January, April and July. We will also begin facilitating a monthly craft or game hour on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. All supplies will be provided by the facility. We will just assist in staffing this program. We will be looking for volunteers for both programs very soon. Please email Milisa Flekier, [mflekier@gmail.com](mailto:mflekier@gmail.com) if you are interested. More information will be coming soon via email.



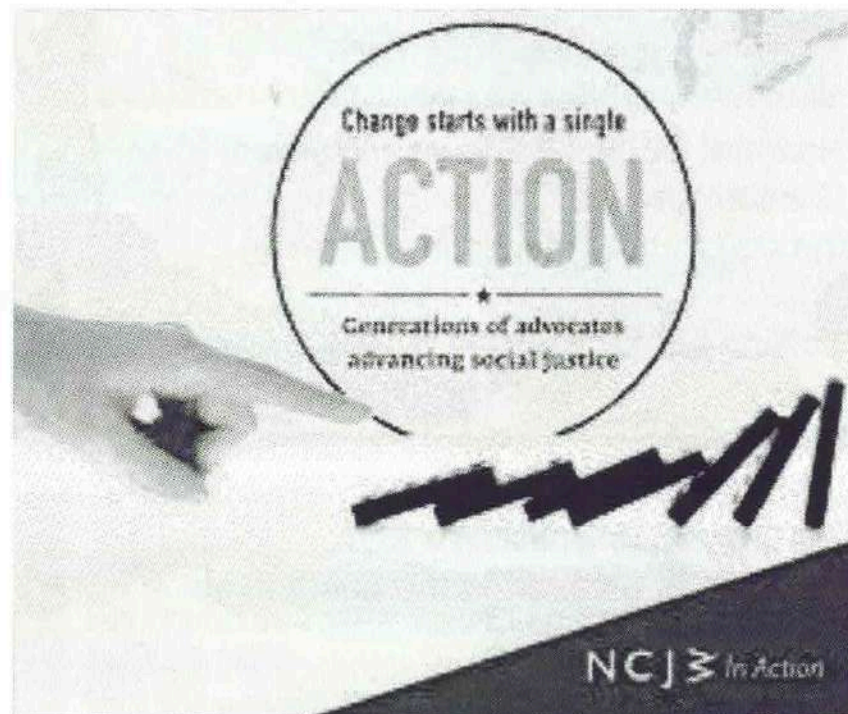


# Women Helping Women

Are women in Kansas City tied to marriages that no longer exist in civil law? Yes they are! Even in Kansas City, Jewish women who want a "Get," a Jewish divorce, are sometimes denied this by their husbands. Join NCJW as we explore the *Chained Women, the Agunot*

On Sunday, June 2, NCJW will hold its annual Awards and Installation meeting at Hallbrook Country Club. The theme of the meeting is devoted to women. The movie *Women Unchained*, about women in the United States who face years of legal battles to get their Jewish divorce, will be shown. Local divorce attorney, Susan Galamba, who is also Jewish, will answer questions.

Come to honor our members, watch new officers be installed, and learn about this very important topic. Susan Choucroun, Ellen Portnoy and Sharon Friedman are working on this event. Volunteers are needed!



## 'A-Lotta-Stuff' Brings A Lotta Bucks for NCJW

One of our members, Lori Siegel, has a resale shop, A-Lotta-Stuff at Stan's. Lori will come to a clients home and pick up donations of reusable furniture, household goods etc., (no clothing please). She will then donate a portion of the sale of those items to NCJW. After a pickup has been made, the donor then calls Linda at the NCJW office, 913-648-0747, informing her of the donation and a tax-deductible receipt letter will be mailed to the donor. Most of you already know about this and now we are reaching out into the community - we have designed a business card with Lori's information on one side and NCJW's on the other. We are sending this letter to businesses in the community that might have contact with people who need to downsize. Please help us spread the word as this will help Lori's business and in turn NCJW. Call Lori at 913-299-2939 for pick up.



### GET INVOLVED (Fill out and send in the following to the NCJW office or email [ncjwofkc@gmail.com](mailto:ncjwofkc@gmail.com).)

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
<b>I would like to be considered for the following positions in 2013-2014:</b> <small>(Check all that apply.)</small>					
President	<small>(Check if interested)</small>	V.P. – Fund Development	<small>(Check if interested)</small>		
V.P. – Membership		V.P. – Community Service			
V.P. – Public Affairs		Treasurer			
Corporate Secretary		General Board Member			
<b>I would like to be considered for a committee chairmanship or membership:</b>					
Dining and Arts Events		Honey		KATS	
Community Service		Awards Evening		Fund Development	
Interfaith		We Care for Eye Care		Baskets 4 Babies	
Light up a Life		Marillac		Academy for Integrated Arts	
Newsletter		Publicity		Advocacy	
Other					



**What a Difference a Tribute Makes - Contributions thru January 31, 2013**  
**Contributions to the NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section are tax deductible (\$10 minimum, please.)**

**Send your Contribution to NCJW, 5311 W 75th Street, Prairie Village, Kansas 66208**  
**Be sure to include the name of the fund to which you would like to direct your donation.**  
**Thank you!!**

**NCJW Section**

*In Memory Of:*

**Fred Schramm**

Ellen & Bob Fletcher

**Gloria Goodfriend**

Ann Stern

Merna Siegler

**Eva May Goldstein**

Ethel Sickel

**Ilsa Cole**

Merna Siegler

*In Honor Of:*

**Patsy Shanberg's**

**New Home**

**Doreen Leifer's Marr. of**

**Barbara to Johann**

**Doreen Leifer's Recovery**

**Sally & Gordon**

**Slabotsky's 65<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

Heather Aronof

**Flossie Pack's-Special BD**

Bonnie & Herb Buchbinder

**Baskets 4 Babies**

*In Honor Of:*

**Miriam Adler's BD**

Marianne Karsh

**Roberta Pollack**

**Goller's BD**

Andi Katz Wildman

**Community Service**

*In Honor Of:*

**Barbara & Jerry Cosner**

Robert Kort

**Bea Flam Israel Projects**

*In Honor Of:*

**Dr. & Mrs. Don Cohen's**

**Birth Of Grandson**

Naomi Kauffman

& Mordy Kopperman

**Thelma & Meyer Fox  
Children's Fund**

*Donation Made By:*

R. H. Goldberg

*In Memory Of:*

**Max Helfand**

**Barbara & Scott Hecht's**

**Brother, Jack Krashin**

Ellen & Michael Dalen

**Greg Peristein**

Ellen & Michael Dalen

Nicole & Abby Hill

**Mike Dalen's Sister**

Berenice & Roger

Haberman

Meg & Randy Adler

*In Honor Of:*

**Rabbi & Mrs. Arthur**

**Nemitoff's 25<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

**Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Singer's**

**40<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

Anonymous

**Honey Project**

*Donation Made By:*

Sally Kahan

**College Scholarship Funds**

**Harold B. Brown**

**Scholarship Fund**

*In Memory Of:*

**Harold B. Brown**

**Rabbi Morris Margolies**

**Steven Alan Gershon**

Barbara & Rick Novorr

**Ralph Zarr**

Ruth Mayer

*In Honor Of:*

**Howard Jacobson-Earl**

**Tranin Leader Award**

Barbara & Rick Novorr

**Marjorie & Howard**

**Novorr's 70<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

Ruth Mayer

Barbara & Rick Novorr

**Jules M. Mayer Fund**

*In Memory Of:*

**Deacon John R. Thompson**

**Nicole Nenon**

**Sylvia Merkadeau**

**Mel Weissman**

**Donna Burkhead**

**Ralph Zarr**

Fran & Jack Mayer

**Isabel Kaufman**

Judy & Larry Mayer

Fran & Jack Mayer

*In Honor Of:*

**Marc & Nancy Mason's**

**Wedding**

Susan Mayer

**Carol Meyer's BD**

Fran & Jack Mayer

Judy & Larry Mayer

**Fran & Jack Mayer's**

**45<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

Judy & Larry Mayer

Carol & Howard

Rosenberg

Charlotte & Richard

Brockman

Gail & Harry Himmelstein

**Lillian & Philip Small**

**Scholarship Fund**

*Donation Made By:*

Marshall Small

Sarah Small

Maynard Small

**Ruth B. Stern**

**Scholarship Fund**

*In Memory Of:*

**Eliot Berkley**

Hortense K. Snower

*In Honor Of:*

**Yana Yakob & David**

**Stern's Marr.**

Hortense K. Snower

**Special Name Scholarships**

**Alfred & Dorothy Benjamin**

**Scholarship Fund**

*In Memory Of:*

**Jack Nachman**

**Mel Goldblatt**

**Eliot Berkley**

**Ann Chasnoff**

Ann & Ed Kander

*In Honor Of:*

**Henry Bloch's BD**

Ann & Ed Kander

**Ellen Laner/Friday**

**Study Group**

*Donation Made By:*

Betty Barnett

Rachel Brown

Gertrude Dale

Julie Gerson

Jackie Golden

Jean Hiersteiner

Ann Kander

Pinky Kase

Joe Kratchman

Marilyn Melcher

Marjorie Montague

Janice Shopmaker

Myra Siegel

Alice Statland

**Serina Lorsh Fund**

*Donation Made By:*

Jay Lorsch

**NCJW Scholarship**

*In Memory Of:*

**Anne Chasnoff**

Jane Pollock Duggan

**Peter Gerson**

**Ilsa Cole**

Deedee Dale

**Julia & Harry Terte Fund**

*Donation Made By:*

Robert Terte

NCJW is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into actions. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice, by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.



# Attention Members: Hannah G. Solomon Award

Each year we have the opportunity to honor a member of the local NCJW Section with a wonderful National NCJW Award: The Hannah G. Solomon Award, named in honor of our founder. This award is given to someone who works diligently, while representing the values of NCJW. It is an award that must have nominations from members. In confidence, please complete the form below if you have someone you would like to nominate. Thank you!

-Ellen Portnoy, Awards Committee Chair



## HANNAH G. SOLOMON AWARD

Dear NCJW Member:

Our organization's founder, Hannah G. Solomon, is remembered yearly when a deserving recipient of the most prestigious Hannah G. Solomon Award is determined by the Awards Committee from nominations received from the membership. We are obligated to publish the criteria to our membership and ask for their selection to receive this award. These nominations must be in writing and received at the NCJW office, 5311 W. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Prairie Village, KS 66208, no later than **April 1, 2013**. Please keep your recommendation private from the nominee.

### Criteria:

Recipient must be an NCJW member.

Recipient must be currently active in NCJW.

Recipient must be active within the community.

Current Section Executive Committee members are ineligible.

Ex-officio members of Executive Committee are exempt from restrictions.

Hannah G. Solomon Award need not be presented annually.

*Please type or print.*

Nominee:		Spouse's Name:	
Address:		City, State, Zip:	
Profession:		Employer:	
Business Address:		City, State Zip:	
History of NCJW volunteering, i.e., committees, projects, board positions, etc.			
Please describe additional community volunteer activities, other than NCJW, of this nominee:			
<b>Organization</b>		<b>Position</b>	
<b>Period of Service</b>			



# Light Up A Life Campaign

There is still time to participate. Please clip this section and send along with your donation to the NCJW Office:

5311 W. 75<sup>th</sup>, Prairie Village, Kansas 66208



**NCJW**

National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Kansas City Section

*I wish to Light Up a Life* \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ \$25-\$99      ☐ \$100-\$249      ☐ \$250-\$499      ☐ \$500-\$999  
☐ \$1000-\$1499      ☐ \$1500-\$2499      ☐ \$2500-\$5000      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to NCJW, GREATER KANSAS CITY SECTION, by January 9th.*

☐ *I wish to remain anonymous.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Donation in honor/memory \_\_\_\_\_

*(To be published in NCJW Bulletin)*

*Notification of honorarium/memorial should be sent to:*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

*To list additional names, include contact information on separate card and return with the above.*

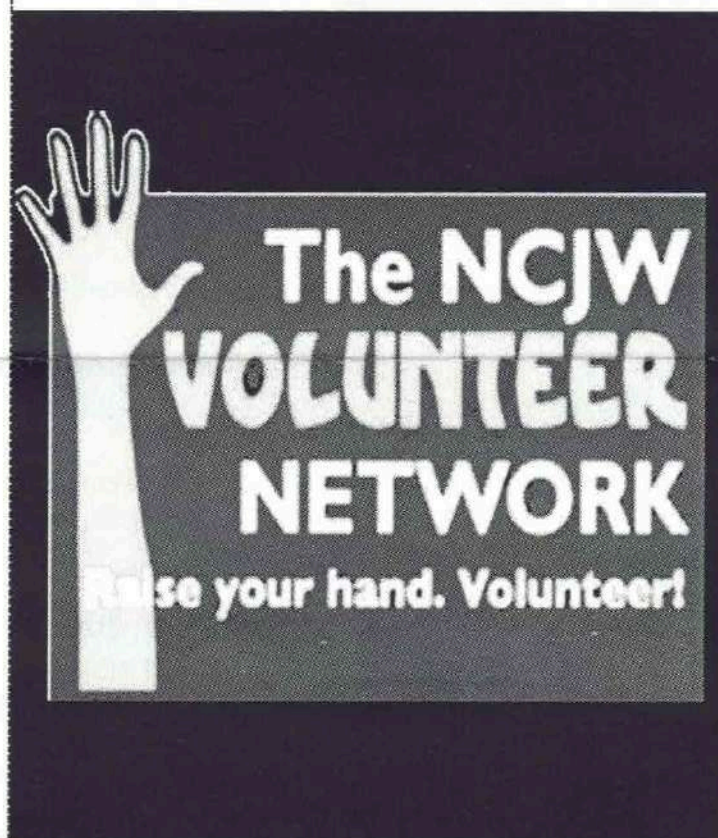
*Please contact me to volunteer for a:*

- ☐ Community Service Project  
☐ Educational Program  
☐ Discuss the inclusion of NCJW in my estate plans

## Join NCJW!

### Be A Part of Something and Make a Difference

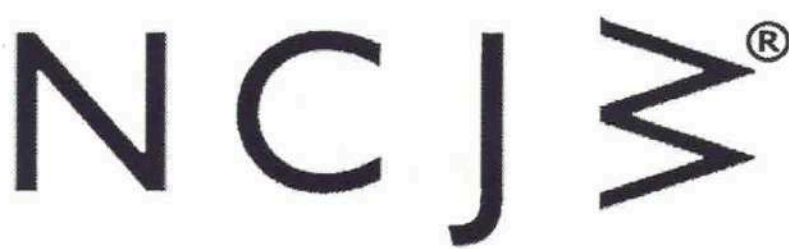
Membership - do you know anybody who wants to be a member? Our annual dues are only \$36 and a life membership is \$350. We are a fun community service minded organization - we are open to your ideas too. Currently we have about 615 members with 2/3 of them Life Members - invite your friends to our programs and forward our emails!!! Let's boost our numbers so we can do more! Fill out and send in the *Get Involved* form which can be found on page 4.



## Important Kansas State Phone Numbers

Attorney General (888) 428-8436	Driver's License Bureau (785) 296-3963	Kansas Lottery (785) 296-5700	SRS (785) 296-1491
Child Abuse Hotline (800) 922-5330	Governor's Office (877) 579-6757	KPERS (888) 275-5737	Tax Refund Status Info (800) 894-0318
Crime Tip Hotline (800) 572-7463	Highway Conditions (800) 585-7623	Legislative Hotline (800) 432-3924	Taxpayer Assistance (785) 368-8222
Crime Victim Referral (800) 828-9745	Housing Hotline (800) 752-4422	School Safety Hotline (877) 626-8203	Unclaimed Property (800) 432-0386
Department on Aging (800) 432-3535	Kansas Jobs (785) 235-5627	Social Security (800) 772-1213	Vital Statistics (785) 296-1400





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*We apologize for inadvertently  
omitting or misspelling any names  
or information. Please get  
involved and help us to get it right!*

*or Current Resident*

## NCJW Kansas City Upcoming Events

*Watch your email for information regarding the following events:*

**Monday, March 11, 11:45 am,** Interfaith Luncheon showcasing the author of *The Hindu and the Cowboy*, Donna Ziegenhorn, Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park, 10100 College Blvd.

**Wednesday, March 13,** *Voices for Choice*, Sponsored by Kansas Choice Alliance – Join us in Topeka, come see politicians live and up close. We will have lunch together and spend the day in the Kansas State Capitol Building. For more information please contact Barbara Holzmark, 913-381-8222 or email [bjbagels@aol.com](mailto:bjbagels@aol.com).

**Thursday, April 11,** Second *Lilith Salon* at the home of Sharon Friedman – emails to follow!!!

**Sunday, April 21, 2 pm,** American Heartland Theatre – Join us to see *Life Could Be A Dream* \$36 per ticket. Please contact the NCJW office for tickets.

**Sunday, June 2, 2 pm,** Awards/Installation and Women Helping Women Event, *Women Unchained*. Join us in the newly renovated ball room at Hallbrook Country Club, 11200 Overbrook Road, Leawood, KS.

**August 2013,** A Fun Membership Event, Watch your mail for details.