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January 2023 Newsletter

Hello and happy new year from your fundraising co-vice presidents, Jannie Cabbage and Lynn Schweig

As we look ahead, we first want to thank those members who donated to the annual LIGHT UP A LIFE! campaign. We know there are many worthwhile organizations and causes that need money, and we sincerely appreciate that you chose to give generously to NCJW of KC.

To allow us to continue to positively impact the lives of children, women, and families in Kansas City, we must pursue additional opportunities to raise funds. To that end, we have identified the following projects/programs for the remainder of this year. As with everything we do, our success depends on volunteers to manage and support these efforts, as well as broad member participation, so please consider how you can play an active role.

- **NCJW Member Cookbook**

In the near future, project co-chairs Debbie Chase and Sharon Mallin will begin soliciting recipes from our membership. We intend to have the cookbook available for purchase prior to Hanukkah 2023.

- **Petals for Passover**

Spearheaded by Milisa Flekier, members and others in the community will be able to purchase flowers for friends and

- **Clothing Drive** (chairperson needed)
Arrange for a centrally located site to collect donated items. NCJW earns money based on weight/volume of items collected.
- **Hamburger Mary's Bingo Event** (chairperson needed)
Coordinate a Wednesday or Thursday event with the venue, promote the event, and solicit/purchase prizes for game winners. NCJW receives the proceeds from bingo cards sold at the event.

In addition to the above, NCJW benefits on an ongoing basis from the generosity of [A Lotta Stuff](#), an indoor estate sale store. Donations of used household items, clothing, and furniture may be personally delivered to the store or home pick-up of larger items can be arranged. Please keep this organization in mind as you declutter throughout the year.

Amazon Smile is another easy way to support NCJW of Kansas City. When making any purchase through Amazon, just make sure you sign in to your [Amazon Smile](#) account; you can buy the same products at the same prices, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to the charitable organization you designate.

Please contact Jannie Cubbage (jcubbage@kc.rr.com) or Lynn Schweig (lynn@everestkc.net) to get involved, suggest other opportunities, or ask questions.

Dues update—and new membership sale

NCJW of Greater Kansas City is changing its annual dues to match our fiscal calendar. This means annual membership will run from July 1-June 30. This decision was made because the new schedule:

- Aligns our membership dues with our fiscal year
- Smooths NCJW's cash flow throughout the budget year
- Improves accuracy of budget so if dues are not paid, we can re-evaluate
- Saves time handling billing follow-up throughout the year



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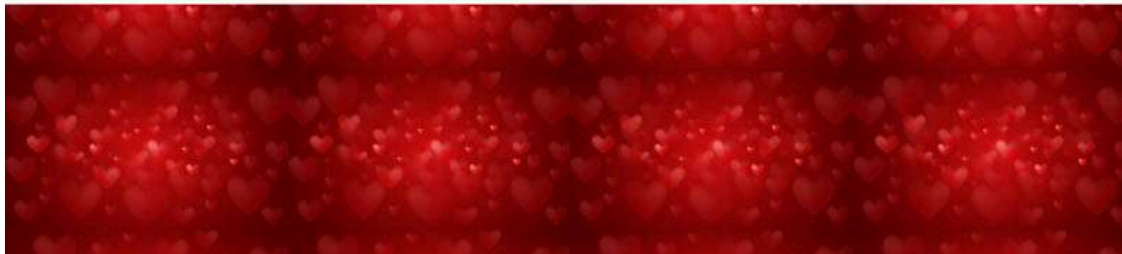
NEW MEMBERSHIP SALE! 5 MONTHS *FREE* IN FEBRUARY

We are updating our membership year to match our fiscal year, and you can benefit. Anyone who is currently not a member of NCJW Kansas City section can join in February and receive membership for the rest of 2022/23 AS WELL AS the entire 2023/24 year! This is a bonus of five FREE months of annual dues!

\$40 must be paid during the month of February 2023 to get the bonus months.
Membership will expire on 6/30/24.

February Only

Find out more at <https://kansascity.section.ncjw.org/> or scan the QR code.

NCJW college scholarships

NCJW Greater KC Section offers college scholarships to high school seniors in the Kansas City metropolitan area who have financial need and have earned academic excellence in their high school careers. Scholarships are renewable for four years of college and range from

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the [NCJW KC website](#).

Any NCJW member who is interested in serving on the scholarship committee should contact Ellen Portnoy, scholarship chair, at elsuopo@gmail.com.

Volunteer highlight

Thank you to those who volunteered to help prepare and deliver meals on Christmas Day for Pleasant Green Baptist Church’s holiday dinner program. Pictured: (left) Janice Pearl and Kevin Nichols (right) Jeff, Gabe, Rachel, and Susan Kivett.



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