



**The Junior League of
Youngstown**
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Michele Grant Elected New President of Junior League of Youngstown

***Junior League of Youngstown Welcomes New Board Members for the
2008-2009 Year***

Youngstown, OH (September 15, 2008) - Boardman Resident, Michele Grant, has been named the 2008-2009 President of the Junior League of Youngstown. Grant epitomizes the organization's Mission which states "The Junior League of Youngstown is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable." Grant has been a volunteer in the Youngstown community for many years.

Ms. Grant, who has been a Junior League member since 2003, received a B.A. from Oberlin College and a M.S. in Arts Administration from Drexel University. Grant worked as a fundraising professional in Philadelphia's nonprofit, cultural and historical community for 22 years. She relocated to the Youngstown Area and is presently the Associate Director of Development at the Paula and Anthony Rich Center for the Study and Treatment of Autism at Youngstown State University. "The Junior League of Youngstown will be celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2009. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the League at this pivotal time in its history." says Grant.

As President of the Junior League of Youngstown, Ms. Grant will work with an 18 member Board.

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Newly elected **Board Officers** are made up of women from the Mahoning Valley, Joanne Nohra Wagner (Warren), President-Elect; Danielle Battafarano (Struthers), Vice President; Amy Banks (Poland), Recording Secretary; Robyn Galitto, Esq. (Boardman), Treasurer; and Sustainer Representatives Susan Berny (Boardman), Phyllis Ricchiuti (Poland) and Marilyn Wagmiller (Canfield).

Board Committee Chairs are Lynee Aiad-Toss (Poland), Nominating; Melanie Angiuli (Boardman), Marketing and Recruitment; Barbara Banks (Poland) & Susan Stewart (Boardman), Fund Development; Michelle Merkel (Warren) & Melissa D'Apolito (Poland), Training and Education; Danielle Battafarano & Helene Sinnreich (Youngstown), Research and Development; Anissa Modarelli, Esq. (Boardman) & Shellie Sabel (Poland), Provisional; Tara Mady (Poland), In-League Communication; Amy Banks, Yearbook; Anna Aey (Canfield), Pink Ribbon Tea; Paula Jakubeck (Canfield), Mother/Daughter Brunch; Barbara Banks & Leilani Drake (Boardman), Fall Fashion Show; and Helene Sinnreich, Kids in the Kitchen.

The Junior League of Youngstown has been serving the valley for over 75 years by enhancing and improving the lives of women, children and families. Projects which the Junior League of Youngstown has been instrumental in establishing include Ronald McDonald House, Hope House, Day Break and the Children's Museum of the Valley. This year, the Junior League of Youngstown will partner with area service agencies to implement locally the *Kids in the Kitchen* initiative, a nationwide program of The Association of Junior Leagues, Inc. The goal of *Kids in the Kitchen* is to empower underserved youth to make healthy lifestyle choices and help reverse the growth of childhood obesity and its associated health issues.

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