

25 Members from the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana take "Road Rally" tour of past Junior League Projects

Champaign, Ill.--August 18, 1999--The Membership Development Committee of the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana hosted a special "Road Rally" bus tour of past Junior League projects in Champaign and Urbana last night. The evening tour was lead by the voice of Junior League, Brenda Koester, and was planned to showcase 12 key projects championed by Junior League to women who have joined the organization this summer.



Highlights of the tour included:

Krannert Art Center - In 1963, Junior League started the Krannert Docents program. In 1990, the Artscope program was developed by Junior League to provide a resource room and training area for local teachers.

Crisis Nursery - In 1984, Junior League started the Crisis Nursery. It continues to offer an "island of safety" for children whose parents are experiencing a crisis or stressful situation such as accidents, hospitalization, or domestic violence where a child is at risk of harm. The care is short term and at no cost to families that have no other resource while trying to resolve a crisis situation.

Parkland College - In 1974, Junior League sponsored the first Champaign-Urbana Awareness course at Parkland. In 1989, the SPOT project was developed to provide financial assistance, tutoring, and career planning to low income single parents attending Parkland.



700 block, E. Park Street, Urbana, Habitat for Humanity - In June 1999, Junior League helped frame a house for a single mother with 3 children. This was the first of the Done In A Day mini-project series. Another house will be worked on in September.

8 other sites were visited during the tour. The tour started and ended at the new Illinois Terminal; Junior League of Champaign-Urbana's new headquarters location beginning September 1st, 1999.

Junior League of Champaign-Urbana is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI), an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and to improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

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