



## Pearls of the JLRI: Family Health

### Family Health:

- Supported the District Nursing Association with fundraising and volunteers
- Supported the work of the Irrepressible Society which assisted indigent women with sewing and other efforts
- The League funded the Bureau for the Handicapped Executive Director's salary and gave money to Leisure Time Activities to start a Neighbor Center in South Providence.
- 1942: Created an Officers Club at the Biltmore which served over 2,000 officers
- 1942: Provided 17 volunteers to the Air Raid Warning Centre
- 1942: Rolled bandages at Red Cross and hospitals; filled gaps on local hospital staffs
- 1942: Helped with Coast Guard Relief, worked for British War Relief Association and English-Speaking Union
- 1945: League accepted a proposal of the Community Fund to raise capital for renovating a building for the Youth Center on Capitol Hill, \$12,000 was raised and a house on 56 Jefferson St was purchased.
- 1945: \$15,000 was raised and the Smith Hill Girls' Club opened
- 1947: The League had raised \$43,000 for the Smith Hill Girls' Club and the League transferred ownership of the Youth Center house to the club.
- 1949: League established the Smith Hill Girls' Club Summer Day Camp and purchased 15 acres in Chepachet on Keach Pond
- 1950: JLP opened and operated the Lying-In Hospital (predecessor of Woman and Infants) Gift Shop (in 1957: Turned it over to the Hospital Board of Lady Visitors)
- 1953: JLP financed a nursery at the Lakeside Shelter
- 1955: JLP produced a film for TV about the Child Guidance Center called "Bright Future"
- 1957: Started a Mental Health project, funding a social worker at the Child Guidance Clinic
- 1963-1968: Pre-school vision screening team (referred to physicians many children who may have suffered permanent vision loss).
- 1973: Presented a Venereal Disease program to 40 classrooms around Rhode Island
- 1975: The JLRI Health Group acted as a catalyst in developing a conference on alcoholism for hospital administrators
- 1979: Published a Directory of Alcoholism Services for Rhode Island (through these efforts, a JLRI member was appointed trustee of Roger Williams Hospital).
- Established a Day Care Enrichment Program
- 1980: VIE is published and JLP holds press conference for A Guide to Home Care and Nursing Home Resources in RI



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- 1980: Adolescent Parenting Program is initiated
- 1981: JLP co-sponsors Women's Fair '90
- 1983: JLP sponsors, "An Evening with T. Berry Brazelton, M.D."
- 1986: "One More for One Less...Hungry Person" food drives collect 100,000 pounds of food for the RI Community.
- Woman to Woman, a project dedicated to education on the effects of alcohol specific to women continued through 1990 and 1991- addressing Women on Campus and the effects of alcohol dependency on children.
- 1990-1994: Safe Kids, a project educating parents and children e.g., burn prevention, bike safety, car safety.
- 1993: \$15,000 donation to Hasbro Children's Hospital Triage room
- 1994: \$30,000 donation to Ronald McDonald House completed.
- 1995-1998: JLRI project "Parent Pal" launched as focus area of Children's Health chosen. Project addressed Childproofing, Healthy Snacks, and Growing Up Healthy in collaboration and on-site at the state-wide domestic violence shelters.
- 1999: launch of project at St. Mary's Home for Girls.
- 2006: JLRI New Member classes raised over \$10k for the "Ask A Parent Program" at Planned Parenthood and for The Sexual Assault Resource Center
- 2007: JLRI began a partnership with the RI Community Food Bank – Women Ending Hunger Campaign
- 2010: 750 pounds of clothes were collected and donated to Children's Friend and Services
- 2010: 5,600 meals were served at Amos House by JLRI Members
- 2014: JLRI conducted a Healthy Harvest Event in collaboration with the Smithfield YMCA