



# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON

League News- March 2018

The Junior League of Boca Raton's Grant Library, located at the Vegso Community Resource Center, serves as a resource for Palm Beach and surrounding counties community members and nonprofit organizations in search of grant opportunities. The library, which is associated with the Funding Information Network of the Foundation Center, Inc. in New York, provides comprehensive and effective research tools that allow community members and nonprofit leaders to identify suitable funders for their organizations.

**Diane Diamantis regularly attends the Grant Library's workshops and was awarded a \$2,000 grant for the Dollars 4 TIC Scholars nonprofit she started in 2014. Diamantis describes the free services that the library provides as invaluable to her nonprofit. Some of the skills she has gained at the center include how to define keywords that identify her organization, how to search for grants using those keywords, and whether a funder is a good match for her nonprofit. In an interview with Diamantis, she explained that she values the free resources and stated, "The library is a big help for small organizations trying to get bigger."**

Another community member who regularly attends training seminars is Jennice Chewlin, CEO and Founder of Chewlin & Associates, a company that provides tailored services to nonprofits in the early stages of funding. Chewlin, who uses the Grant Library to provide grant research, proposal development, and training to local nonprofits, says finding the right grant is both an art and a science. Chewlin finds the foundation directory to be user-friendly and visually appealing. She also speaks about the Grant Library with great passion and highly recommends all nonprofit **leaders explore the library's resources, which include** reference books, journals, and access to three Foundation Center databases.

Information can easily be gathered on grant guidelines and materials that are necessary for the grant application process. All of the resources including sample grant applications are available to both individuals and nonprofits. The library also has numerous books pertaining to grantsmanship, nonprofit management, fundraising, and scholarship as well as space to prepare a grant application. Chewlin asks every nonprofit she meets if they know about the Junior League Grant Library. This resource serves our community and fulfills the mission of the Junior League of Boca Raton - Women Building Better Communities - through nonprofit support.

If you are a South Florida nonprofit or individual in need of grant assistance, make your way to the Junior League of Boca Raton Vegso Community Resource Center Grant Library. It is free and open to the public from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

**COMMUNITY EVENT: Earth Day in the Community Garden**



Join us to celebrate Earth Day in the Boca Raton Community Garden! This family-friendly event will include crafts, games, face painting, music, a ladybug release and the collection of new and gently used shoes for In Jacob's Shoes as well as new and gently used books for the Spirit of Giving. New this year students from local schools will be participating in contests that bring awareness to Environmental Issues. You won't want to miss out on the fun!

Sunday, April 22nd  
12-3pm  
101 NW 4th St, Boca Raton, Florida 33432

## Upcoming League Events

- March 6, 2018 [Nonprofit Training: Your Product is Really YOU!](#)
- March 6, 2018 [OneBlood Blood drive, 3-8pm](#)

- March 22, 2018 [Sip & Shop at C. Orrico in Delray](#)
- March 29, 2018 Legislative Breakfast
- April 4, 2018 [Nonprofit Training: Intro to Finding Grants](#)
- April 9, 2018 [Boca West Foundation Golf Challenge](#)
- April 10, 2018 [Boca West Foundation Concert for the Children](#)
- April 18, 2018 [Nonprofit Training: Two Day Grant Writing Workshop](#)
- April 22, 2018 [Earth Day 2018 Celebration @ Community Garden](#)
- May 9, 2018 [Nonprofit Training: Consultants & Enhancing Fundraising](#)

#### **About the Junior League of Boca Raton**

Throughout the year, JLBR members will contribute more than 35,000 volunteer hours and donate more than \$250,000 to support our mission of training volunteers, developing the potential of women and improving the South Florida community. To learn more about the JLBR, please contact the JLBR office at [561-620-2553](tel:561-620-2553) or visit [www.JLBR.org](http://www.JLBR.org). Connect with us on [facebook.com/JuniorLeagueBocaRaton](https://facebook.com/JuniorLeagueBocaRaton), or [twitter.com/JLBocaRaton](https://twitter.com/JLBocaRaton).

#### **Mission Statement**

The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. JLBR's community initiatives focus on issues that have been identified as being of greatest concern within the community: Hunger, Child Welfare and NonProfit Support. JLBR's purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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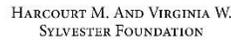
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