

Cultivating Community...

Celebrating Commitment

Twenty Years

1978 - 1998



Women Building a Stronger Community

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SIOUX FALLS

MISSION STATEMENT:

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SIOUX FALLS IS AN ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN COMMITTED TO PROMOTING VOLUNTARISM, DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL OF WOMEN AND IMPROVING COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE ACTION AND LEADERSHIP OF TRAINED VOLUNTEERS. ITS PURPOSE IS EXCLUSIVELY EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE. THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SIOUX FALLS REACHES OUT TO WOMEN OF ALL RACES, RELIGIONS AND NATIONAL ORIGINS WHO DEMONSTRATE AN INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTARISM.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP OR REINSTATEMENT, PLEASE CALL THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SIOUX FALLS AT 336-9469 OR WRITE TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SIOUX FALLS, 3101 W. 41ST ST., SUITE 208, SIOUX FALLS, SD 57105.

What is the Junior League of Sioux Falls?

In 1978, seven women had the foresight to organize a Junior Service League in Sioux Falls. After hundreds of volunteer hours of organizing and planning fund-raisers, researching and implementing community projects and educating the members, The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) accepted their application in 1985 to become the Junior League of Sioux Falls.

Nationally, the Junior League evolved out of the social work movement of the early 1900's. These early women rolled bandages, worked in settlement houses and did polite volunteer work. Currently, the AJLI is over 193,000 women strong in 293 Leagues all over the world involved in the critical needs of today's fast paced world.

The Junior League of Sioux Falls is comprised of 150 women who tackle a wide range of issues such as child and teen health, housing, women's health issues, domestic violence and senior citizen well-being. These issues and others are addressed through community projects. They are researched thoroughly, and a so-

lution is found. These solutions are in the form of Community Agencies, large fund-raisers with awareness campaigns, or one-time fairs and seminars. Typically, these projects are developed for a determined time and then are turned over to the community to continue.

We also offer our members training to become effective volunteers in the community. This training takes on many forms such as holding chairmanships within the organization, bringing in an expert to educate the members, and participating in training seminars conducted by our parent organization, AJLI. Topics may include leadership skills, organizational structure, strategic planning, networking, fund-raising and community impact.

The Junior League process...that of continually working at solving community problems, training and promoting volunteers and developing the potential of women has become an integral part of the community of Sioux Falls.



The First Annual Report 1978-1979

In March 1978 seven former AJL members met to discuss the possibility of starting a service league in Sioux Falls with the goal to become a Junior League. These seven members included **Jean Anstine, Kris Egger, Susan Hagen, Karen Kirkeby, Jeanne Kracht, Sandee Scheel** and **Marilyn Selkirk**. All of us knew that the task ahead was a BIG one, but we felt that there was a great potential for organized voluntarism in Sioux Falls and that a service league was needed here. Our first organized effort was to determine if there was interest and a support group in the community for this type of organization. We organized an open meeting to inform the young women of the community of the concept of voluntarism through a service league. Nearly 100 women attended the May 23rd meeting. Former AJL members hosted the meeting, and in two hours tried to give an overview of the Junior League. JoAnn Grueskin, a former president of the Sioux City Junior League, was the guest speaker.

During the summer months of 1978, the original AJL members formed into a steering committee. They met bi-weekly to elect officers, draw up by-laws, incorporate and establish a course of action and timeline for the first Junior Service League year. It was decided to focus on education the first year, i.e. to develop a charter membership who would come to know each other, the purpose and structure of the Junior Service League, and the community before delving into community projects, fund-raising, and placement. To achieve this, it was decided that the entire charter membership would go through a provisional training course the second half of the year.

Initially, only three committees were established: Education to arrange the general meetings, Finance and Fund-Raising which combined the overseeing of financial records with development of fund-raising

ideas, and Provisional Training.

The first general meeting was held on September 14, 1978. At that meeting, sixty-eight women obligated themselves to membership in the Junior Service League of Sioux Falls. These women have the status of charter members. Dues of \$15.00 were collected and each member was asked to serve on one of the three committees. A monthly news sheet called the *LIVEWIRE* was begun in October. In December, the membership received their first printed handbook and membership listing. "A Merry Autumn Outing" was the theme given to our first in-league fund-raiser. This was an evening couples' party featuring an auction of member-donated items. The auction brought in \$3,239.00 that night which was a great boost to the organization -- in money and spirit!

The provisional training course was entitled "Community Focus" and was required of all charter members. We met every other week from February through April and patterned our course after AJL guidelines.

These last few months of the charter year have been busy...we have had election of new officers. The Admissions Committee hosted an April 30th orientation for prospective new members (we have open admissions). The new Nominating and Admissions Committees were elected in May. Our Education Committee "volunteered" to assume the additional role of Placement Committee in March to arrange for and prepare the active membership for placement in the fall. The Finance and Fund-Raising Committee has appointed co-chairmen for our first major community fund-raiser scheduled for late September. We will have a rummage sale at the Sioux Falls Convention Center which has been named "Booming Bargains".

We have had a BUSY year, but we

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are enthused and excited. The first year accomplishments and membership support are beyond our expectations, and the second year promises to be even more exciting.

Susan D. Hagen

Junior Service League President 1978-1979

How gratifying it was to serve as President the year Junior Service League attained Junior League status! Membership in the Association of Junior Leagues had been Junior Service League's major ambition since its inception. Seven years of enthusiastic commitment to voluntarism, diligent attention to detail, and plain old hard work had paid off. On April 10, 1985, we changed our name and became the Junior League of Sioux Falls. What a thrill!

Arlene Kirby, Past President 1984-1985

THE ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES, INC.

February 9, 1985

Arlene Wagner Kirby, President
Junior League of Sioux Falls
2 Riverview Heights
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Dear Arlene:

The Board of Directors today accepted the Junior Service League of Sioux Falls as a member of the Association of Junior Leagues. It will be given Junior League status under the name of the Junior League of Sioux Falls, effective April 1, 1985.

The reports of the Board and Staff members who have visited your organization were most enthusiastic. We are confident that your program will continue to be of interest to all of us in the Association.

It gives us great pleasure to welcome Sioux Falls into the Association.

Sincerely,
Carole P. Hart
President

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The Junior Service League
of Sioux Falls, Incorporated

July 10, 1978

The Incorporators:

Susan Hagen

Kris Egger

Marilyn Selkirk

Sandee Scheel

Jean Anstine

The Charter Members as listed in the First Annual
Report and Membership Listing, 1978-1979:

Jean Welch Anstine
Jan Yeager Bahson
Martha Ludlow Baker
Mary Catherine Lickteig Ball
Lyn Campeau Batcheller
Susan Sisler Blake
Barbara Gieske Bowden
Juli Sullivan Briggs
Becky Brackle Cory
Laura Goeman Donahue
Rosemary Shelton Draeger
Kris Stohl Egger
Celia Hogan Esser
Barb McBride Everist
Carol Miller Everton
Sandy Mickelson Farmer
Jinny Haggardt Faye
Donna Kuhle Flanagan
Barbara Nerison Friess
Claudia Jacobsen Gieske
Bonnie Oestreich Glidewell
Peggy Parker Graff
Karen Paulson Hagen
Susan Devereux Hagen
Ann Boyles Hanson
Patsy Fosheim Hanten
Linda Lander Hartmann
Judy Macy Haugo
Ann Lewis Henkin
Diana Riegel Hohweiler
Gayle Myhre Hooper
Bunny Aikens Howes
Elly Seibert Johnson
Jane Nutter Johnson
Leni Lovre Johnson

Susan Davenport Johnson
Deanna Cutler Junso
Jeanne Rolland Kelly
Arlene Wagner Kirby
Becky Ageton Kirby
Peggy Shock Kirby
Karen Rorem Kirkeby
Anita DeJarlais Klune
Mary Ann Peterson Knutson
Jean Redfield Kracht
Marianne Guinney Larsen
Carol Millinick Lauer
Elaine Miller Licko
Nancy Franzen Liechty
Collette Songer Madison
Susan Everist McMillan
Phyllis Bennett McQuillen
Bobbie Carr Moore
Susan Lepley Mulligan
Susan Purtell Parker
Kay Sauer Rozell
Sandee Larson Scheel
Sue Pollman Scribner
Marilyn Tracy Selkirk
Faith Mertz Sheridan
Helen Fichtler Sougstad
Christie Abel Stevens
Sue Schmid Tower
Linda Jensen Wade
Jane Agee Walling
Nancy Carter White
Pat Drommer Will
Kay Kendrick Wyatt
Lian Anderson Zea

Past Presidents

Susan Devereux Hagen	1978-1979
Kris Stoll Egger	1979-1980
Jane Agee Walling	1980-1981
Barbara McBride Everist	1981-1982
Faith Mertz Sheridan	1982-1983
Nancy Carter White	1983-1984
Arlene Wagner Kirby	1984-1985
Ruth Claussen Parry	1985-1986
Margie Rossow Nelson	1986-1987
Helen Outen Owens	1987-1988
Diane Hanson Hohn	1988-1989
Collette Songer Madison	1989-1990
Casey Everett Murschel	1990-1991
Melissa Miller Radigan	1991-1992
Sue Swiden Aguilar	1992-1993
Pat Schneider Hardie	1993-1994
Chris Heupel McGrann	1994-1995
Pat Harvey Graham	1995-1996
Susan Klebsch Flynn	1996-1997
Cynthia Alvine Phillips	1997-1998

Awards & Recognitions

- 1987 South Dakota Volunteer of the Year Award
1989 AJLI - First Prize in Creative Public Relations Brochures
(*Phone Friend*)
1990 AJLI - First Prize in Creative Public Relations Campaigns
(*Race for the Cure*)
1991 Golden Rule Award (*Race Against Breast Cancer*)
1993 Governor's Volunteer of the Year Award
1997 Friends of the Health Sciences Libraries from South Dakota
Library Association (*Children's Medical Library*)
1998 JC Penney Golden Rule Award
(*Habitat for Humanity House Constructed Primarily by Women*)

Notes from our Current President...

In an article published earlier this year in USA TODAY it was reported that more than half of the nation's adults say they volunteer and think that donating their time is more important now than it was five years ago. When you stop to consider the efforts of volunteers throughout the country you realize how blessed we are to live in a land whose citizens place such a high value on volunteering. Volunteers are at the very heart of our society.

There are well over a million non-profit organizations in America and that number swells to over 2 million when you add in churches and other houses of worship. We recognize the fact that the Junior League of Sioux Falls is therefore part of a non-profit sector that has to compete for a portion of the volunteer pool. This has made it increasingly important to identify what it is that differentiates one organization from another. At the 1998 Annual Conference of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) this issue was addressed by Carol Kleiner, immediate past-president of AJLI. It is her belief and mine that the League's edge lies in the phrase added to our mission statement at our annual conference 3 years ago - "develop the potential of women". These 5 words define who we are. We do this by giving women an additional

voice in the community, by providing an environment to foster relationships with other women, and by offering both informal and formal opportunities for training.

The Junior League of Sioux Falls has been developing this potential from its inception 20 years ago. It is because of this potential that projects such as the Second Street Manor, the Race Against Breast Cancer, Mentor Mom and the Habitat House Built Primarily By Women came into being. I have personally benefited from the League's mission to develop the potential in women. I am honored to serve as president of the Junior League of Sioux Falls during this anniversary year, but I am in this position only because of the opportunities for personal growth that my involvement with League has afforded me.

Shar McBee in her book *To Lead is to Serve* remarks that people feel happiest when they feel they belong. A dynamic organization is like a beautiful bracelet. Each jewel in the bracelet may be exquisite, but the strength lies in the connection. We invite you to make that connection or share the opportunities for involvement in the Junior League of Sioux Falls with a woman in the community who is looking to make such a connection.

Lorrae Lindquist

President

Junior League of Sioux Falls

1998-1999

JLSF Projects...past and present

Adoption & Foster Care Fair
Adult Day Care Center
Booming Bargains
Bubblonian Encounter
Care Fair
Child Care Learning Lab
Child Sexual Abuse Center
Children's Inn Theraplay Project (Room & Training)
Children's Medical Library
Citizens Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV)
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
Delbridge Museum Resource Manual
Girls Club Activity Center
Habitat for Humanity House Constructed Primarily by Women
Household Hazardous Waste Education & Action/"Paint Drop 'N Swap"
Individual Learning Styles
Junior Great Books
Kaleidoscope
Kids 'n Puppetry
Kids on the Block
Mentor Mom
Newcomer Service Directory
Phone Friend
Prairie People State Centennial
Pre-Kindergarten Education
Prison Family Outreach
Protect-A-Life (PAL-Children's Safety Seats)
Ronald McDonald House
Race for the Cure/Race Against Breast Cancer/
Breast Cancer Awareness & Education
Second Street Manor
Senior Daybreak
"Senses 5" Children's Touch 'n Feel Gallery & Traveling Exhibit
Starlab Planetarium
United Cerebral Palsy Auxiliary
Zippity Zoo Day/Evening at the Zoo

JLSF Mini-Projects...past and present

Anne Frank: A Child of the World
The Banquet
Child Health Month Promotion
Children's Home Society "Make a Difference Day"
Community Calendar
"Don't Wait to Vaccinate" Campaign
Feathers 'n Follies
Jacob Wetterling Foundation - Share the Hope
Sally Foster Gift Wrap
Pleasant Company's Welcome Josephina
Pleasant Company's Samantha's Ice Cream Social
Silent Witnesses for "Denise Brown, No Excuse for Abuse"
TV Violence Awareness Campaign
Target Stores Holiday Shopping Event
Through a Bird's Eye Auction
Water Festival

Some JLSF facts...

- ◆ Over 500 women have received training since 1978.
- ◆ \$750,000 has been raised since 1978.
- ◆ 70% of all monies raised have been given back to the community through projects or donations.
- ◆ Local, statewide, and national awards honoring our projects have been won.
- ◆ Maintains a Memorial and Tribute Fund, an endowment fund managed by the Sioux Falls Area Foundation, an Enabling Fund from which the community can request donations, and a Membership Training Fund from which members can request monies for training.
- ◆ A diverse Community Advisory Board, established in 1991, keeps the membership abreast of community issues and advises on developments affecting the future of the League.
- ◆ Current membership: Provisional (new members): 13 Actives: 55 Sustainers: 88
- ◆ Over \$50,000 has been awarded to JLSF in grants.
- ◆ Maintains position statements which support it's projects on Children, the Elderly, Women, and the Environment.

Kids 'N Puppetry

The Junior Service League approved a project to develop an extensive puppetry program within the Children's Department of the Sioux Falls Public Library in 1983. Their goals were providing materials and supplies necessary to produce a large number of puppets suitable for a variety of presentations; making new puppets, wardrobes, and props; publicizing and producing puppet shows that will appeal to children; and providing an opportunity for interested children and adults to become involved in learning skills necessary to make puppets and to produce puppet shows.

During the summer of 1983, they began creating 31 puppets and a portable puppet stage. By April 1984, the pup-

peteers produced four puppet plays, "King of the Golden River", "The Littlest Evergreen", "Winter Carnival", and "Hansel and Gretel". The Junior Service League produced 60 puppet shows and drew a crowd of approximately 2300 children.

The second year of this project was even more successful. The League produced four different plays which were booked in advance and all performances were at capacity. Their performances brought in over 4500 children for this year.

The project was then handed over to the Sioux Falls Library in 1985 who continues this great service to our children of the community.



Ronald McDonald House

The **Ronald McDonald House**, a project of the Junior Service League, is located at 2001 South Norton in Sioux Falls. Its mission is to provide shelter and comfort for families who bring their children to Sioux Falls for medical care. It provides a home-like atmosphere where families support each other in a variety of ways and stay for a nominal donation of \$5.00.

The process of opening a **Ronald McDonald House** in Sioux Falls began in May 1982. League members spent the ensuing months appealing to the community to form a non-profit group that would own and operate the home according to directives of the McDonald Corporation. By July 1982 the Welcome House, Inc., was established. In August of the same year, the establishment of a **Ronald McDonald House** in Sioux Falls was approved by the McDonald's Corporation. Junior Service League members solicited funds throughout 1982 and 1983. Through presentations they were able to secure a strong financial position for this project. By August 1983, eight McDonald's franchise owners in Sioux Falls pledged \$75,000 and were joined by the Ray Kroc Foundation pledging \$25,000. These generous, civic-minded business leaders were joined by two grants: one from Citibank in the amount of \$10,000 and the other from Rotary Clubs of Sioux Falls for \$1,000. The Junior Service



League pledged \$20,000, and assisted in raising \$90,000 during the following four years.

Junior Service League also participated in an exhaustive review of available locations for the house. The property purchased consisted of an older home which required complete renovation but had an adjacent lot with sufficient room for a large addition.

The Welcome House, Inc. held its ground breaking ceremony August 18, 1982. A host of state and local dignitaries joined several McDonald franchisees and many Junior Service League members at this exciting event. In November 1983, Shelly Nelson Hanisch and her husband, Mark, moved into the manager's apartment while final work was completed on the remainder of the house. On December 15, 1983, the **Ronald McDonald House** officially opened. One week later, on December 23rd, the **House** welcomed its first occupants as three grateful families shared their Christmas there. The public grand opening was held on June 16, 1984.

Fifteen years later, the **Ronald McDonald House** stands as an example of the ability of the Junior League of Sioux Falls to mobilize volunteers to develop a new project. This unique nine bedroom home has helped to shelter and comfort over 4,000 families with seriously ill children. The Junior League can be proud of being the founders of this very special "Home Away From Home."

The Ronald McDonald House will always be a project close to my heart. As research chair, I well remember those early days of excitement and exhaustion as we planned and developed the concept for Sioux Falls. I was young enough and believed in the mission of the Ronald McDonald House so much that I was fearless. We forged ahead never doubting we may not meet the qualifying requirements for a local house.

Years later, the Ronald McDonald House thrives as a haven for families with seriously ill children. It is a feather in your cap, Junior League, and, truly, a house built with love!

Ann Lewis Henkin



The Junior League of Sioux Falls has made a tremendous impact in our community. Their initiative, dedication, and heartwarming support for the Ronald McDonald House has helped us to shelter and comfort over 4,000 families with seriously ill children.

Shelly Nelson Hanisch
Executive Director
Sioux Falls Ronald McDonald House

Race Against Breast Cancer

When Junior League of Sioux Falls member *Peggy Kirby* learned in December of 1986 that her sister, *Judy Davis*, had been diagnosed with breast cancer, she felt a personal challenge to spearhead a project that would raise awareness and funds for this disease. *Peggy* contacted the Susan G. Komen Foundation in Dallas, TX. This foundation, named for a 36 year-old victim of breast cancer and established by her sister, had recently organized 5 K runs, called the **Race for the Cure**, in Dallas and Peoria, IL. These events had a two fold purpose: raising funds for the fight against breast cancer and raising the public's awareness of the detection and treatment of the disease.

Peggy presented the **Race for the Cure** project to the Junior League of Sioux Falls and headed a committee of enthusiastic League women who sought sponsors and organized every detail of the **Race**. *Judy Davis* was named honorary event chair of the first annual **Race for the Cure**.

That first year, the Sioux Falls **Race for the Cure**, one of three such races in the nation, raised over \$60,000. The proceeds funded research grants given by the Komen foundation, production of an educational video for area women, development and purchase of educational materials, and the establishment of sliding-scale, shared-cost mammography funds. In October of 1989, over 300 area women used this



fund for mammography exams in response to a breast cancer awareness media blitz organized in part by the Junior League of Sioux Falls. Additionally, 2,000 women scheduled mammography services during the same period. Junior League also

helped sponsor educational seminars and a luncheon featuring speakers Susan Ford Vance and Nancy Brinker, Susan G. Komen's sister.

In 1991, the annual event was renamed the **Race Against Breast Cancer**. The League ceased affiliation to the Komen Foundation which resulted in the League retaining control of all funds raised. The funds raised in the Sioux Falls area continued to support efforts to educate and assist women regarding this very important health issue.

The 10th anniversary **Race Against Breast Cancer** was held on Saturday, May 9, 1998. This family event drew a record number of registered participants - nearly 1600 - who walked, ran or jogged in support of a cure for breast cancer. *Judy Davis*, now a 10+ year cancer survivor, was recognized for her personal victory over breast cancer and for her inspiration to all women at a reception held in recognition of the 10th anniversary of this ongoing event. "10 Years Running" celebrated the past commitment of the Junior League, the present commitment of Dakota Midwest Cancer Institute, and renewed a continuing goal to dedicate the race to awareness and a cure for breast cancer.

Scenes from past Races.



Second Street Manor

Second Street Manor, a past project of the Junior League of Sioux Falls, is located at 822 West Second Street in Sioux Falls. The intent of this 1987 project was to establish a safe, supportive, drug and alcohol-free, home-like environment for eight to ten women who had completed treatment for chemical dependency. When women leave **Second Street Manor**, they have learned the skills necessary for their transition back into their communities and homes.

The Junior League chose the **Second Street Manor** project because the issue of substance abuse was an AJLI priority and because the project addressed a community need. In 1987, women leaving treatment centers in South Dakota had the choice of returning immediately to their previous and often abusive situations, seeking further private treatment out-of-state, or waiting for the one bed that was available to women at an established halfway house. This bed was actually separated from the male clients by a curtain! Further, women leaving chemical dependency treatment have different needs than their male counterparts. Junior League of Sioux Falls helped develop programs specific to women: nutritional education, employment assis-



tance, therapy and peer support appropriate to the early stages of recovery, parenting skills, and self-esteem building skills.

During the fall of 1987 and the spring of 1988, Junior League volunteers collaborated with the Carroll Institute in laying the groundwork necessary to implement **Second Street Manor**. Their activities included soliciting money, the house, and furnishings, public relations for the project, facilitating committee meetings, writing grants, training staff, developing curriculum for therapy groups, and working on the physical updating of the house. In April of 1988, Junior League donated \$15,000 to the project.

In October of 1988, **Second Street Manor** opened. Many Junior League volunteers spent the year brainstorming and planning special events for the residents and researching the possibility for a volunteer network within the community. Junior League donated an additional \$10,000 in 1989, and the project was turned over to the Carroll Institute. **Second Street Manor** continues to provide transitional living for women returning from chemical dependency.

Children's Medical Library

Founded by the Junior League of Sioux Falls and the Children's Miracle Network, the **Children's Medical Library** is the region's only non-profit information source dedicated specifically to children's medical needs.



CHILDREN'S
MEDICAL
LIBRARY

The organization was born out of a need identified by care givers of children in and around South Dakota. The need was further verified by a survey sent to nearly three thousand care givers across the region from parents to medical providers.

The **Children's Medical Library** serves the entire South Dakota region and bordering communities via access to a WEB site and a toll free number. The **Library** has access to major medical libraries across the United States and organizations dealing with the care of children with medical challenges. Support group information from local, state, regional and national agencies is available. **CML** includes a collection of materials that will assist children coping and learning about the specifics of their medical challenges.

When contacted by a patron, the staff conducts a search on the subject and sends the information obtained to the patron for their review. No medical advice is given. All of these services are provided at no charge to the patrons.

The **CML** is a clearinghouse for

families seeking one source for all relevant health care information.

Staffed by trained volunteers and professional librarians, the **Children's Medical Library** can

be reached by visiting in person, calling or sending electronic messages to info@childmedlib.org. A web site at [HTTP://WWW.CHILDMEDLIB.ORG](http://www.childmedlib.org) is also available. If you are in need of information, please contact the Children's Medical Library by calling 371-1000 or toll free 1-888-371-KIDS. The library is located in the Ronning Branch of the Siouxland Libraries in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at 3100 E. 49th St.

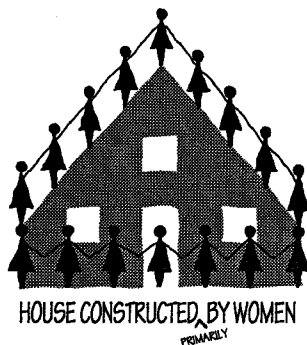
"The Children's Medical Library has filled a need for health care information with residents in South Dakota and the surrounding states. The numerous "thank-yous" and "we are glad you are here" should bring enormous joy to all of the Junior League members. Thanks for all of the support from your organization!"

Fran Rice
Director

Children's Medical Library

Habitat For Humanity House Constructed Primarily by Women

In 1995, the Junior League of Sioux Falls began an impact study to determine if our organization could undertake a building project for Habitat for Humanity completed primarily by women. When this project was brought to a vote in 1997, the membership overwhelmingly approved not only providing a family a home, but also giving the women of Sioux Falls, surrounding communities, and the state of South Dakota the opportunity to gain experience and fellowship in a traditionally male-dominated field. Junior League of Sioux Falls was successful in fundraising over \$36,000 for the project. They organized over 300 volunteers, supervised and participated in the construction of the home, and promoted the project through radio, television, and newspaper coverage.

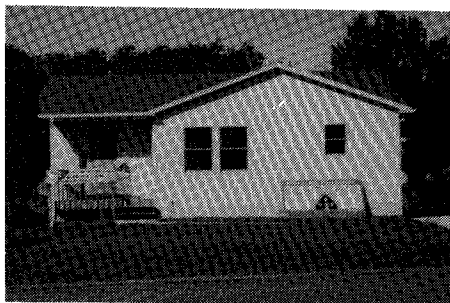


berly Thune, and Linda Daschle who added assistance and endorsement to this worthwhile project.

One of the challenges was locating women in the necessary specialties such as electricians, sheet rockers, carpet layers, and concrete pourers. As most of the volunteers had little or no experience, these experts led these phases with instruction on the techniques. After 3000 hours of construction, this three bedroom house became a home for a family of four after its completion on September 30, 1997.

The need for affordable low income housing is both a local and national concern. The Junior League of Sioux Falls is proud to have built such a home and helped a family gain the pride of home ownership.

On May 17, 1997, the building of this home at 3209 N. Jessica began. The women volunteers received an increased sense of self-esteem and accomplishment by doing everything from tarring the basement foundation, building walls, pouring concrete and shingling the roof to interior finish work. Among the volunteers were Mary Hart, Mary Dean Janklow, Barbara Johnson, Kim-



Scenes from construction of the House.

