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## Local nonprofits encouraged to apply for Junior League of Indianapolis Trust Fund Grants Nonprofits serving children in Marion County are eligible

**INDIANAPOLIS** - The Junior League of Indianapolis (JLI) has begun its process for accepting Trust Fund Grants applications. Nonprofit organizations located and serving children with physical or developmental disabilities in Marion County are eligible to apply and can earn up to \$5,000 for a program or project.

The Junior League of Indianapolis Trust Fund was established in 1929 to support the JLI's first service project with the Occupational Therapy Department at James Whitcomb Riley Hospital. Since then, the JLI has distributed more than \$550,000 to organizations serving children with disabilities.

The first step in applying for a Trust Fund Grant is to submit a letter of intent by 5:00 p.m. on February 7. The JLI will then select organizations to move forward by inviting them to submit an application for the grant process. Applications will be due March 20. Grant applicants will be notified by or on April 30. Interested organizations can visit the JLI's <a href="website">website</a> to learn more about the grant program and review application instructions.

"For over 90 years the Junior League of Indianapolis has been proud to support organizations aiding children with disabilities in our community," said JLI President Patrice Dawson. "Last year we were able to give nearly \$30,000 to local nonprofits through this grant program and we look forward to seeing our donation make a major impact again in 2020."

Past JLI Trust Fund Grant recipients include Best Buddies Indiana, Down Syndrome Indiana, Inc., Indiana Deaf Heritage, Little Red Door Cancer Agency, Special Olympics Indiana and Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS). The JLI has already awarded \$125,000 to nonprofits through their Community Assistance Grants this League year (2019-2020) and has significant partnerships with organizations throughout the city serving children and their families through hands-on volunteer work.

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## **About Junior League of Indianapolis**

JLI 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. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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