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Junior League of Washington Awards \$50,000 to Fund Literacy Programs
Grants Awarded to the SEED School of Washington, DC and Inner City, Inner Child

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Junior League of Washington (JLW) President Diana Marousek announced \$50,000 in grant funding for two local non-profits as part of JLW's continued efforts to improve literacy in the Washington, DC area: Inner City, Inner Child and the SEED School of Washington,. For ten years, JLW has focused its volunteer efforts to support programs that enhance the literacy skills in the community.

“Through our targeted grants, the Junior League of Washington is impacting the lives of District children and teachers,” said JLW President Diana Marousek. “Funding will help ensure some of our most deserving students not only discover the joy of reading but develop the literacy skills necessary for future success.”

JLW will award \$25,000 to Inner City, Inner Child, introducing the joy of books and reading to both children and teachers. Inner City, Inner Child works to create an environment that will support school readiness and encourage children who want to read. The JLW grant will fund books and educational materials, literacy trainers, and teaching artists.

JLW will award \$25,000 to the SEED School of Washington. SEED will use its JLW funds to purchase books for its middle school English classrooms and the school library, enabling SEED to strengthen its Reading Workshop and extend the program across the curriculum so that content learning and literacy skill development can occur simultaneously.

The Junior League of Washington (www.jlw.org) is a nonprofit organization of more than 2,300 women who annually donate thousands of dollars and volunteer hours to the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable, committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The JLW focuses its financial and volunteer resources on the issues of literacy and works with a diverse group of community partners. Since 1912, the JLW has donated more than five million hours of direct volunteer service and more than \$4.6 million to the Washington, DC community.

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