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## **Junior League of Boise Annual \$10,000 Donation Helps Boise Urban Garden School Cook Up An Improved Garden Experience**

BOISE, ID – The women of the Junior League of Boise (JLB) helped Boise Urban Garden School (BUGS) kick off their Annual Harvest dinner with an impactful donation towards significant improvements in the BUGS commercial kitchen. Megan Heryet and the Board of BUGS received a \$10,000 check from Kristen Schroeder, President of the JLB, just ahead of BUGS' Harvest Dinner fundraiser. The Harvest Dinner was held onsite at the BUGS facility at Comba Park and was BUGS' largest fundraiser to date, with over 150 donors in attendance. JLB's President, Kristen Schroeder, attended the fundraiser, along with 17 other members of JLB.

In 2018, ahead of the Junior League of Boise's (JLB) 100-year anniversary in 2028, the women's organization adopted Project 100, a 10-year commitment to revisit ten non-profit programs. Previously supported organizations include the Discovery Center of Idaho, Boise Art Museum, the Idaho State Historical Society, the Learning Lab, and this year's partner, Boise Urban Garden School (BUGS). Each of the chosen programs received a \$10,000 donation, plus volunteer assistance during its year in partnership with the JLB. JLB is proud to support the Boise Urban Garden School in its 96th year.

Each year, BUGS serves approximately 10,000 youth through its multiple education programs. These include outdoor pre-school, on-site field trips at its  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre organic garden and kitchen, in-school outreach lessons, and culinary and garden camps and classes. BUGS provides "real life" experiences because its founders have learned that a student with the ability to dig in the soil, plant a seed, and watch it grow is excited to eat the fruits of their labor.

### **About the Junior League of Boise**

The Junior League of Boise, a non-profit, is one of Idaho's longest-standing, successful, and sustainable women's organizations, providing the Treasure Valley with its volunteer services and projects for over 95 years. Its past projects include the Boise School Volunteer Program, 2-1-1 Idaho Careline, and the Discovery Center of Idaho. The Junior League of Boise's mission is to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Additional information about the Junior League of Boise is available at [www.jlboise.org](http://www.jlboise.org).

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### **About the Boise Urban Garden School**

Boise Urban Garden School teaches youth and adults the fundamentals of gardening through science, nutrition, and environmental-based lesson plans and activities. They utilize a  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre organic garden as the foundation for learning. They are located at Comba Park in Boise, 2995 N. Five Mile Rd. In addition to the garden, they have a kitchen on-site in the big red barn, where they host culinary camps and classes.

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