

## About SPAC

The State Public Affairs Committee of the Junior Leagues of New Jersey is a statewide, non-partisan committee made up of delegates from each of the eight Junior Leagues of NJ – representing 3,000 members. SPAC delegates join together to take action on select state and national public issues. Specifically, SPAC advocates for initiatives and legislation to improve the quality of life for women and children; improve the quality of education; and improve the environment.

***The Junior League:  
Women Around the World as  
Catalysts for Lasting  
Community Change***

The Junior League is an international 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.

## SPAC represents the following Junior Leagues of New Jersey:

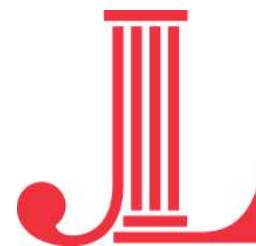
- Bergen County
- Elizabeth-Plainfield
- Greater Princeton
- Monmouth County
- Montclair-Newark
- Morristown
- Oranges & Short Hills
- Summit

### ***Current Legislative Priorities:***

- *Human Trafficking*
- *Domestic Violence*
- *Childhood Obesity*
- *Cord Blood Donation*
- *Environmental Issues*

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## JUNIOR LEAGUES OF NEW JERSEY

*Women building better communities*

## State Public Affairs Committee



## Human Trafficking

For many years SPAC has been concerned about human trafficking in New Jersey – a portal state for traffickers.



*The keynote speech was given by Acting US Attorney, Ralph Marra Jr.*

In May 2009, SPAC organized a conference at Kean University to draw attention to this issue. Senator Tom Kean Jr. and Senator Sandra Cunningham both spoke and afterwards proposed new legislation to publicize the NJ 24-hr hotline, and mandate law enforcement training to better assist victims.



*Senator Tom Kean Jr., Senator Sandra Cunningham and SPAC Chair, Kate Lee.*



*Assemblywoman Alison Little McHose, a former SPAC Delegate, with today's SPAC.*

## Childhood Obesity

Along with Junior Leagues in four countries, SPAC seeks to promote healthy eating habits through the "Kids in the Kitchen" program.



Exercise is also critical to alleviating childhood obesity. SPAC is concerned that 31% of New Jersey's children are overweight or obese, and is researching opportunities to affect policy changes that will enable them to engage in daily physical activity.

## Domestic Violence

Combating violence against women has been a long-held position of SPAC. We support legislation that seeks to assist victims of domestic violence in escaping dangerous situations.

## Cord Blood Donation

In 2005, New Jersey was the first to create a statewide, publicly funded umbilical cord blood bank - NJCBB. Cord blood stem cells treat many life-threatening diseases like leukemia and sickle cell anemia. SPAC is working to raise awareness about the ease of donating cord blood amongst diverse communities, and also to ensure the survival of the NJCBB.



*SPAC Delegates with NJCBB staff*

## Environment

SPAC is looking into partnerships with environmental organizations to improve the lives of women and children.

