



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
**GREATER  
ORLANDO**

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**Junior League of Greater Orlando (JLGO) Awarded Mayor's Matching Grant**

*JLGO's HIP Kids Events will expand programming at the Rock Lake Community Center with a Health Fair supported by a City of Orlando grant*

ORLANDO, FLA. -- February is American Heart Month, and this February 2019, the JLGO's HIP Kids Events program will bring an all-new Health Fair to the Rock Lake Community Center to encourage children and their families to live heart healthy lives. The expansion of the HIP Kids Events program is supported by the Mayor's Matching Grant award. Each year, Mayor's Matching Grants are awarded to fund projects that address neighborhood needs. The JLGO's grant will support children living in a food desert in the Rock Lake neighborhood. The Health Fair will include educational activities for children and their families to encourage healthier eating and exercise.

Since 2010, JLGO has provided programming aimed at reducing hunger and improving health at the Rock Lake Community Center. HIP Kids Events hosts educational sessions each year: a Holiday Party in December and Field Day in April. Last year, the HIP Kids Events program served 79 children at the Rock Lake Community Center and donated 590 holiday gifts and summer pack items to the children. JLGO is thrilled to expand this programming to include a Health Fair in February during American Heart Month, a new event made possible by support from the Mayor's Matching Grant.

"It is an honor to receive Mayor Buddy Dyer's Matching Grant to provide the children of the Rock Lake Community Center with a Health Fair this February 2019," said Megan Rose, JLGO President. "The HIP Kids Events program is proud to be supported by the City of Orlando through the Mayor's Matching Grant, and the JLGO is thrilled to expand our annual programming at the Rock Lake Community Center with a third event."

For more information on the Matching Grant, visit <http://www.cityoforlando.net/oca/mmg/>. To learn more about the HIP Kids Events program at the Rock Lake Community Center, visit <https://www.jlgo.org/hip-kids>.

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**About Junior League of Greater Orlando**

The Junior League of Greater Orlando (JLGO) is a women's leadership training organization creating lasting community change. The JLGO's mission is to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women, and improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. For over 70 years, the JLGO has been a catalyst for lasting community change by empowering trained volunteers to enhance the lives of children and families. Since 2010, the JLGO has focused their efforts on addressing community needs around childhood health, hunger and poverty. To learn more about their efforts in the Greater Orlando community, visit [www.jlgo.org/community](http://www.jlgo.org/community).

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