



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OHIO Annual Report 2005-06

The League of Women Voters of Ohio . . .

Reforming the system---Protecting Our Freedoms---Engaging the public---Promoting civic leadership

At the state level, League activities are coordinated and staffed by two distinct but complimentary organizations.

The League of Women Voters of Ohio (LWVO) is a 501(C)(4) nonpartisan advocacy and membership organization. Dedicated to promoting political responsibility, the LWVO encourages active and informed participation in government.

The League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund (LWVOEF) is a 501(c)(3) citizen education and research organization. Established in 1982, the Education Fund provides research, publications and conferences on public policy issues and disseminates information and training helping citizens of Ohio thoughtfully engage in the democratic process.

We Believe that . . .

- Responsibility of good government rests on the shoulders of its citizens.
- Empowering new generations of voters will shape better communities.
- Citizenship requires knowledge as well as the ability and will to act.
- Citizen participation in the democratic process builds better government.

We actively . . .

- Empower citizens to seek positive solutions to public policy issues through education and advocacy.
- Mentor new civic leaders.
- Educate the public on new voting equipment and changes in election law.
- Provide nonpartisan Voters Guides during each election cycle.
- Work for election administration reform in Ohio.
- Conduct studies on government, social and environmental policy.
- Collaborate with coalitions to reform the system and protect our freedoms.
- Mobilize members and voters across Ohio, lobbying legislators to influence change.

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The League of Women Voters of Ohio, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Established in 1925, the state League supports 34 locally organized, volunteer-driven Leagues across the state. The League and its sister organization, the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund, serve two important, yet distinct, purposes.

Accomplishments

The League of Women Voters of Ohio . . .

- Developed an 8-Point Plan for Redistricting in Ohio.
- Updated the 10-Point Proposal for Election Administration Reform originally created in 2005.
- Presented testimony before government committees through an active volunteer Lobby Corps covering such legislative issues as public records law, radioactive waste, an abortion ban, concealed weapons, and redistricting. Expanded statewide member notification services through new CapWiz legislative alerts on many issues including: predatory lending, education vouchers, and election reform.
- Supported the Smoke Free Workplace Act; opposed Smoke Less Ohio Constitutional Amendment.
- Participated in two demonstrations against Ohio executions and wrote an opinion piece about death penalty law and practices that was sent to daily newspapers across the state.

The League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund . . .

- Received a two-year \$250,000 grant from the Joyce Foundation, \$33,000 from The Kettering Fund, and \$3,525 from the League of Women Voters of the United States to explore ways to engage the public in town hall meetings around the issues of redistricting, election law, campaign finance reform, judicial reform, and accountability. Developed an interactive website: www.ohioimpact.org.
- Received a grant of \$8,000 from the national League of Women Voters to pursue voter protection activities.
- Wrote and distributed 100,000 flyers that explained to voters how to check if they were registered, and what their voter I.D. options were.
- Distributed Primary Election Voters Guides throughout the state and on our website: www.lwvohio.org.
- Hosted an Ohio News Network (ONN) Candidate Forum for the offices of Treasurer,

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Local Leagues

As a grassroots organization, the League depends on its thousands of members across the state to carry out important educational and advocacy efforts. Most members are organized in local Leagues. In 2005-06 the League provided support services to 34 Leagues:

Akron	Lake County
Alliance Area	Lima Area
Ashtabula County	Marietta-Washington County
Athens County	Marion
Bowling Green	Northern Portage County
Canton Area	
Chillicothe-Ross County	Oberlin Area
Cincinnati Area	Oxford
Clermont County	Perrysburg Area
Cleveland Area	Portsmouth-Scioto County
Metropolitan Columbus	
Cuyahoga Area	Shaker Heights
Darke County	Tallmadge
Greater Dayton Area	Tiffin Area
Delaware County	Toledo-Lucas County
Geauga County	Trumbull County
Hudson	Wayne County
Kent	Greater Youngstown

Financial Statements

The League is funded by a combination of membership dues, donations, special events, grants, publication sales, and endowment income. Each organization is reviewed annually by an independent certified public accountant. Complete financial statements with full explanations are available upon request.

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Statement of Activities

July 1, 2005 — June 30, 2006

<i>Revenues</i>		<i>Expenses</i>	
Membership	\$50,131	Program Services	\$63,113
Contributions	34,639	Management & General	49,175
Statewide Meetings	1,935	Fundraising	10,324
Investment Income	13,682		
Other	746		
TOTAL	\$101,133	TOTAL	\$122,612

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2006

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities & Net Assets</i>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$287,469	Accounts Payable	\$34,052
Investments	95,182	Deferred Revenue	20,037
		Other	24
Accounts Receivable	840	Total Liabilities	\$54,113
Deferred Expenses	3,615	General Operating Reserves	142,761
Furniture & Equipment	1,131	Board Designated Reserves	192,373
Other Assets	1,010	Net Asset	\$335,134
TOTAL	\$389,247	TOTAL	\$389,247

The League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund

Statement of Activities

July 1, 2005 — June 30, 2006

<i>Revenues</i>		<i>Expenses</i>	
Contributions & Grants	\$329,743	Program Services	\$96,409
Publications	9,413	Management & General	28,890
Investment Income	4,737	Fundraising	14,066
Per Member Payments	8,535		
Other	0		
TOTAL	\$352,428	TOTAL	\$139,365

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2006

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities & Net Assets</i>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$184,859	Accounts Payable	\$24,995
Grants Receivable (due in 2007)	129,000	Deferred Revenue	25,686
Accounts Receivable	29,991	Other Current Liabilities	4,391
Investments	55,875	Total Liabilities	\$55,072
Deferred Expenses	2,929		
Other Current Assets	810	Net Assets	\$357,501
Furniture & Equipment	2,485		
Inventory	6,624		
TOTAL	\$412,573	TOTAL	\$412,573