

Why Do You Support JASAN?



Deb Dingwall

JA provided some great leadership training and connected me with people who share a passion for improving young people's lives. That connection continues through JASAN and their outreach and support efforts. Contributing is my way of continuing that growth for current staff and our next leaders.

Cathy Francomano

My support for JASAN stems from a lifetime of experiences due to my parents Joe and Charlotte Francomano's involvement. Because of my father's career with JA USA, I grew up with the organization's concepts throughout my life. I was privileged to see the passion and dedication of the individuals who volunteered and made JA their career choice firsthand. Many of my father's associates became our personal family friends. My support is in their memory and for the future generations of those touched by the organization.



Scott Riddile

Gratitude for:
Our mission,
My mentors,
Making a difference,
Making friends,
....and learning from Making Mistakes.



Don Floyd

Any career success I had was based on the foundational learning in JA. National's training, incredible colleagues, and amazing Boards prepared me for the challenges of leadership. Giving back, so new JA folks can learn the JA way, is an easy gift!



John Weil

Junior Achievement has been my life since High School. I joined JA as a senior and was a member of a JA Accounting Company. We did Audits and provided accounting consulting to other JA companies.

JA awarded me a scholarship to Xavier University where I majored in accounting. During my freshman year, JA offered me a part time position as a center manager. That was the start of a 41-year career. After retiring in December 2016, I still provide JA areas with financial consulting and transitional support.

I support JA and JASAN because of my believe in the American Free Enterprise System. What other organization teaches our young people that profit is not a dirty word. In fact, it's profits that support contributions to all non-profit organizations. Children are 25% of our population but 100% of our future!



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Ken Wasoba

JASAN provides a great forum to stay in touch with friends and peers via the Facebook page, LinkedIn, Newsletter, Zoom meetings and more.
The scholarships we provide our younger associates to attend training helps JA grow stronger. I appreciate that we are provided updates to stay current with the ongoing USA and world-wide programs and operational changes that take place annually. These, along with others, are great benefits for our membership.
I encourage every JASAN member to support our annual fund campaign. Together we can do so much more.



Randal Mays

Over the past three years serving on the JASAN Executive Committee, I have seen first-hand the value of our organization and how our donations serve JA USA and their associates. JASAN has developed a true partnership with JA USA through the 175 scholarships we provided to current associates to attend NLC over the past three years. Many of these were attending their first ever NLC, and shared that the JASAN support was the only reason they were able to attend.
These scholarships, along with JASAN's sponsorship of the Karl Flemke Pioneer Achievement Award, the Jim Sweeney Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence scholarship, and most recently the JA Professional Staff Hall of Fame, are why I am proud to be a donor to JASAN. I know my dollars are making a difference.



Bruce Nasby





From my days as a high school achiever from Tucson in the 60s to Conference Director at NAJAC in 1981 to my San Jose and Southern California leadership roles, Junior Achievement has always shaped me into a better person. Giving back financially to an organization that has done that for me is an easy decision.



Greg Munson

Junior Achievement was such an integral part of my life for about 7 years, in two different locations, JA of Delaware and JA of Delaware Valley, as I oversaw programs, volunteers, capstone initiatives, National and Regional Conferences/Trainings, and being on the cusp of JA Biztown, JA Finance Park, and JA Enterprise Village, along with the precursor to those events, Exchange City, as well as part of the design and roll-out of JA Titan.
I loved the opportunities to volunteer with one of my favorite teachers, Amy Sellheimer, 5th grade, and truly loved, the kids and cards, but nothing was more satisfying than being my daughter's volunteer from K-5, including the school's visit to JA Enterprise Village (now JA BizTown).
Since leaving JA, I haven't been as active in the classroom, although I've taken an active role with JASAN through different committees like marketing, membership, development, and as an at-large member of the Executive Committee. Some of these opportunities occurred while I was in extended job transition, so I was able to give my all to help the committee succeed.

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|  <p>Christy Kunz</p> | <p>I vividly remember joining the JA Heartland team (Davenport, IA/Moline, IL) as the administrative assistant with no idea or understanding of the impact Junior Achievement would have on my life. Two years later after being promoted to an Elementary Programs Manager, my first question was “Would I have the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Conference (NLC)?”. It was at NLC where I first experienced the power of the JA family and the importance of investing in your people.</p> <p>I am grateful to those who believed in me, gave me so many opportunities to learn and grow with the organization, and want to give back as “to those whom much is given, much is expected.</p> |
|  <p>Nancy Finke</p> | <p>I give to JASAN because I believe in the mission of Junior Achievement. I have always felt that if we are going to make this world a better place the best way to start is through education. The education of fiscal responsibility that JA stands for helps young people learn to take care of themselves by knowing how to take care of their money and their careers. I also appreciate my fifteen year plus career with Junior Achievement and want to do my part to show support for those still working and making JA a great organization.</p> |
|  <p>Hud Whitenight</p> | <p>While I have never been involved with JA other than as the Admin for the JA Pioneers now JASAN, from what I have learned about JA over the past 8 years supporting the organization, I truly believe that JA changes lives and that it can provide a vital experience as students learn to be valuable contributors to society and the economy. I have also learned that JASAN is an important element in that process as it supports the development of the rising generation of leaders. As one who began his career as a high school teacher and then in leadership development and organizational improvement for several major corporations, I know firsthand the importance of continuously building "bench strength". So, I feel privileged to help.</p> |
|  <p>Gerald Scott</p> | <p>As an Achiever and NAJACer my senior year in high school I began a 36-year career with JA while I was still in college, I'm interested in keeping up with the 'new' JA. I loved my time with JA and still believe in the goals and objectives of JA even though it is a much different JA since I retired. JASAN is not only a great way to keep up with JA, it's also a great way to stay connected to many friends and co-workers throughout the nation. JA was an important part of my life and the people I had the pleasure of knowing and 'working' with will always be special to me.</p> |

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Crystal Lynch
I am proud to support JASAN and stay connected to so many talented and generous former colleagues. The JA network was always there for me by investing in my professional success, providing new challenges, and mentoring me along the way. Keep up the great work!



Tami Godsey
Why do I support JASAN? People. People. People. I met and worked with the best people over my 30-year career with JA. Staying connected to JA colleagues and mentors who are now life-long friends is so important to me. Supporting the current work and current associates of JA through staff training scholarships and the Flemke Award is providing another connection opportunity to future JASAN members and future friends!



Natalie Thornton
I support JASAN because JA was a great career for me for so many years, and I made life-long friends through the organization. I hope that others can have the same experiences I had, and the legacy of making the world a better place will continue.



Sally Stamper
I was introduced to JA in high school, I was a volunteer in college and then joined JA as staff in various cities until leaving in the early 2000's. Twenty-four great years. JA has had a huge impact on me personally and professionally and I have watched in awe as the organization continues to evolve and grow - our future is bright. The mission of JA is as critical today as it was in 1919 - our youth are our future, and I don't know of a better way to mentor them than through the programs of JA and that is why I support JASAN.



Mark Pankner
Supporting JASAN provides an opportunity to stay in touch with individuals you worked with for many years.



Jack Holladay
I am very happy to support JASAN's mission because it keeps me connected with friends while supporting the current professionals who are taking JA's impact to new heights.



Ray Darby
I believe the success of Junior Achievement relies on a strong network of professionals who freely share their experiences, ideas and advice. JASAN champions that philosophy through staff development scholarships and documenting JA's history so the new generation can learn from those who helped shape our organization.

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Linda Rimer

I am so proud to be a member of the JA Network. My JA Family has been a part of my life for nearly 40 years these are friends that I adore. Often when a person retires they lose touch but JA network makes it possible for the closeness to be maintained seamlessly. I'm so thankful for this group.



Deborah Hendrix

I support JASAN, because Junior Achievement was a major part of my life and the programs we provide for the future generation are critical.



Howard Bartner

My support of JASAN is simply an extension of my support of the entire organization. What success if any I had during my career was largely due to the friendships and mentor's I had. Many are current and past members of JASAN. I am also motivated to support because such a large percentage of JASAN resources are dedicated towards the training needs of current employees of Junior Achievement.



Marty Lee

I financially support JASAN because it is one of my charitable contributions that provides a clear "line of sight" to how the monies will be used and it best represents my personal value of maintaining professional relationships.



Linda Schoelkopf

Some of the best people in my life have come through JA. In high school, in my career, and now in retirement! Without JASAN, I would have lost contact with many of these folks. The work JASAN does to help today's professional JA team is truly building the future of the organization. I hope you'll take a minute to make your contribution, too!



Jan Griffin Koehler

JA has been an important part of my life since high school plus my 35 years as a staff member. Being involved with JASAN keeps me in touch with friends and lets me give back to current staff.



Al Veeck

My support for JASAN helps promote training and education of the next group of JA professionals so we can be assured of young people getting the economic education they need.

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Tom Dewar
JA was important to me as a student – helped me find my passions that led to my career. I will be forever grateful!



Frank McIntosh
JASAN generates stability for the organization, a forum for alumni, hope for field staff, and belief that the idea of Junior Achievement is enduring!



Brad Kaufmann
I give to JASAN because I want to support the organization that supports the amazing group of people who became my lifelong friends from my time with JA.



Kathy Arnes
During my 40 years with JA, I have met and learned from so many wonderful people (who have remained friends), and I support JASAN so that other young professionals will have that same opportunity.



Doug Boyd
I support JASAN as a testimonial to all JA current and future members who have made our great organization what it is.



Jim Munroe
JA was a great fit for me and Hawaii’s isolation and allure gave me certain cache within the organization. I enjoyed the flexibility of limited oversight and very supportive local leadership. I met and befriended a number of talented and interesting peers during my 14 years with JA. JA is a part of my psyche, and JASAN is my link to that significant notch on my belt. Aloha.



Lucy O'Donnell
JA positively impacted 27 years of my life and I saw its affect on thousands of young lives. I want to keep that connection and that work going! And attending the annual meeting amidst NLC is still energizing to this day!



Frank Evans
After 38 years (as a JA professional) plus 2 years in JA Company during high school and a few years in college as an advisor, JA has been a huge part of my life, so supporting and being involved with JASAN is a way to give back and to stay connected with many of the people I worked with throughout my career.



Theo Boots
I give to JASAN because I believe in the JA mission and want both JA and JASAN to thrive and to continue to educate and empower the youth of our community. JA needs to continue to innovate and grow for my grandchildren and future generations.