

Kay Tukey – September *JLO This Month's* Sustainer In The Community



This year, as we focus on the work our Junior League Sustainers are doing after their service in the league, it's appropriate that our Sustainer of the Month is Sustainer Emeritus, Kathryn (Kay) Tukey. Kay joined the Junior League in 1934. She was a founder, along with Emmy Gifford, of the Omaha Children's Theatre, which is now The Rose Theatre for Children. Her volunteer service roots began as a young girl when her mother taught her to knit. Together they knitted scarves for soldiers serving in World War I. Kay graduated from Brownell Hall and The University of Nebraska, where she was a member of The Delta Gamma Sorority. She continued her association with the sorority as an alumnus. Kay was an Ak-Sar-Ben princess in 1932, the year Gene Eppley was king and Peggy Doorly was queen.

Kay's passion has been her volunteer service with The American Red Cross. Her work has taken her to many parts of the country, providing disaster relief services for areas stricken by natural disasters, often for months at a time under trying conditions. She also volunteered in the Red Cross Blood Services program. Kay received a Service Honor from the Red Cross in 2005 for her 65 years of volunteer service to their organization! Up until 2 years ago you could still find Kay actively volunteering at the Omaha VA Hospital. Kay has provided a lifetime of service to her community and country. She serves as an inspiration to all of us in the League. For that, we are proud to have her as our September Sustainer of the Month.