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Dear Junior League of Raleigh member:

It is with great pleasure that I write to share exciting news. Today, we closed on the purchase of a building at 711 Hillsborough Street that will serve as the Junior League of Raleigh Center for Community Leadership, expanding our ability to serve as a training organization.

As you may know, on May 2, our League made a successful offer on the Capitol Broadcasting Co. (CBC) building at this address in downtown Raleigh. Since then, our due diligence team concluded a thorough review of the physical and fiscal dynamics. On June 12, the 2007-08 JLR Board, under the counsel of the 2006-07 Board and the due diligence team, unanimously voted to proceed with this \$4.2 million investment. Today's closing completes that process and begins a new venture.

The JLR's membership voted five years ago to pursue a facility that would offer additional space for its administrative offices, as well as training and meeting space for its community partners. The Center for Community Leadership will serve as a crossroads where community members and leaders come together to problem solve and spark change. It will serve as a gift to the community, providing much-needed space and services to the many organizations that, like the JLR, are making a difference in the community.

Whether you're a new member or a longstanding member, this is a pivotal moment. Through the Center for Community Leadership, the community will benefit from the League's knowledge and expertise – receiving training, connecting to resources, and accessing expanded meeting space and facilities. For League members, this is a chance to operate at the very pulse of community action.

In years to come, the Center for Community Leadership will continue to be testament to the League's mission and values.

Past League President, Julia Daniels and her husband Frank were thrilled with the purchase of the new headquarters. "This building will become a landmark for the community. It will recognize the thousands – if not millions – of volunteer hours provided by our members who have touched the lives of many and just about every nonprofit in our area. More than that, this building, as a center for leadership training, will most efficiently bring together our experiences and expertise in an environment that will ensure and stabilize the future of the nonprofit sector and the volunteer potential of our community."

A picture of the property and a Q&A about the purchase are on our Web site, jlraleigh.org. I will communicate with you as our plans evolve. We welcome all feedback and suggestions regarding this building. President-elect Virginia Yopp and I are available to discuss your questions or concerns. Our contact information follows: Linda, 412-6379 (mobile), linda_douglas@unc.edu; and Virginia, 788-0688 (home), 812-2355 (mobile), vyopp@nc.rr.com. In the meantime, we can all celebrate as we prepare to move our League into our new home, the Junior League of Raleigh Center for Community Leadership.

Best Regards,

Linda Brown Douglas
President