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**A Sneak Peek at the Junior League of Raleigh's New
Center for Community Leadership**

RALEIGH, NC (November 13, 2009) More than 300 members of the Junior League of Raleigh, along with special guests, will visit the site of the League's new Center for Community Leadership for tours on November 17 and 18.

The center, located at 711 Hillsborough Street, will provide a top-level training facility and meeting space that will be available to community partners for a nominal fee.

This one-of-a-kind facility will be housed in a landmark office site, conveniently located near the Glenwood South neighborhood. The Center is accessible by foot, public transportation or by car. Not only will this 28 thousand square foot facility be a coveted work and meeting site, but it will also provide a lovely enhancement to the Hillsborough Street neighborhood.

This project has long been a dream of the Raleigh League, said Susan Bowers, chair of the building project and past League president. "It is not only a new headquarters for our Junior League of Raleigh members, but it is our gift to the community. The Center for Community Leadership will enable groups to have space to train and plan for their futures. It is an exciting project to be a part of because we are on the ground floor of building a legacy for our community and our daughters when they become Junior League of Raleigh members."

The facility will also house the Junior League of Raleigh's administrative offices and provide the much-needed meeting space for members as well as their children, who may accompany them during their volunteer responsibilities.

Final funds are being raised to complete the facility. Pat Wilkins is chair of the Capital Campaign Without Boundaries for the League. Wilkins reinforces the value of such a facility. "Just as the Junior League of Raleigh has been instrumental in helping to begin great community efforts such as SAFEchild, Brentwood Boys and Girls Club, Haven House and Heritage Park Community Learning Center, the Center for Community Leadership is another such beginning. As we celebrate our 80th year of service to the community, the Junior League will extend the League's mission and broaden its outreach to meet the training needs of nonprofit organizations in order to improve the lives in our community and state."

Sustainers and invited community guests are welcome at two tours: November 17, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Active members are invited on November 18, from 8 a.m. –10 a.m.

Media is invited and should notify Rhonda Beatty at 919-787-9615 or stratvp@jlraleigh.org, if they plan to attend.

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About the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc.

The Junior League of Raleigh promotes volunteerism, develops the potential of women and improves the community through the leadership of more than 1,800 trained volunteers. Since 1930, the women of the League have contributed more than one million volunteer hours and more than \$4.8 million to education, health and other services for the women and children of Raleigh. The League reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism. For more information about the League, please visit www.jlraleigh.org.