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## **Junior League of Raleigh Celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Receives Proclamation from City of Raleigh**

Raleigh, NC - July 15, 2010. The Junior League of Raleigh, a non-profit organization focused on improving the community through the leadership of more than 1,900 trained volunteers, will celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 20<sup>th</sup>. To commemorate the League's many years of service, the City of Raleigh will issue a proclamation recognizing the organization for its outstanding commitment to volunteerism and investment in numerous community projects and programs. A celebration scheduled for the afternoon will be held in the lobby of the Junior League of Raleigh's new headquarters, Center for Community Leadership, located at 711 Hillsborough Street.

"Our story began 80 years ago. Our story is rich and continues tomorrow and beyond," says Wendy Webster, president of the Junior League of Raleigh, "Please join us in celebrating 80 years of investing in the community."

Details of the Junior League of Raleigh's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration are listed below along with the full text of the proclamation from the City of Raleigh.

**TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010**

**WHAT:**

Junior League of Raleigh 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**WHERE:**

Junior League of Raleigh  
Center for Community Leadership  
711 Hillsborough Street  
Raleigh, NC

**WHEN:**

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Open House.  
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Program begins.

**Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Raleigh was formally admitted to the Association of Junior Leagues on March 5, 1930; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Raleigh is an organization of more than 1,900 women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, since 1930 the Junior League of Raleigh has given more than \$4.8 million to education, health and other services for the women and children of Raleigh; and

WHEREAS, since 2000 the League has given more than 206,000 hours of volunteer service to the community and more than \$1.6 million in community donations; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Junior League of Raleigh serve in a voluntary capacity and are committed to the many projects and programs established and sponsored by the League, such as SAFEchild, Girls on the Run, Helping Horse, StepUP Ministry and Interact; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Raleigh is the only League in the country to host the Governor's Inaugural Ball, and has done so 19 times since 1933; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Community Leadership, the League's gift to the community, will open in their 80th year and will offer training programs, shared meeting space and networking opportunities to nonprofit organizations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Raleigh is to be commended for its outstanding record of service as the organization continues to uphold the standard of excellence which has become the enduring hallmark of the Junior League, nationwide and internationally; and

WHEREAS, we join to celebrate its 80th year of extraordinary contributions to the people and communities of our great Capital Region;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it recognized by the City of Raleigh the Junior League of Raleigh's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

***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 1,900 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](http://www.jlraleigh.org).*

*The Junior League of Raleigh (JLR) is happy to be settling into our new Center for Community Leadership (CCL). This new Center will serve as a crossroads where community members and leaders come together to receive training, problem solve and spark change. The CCL also provides much needed space and services that will be an asset to the nonprofit community and other organizations that, like the JLR, are making a difference in the community. We welcome the nonprofit and business community to tour the CCL to see this fabulous space first-hand. The CCL will open to the public this fall.*

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