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**Junior League Generates International Focus
By Bringing in Volunteers from Canada
To Participate in Rebuilding Together Over Two Weekends**

New Orleans, LA (October 2, 2008) – Junior League New Orleans has influence that reaches all the way to Canada as seen when 30 volunteers were drawn from various sister Junior Leagues in Canada to participate in Rebuilding Together alongside our local Junior League crew. Nineteen volunteers from the Junior League Toronto, including President, Kelly Kolselk, and President Elect, Venese Stuart, will put in a weekend of work in tandem with 11 members from the Junior League of Hamilton-Burlington. Of the 30 Canadian volunteers, ten are return volunteers from the 2006 Rebuilding Project and 20 are first time volunteers in New Orleans. The spirit of community service Junior League promotes can best be seen in the sisterhood and generosity of our fellow leagues working together.

Junior League New Orleans in cooperation with Shell is committed to rebuilding two houses in the Broadmoor neighborhood in the 4300 and 4400 blocks of Walmsely over two weekends beginning October 3 through October 4th and October 10 through October 11. Over 250 Junior League and Shell local volunteers are committed to this effort.

Rebuilding Together New Orleans has already restored the homes of 115 low-income homeowners since Hurricane Katrina thanks to enthusiastic support by local and national volunteers. More than 4,700 volunteers have contributed over \$2.5 million worth of labor to help rebuild our city. Rebuilding Together's scope continues to grow with the launch of this year's Community Build Initiative.

Revenue generated from Junior League fundraisers will go towards the projects and activities JLNO supports in our organization's motto of building a stronger community. JLNO has established numerous programs for the betterment of our community and for children's education, and we are currently involved in such programs as Samuel J. Green Charter School, Lafayette Academy Charter School, KidSmART Plate Project, Rebuilding Together, Safe Sitter and SoFAB/Kids in the Kitchen. With a membership of over 2,000 women, we have been involved in over 100 different community projects, contributed more than \$5,000,000 to our community, and donated over 2,000,000 hours of volunteer time. JLNO has been instrumental in creating The Parenting Center at Children's Hospital, The Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans, The Louisiana Nature and Science Center, The Holman Vocational Center, and Teen Court.

The Junior League of New Orleans is committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. JLNO has enriched the lives of thousands of New Orleans-area residents through its educational and charitable works during the past 85 years.

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