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ANN THORPE THOMPSON NAMED JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NEW ORLEANS' 2016 SUSTAINER OF THE YEAR

March 21, 2016 NEW ORLEANS, LA. — Esteemed member of the Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO), Ann Thorpe Thompson has been named JLNO's 60th Sustainer of the Year.

Since 1958, JLNO has presented the prestigious Sustainer of the Year Award to a sustaining member who exemplifies the organization's educational and charitable mission. Recipients of this honor have demonstrated a commitment to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through their commendable action and leadership.

"Ann stands apart as a testament to the power of voluntarism and is a shining beacon of community activism," said JLNO president Shannon McCloskey Able. "As a result of Junior League training, Ann recognized areas of need and became equipped to address them in an organized and deliberate way. We are proud to recognize her for her commitment to making a difference."

After joining JLNO in 1986 at the urging of her sister-in-law Iris Thorpe, Thompson has served the greater New Orleans community in many capacities.

"When you think about all that the Junior League has accomplished and the impact it's made on this city – it's all because of voluntarism," explained Thompson.

A born and raised New Orleanian, Thompson has served on countless local boards including marketumbrella.org, Anti-Defamation League, Breakthrough New Orleans, Bureau of Government Research, Isidore Newman School, Jewish Children's Regional Service, National Council of Jewish Women, Temple Sinai and Trinity Episcopal School.

"Ann selflessly and passionately utilizes all of her special traits and talents for whatever cause she supports, always putting other's needs before hers," said JLNO sustainer Carol Pointer.

Nominations for the Sustainer of the Year award come from JLNO's Sustaining and Active membership. A committee then reviews nominations and letters of support to determine the award recipient.

The Junior League of New Orleans is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

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