

## **Junior League Leaders from Four Countries to Convene in New Orleans for Annual Fall Leadership Conference**

### ***Community efforts continue in the region as this year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the aftermath of storms Katrina and Rita***

New York, September 16, 2015 –Junior League leaders will gather in New Orleans for The Association of Junior League International’s (AJLI) annual Fall Leadership Conference from September 17-19, as the region marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the devastation caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In the immediate aftermath of the storms, more than 1,000 Junior League volunteers from more than 70 individual Leagues traveled to New Orleans to assist the [Junior League of New Orleans](#) (JLNO) with their rebuilding effort, and the conference will allow many of those volunteers the opportunity to see JLNO’s ongoing commitment to their community’s recovery.

AJLI leadership conferences are training events for League leaders, designed to provide each delegate with the tools and inspiration needed to succeed in her role with her local Junior League and in her role as a civic and community leader. The event consists of informative workshops on topics like developing and evaluating community programs, running successful annual giving campaigns, time management tools, and public speaking. This year, the conference also will present delegates with two “Learning Journeys” that will allow them to visit an [Edible Schoolyard New Orleans](#) garden at the Arthur Ashe Charter School, and tour “New Orleans Today – 10 Years After Katrina.”

Luncheon speakers on Saturday include Ruthie Frierson, Founder, [Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans](#), a nonpartisan, nonsectarian grassroots organization that aims to be a voice for reform and renewal for greater New Orleans and Louisiana, and Anne Milling, Founder, [Women of the Storm](#), an organization dedicated to drawing the attention of Congress, media and opinion leaders to the needs of New Orleans, South Louisiana and the entire gulf coast. Both organizations were founded in the aftermath of hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

“This is an exciting time for women seeking leadership positions in politics, public policy and nonprofits, including organizations like The Junior League, that train women as civic leaders,” said AJLI President Ellen Rose, a member of the Junior League of New York. “For 114 years,

The Junior League has championed the idea that women, trained as civic leaders, can create lasting community impact. This event, along with our other organized conferences, demonstrates that legacy.”

### **About The Association of Junior Leagues International**

Founded in 1901 by New Yorker and social activism pioneer, Mary Harriman, the Junior Leagues are charitable nonprofit organizations of women, developed as civic leaders, creating demonstrable community impact.

Today, [The Association of Junior Leagues International](#) (AJLI) is comprised of more than 150,000 women in 292 Junior Leagues throughout Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United States. Together, they constitute one of the largest, most effective volunteer organizations in the world.

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