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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NEW ORLEANS ANNOUNCES 2016-2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 1, 2016, NEW ORLEANS, LA – The Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO) announces its 2016-2017 Board of Directors. This team of women will lead an organization with 92 years of service to Metropolitan New Orleans.

The Junior League of New Orleans strives to make a difference in the community by promoting the potential of women through voluntarism and leadership development. The organization's Board of Directors is chosen from its membership of over 2,200 professional, compassionate women and leads the organization for a twelve-month term beginning June 1. As a group, they are responsible for governance and management, ensuring the League's adherence to the Junior League mission, vision, and strategic plan.

JLNO is proud to welcome its 2016-2017 Board of Directors:

Maria Pardo Huete – President

Kristen Cocke Koppel – President-Elect

Lenora Catherine Costa – Secretary

April Fournier Scott – Treasurer

Shannon Hickey Sarrat – Assistant Treasurer

Maribeth Totels del Castillo – Business Council Director

Jane Read Dufour – Communications Council Director

Whitney Lamb Brooks – Community Council Director

Alice Franz Glenn – Membership Council Director

Susan Elizabeth Dinneen – Planning & Development Director

Christine Maria Vinson – Ways & Means Council Director

Jessie Schott Haynes – Nominating Chair

“The 2016-2017 Board of Directors consists of dedicated women with diverse backgrounds and experience,” said Maria Pardo Huete, 2016-2017 President. “I am looking forward to what we can accomplish when we combine our skills and expertise with our passion for community service.”

As a group, the Board will set goals and policies which respect JLNO's 92-year legacy and enhance the effectiveness of the League's programs in the future. It ensures the League has adequate resources to fulfill its mission and goals and executes prudent financial oversight, ensuring appropriate financial controls are in place and that the League responsibly budgets, invests and uses the funds at its disposal.

During the past year, JLNO has invested over \$750,000 and approximately 45,000 volunteer hours in the Metropolitan New Orleans area. Some of JLNO's best-known projects, many of which have grown into independent entities, include The Parenting Center at Children's Hospital, the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans, and Parkway Partners. JLNO has also created or supported programs at the Audubon Institute, the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Louisiana Children's Museum, Edible Schoolyard, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Kingsley House. Current community projects include

Diaper Bank, Woman Entrepreneur Fellowship, Kids in the Kitchen, Lemonade Day University, Get on Board, and Safe Sitter.

In addition, JLNO aids local nonprofit organizations through the Community Assistance Fund, a grant program through which money is awarded to qualifying participants that demonstrate a commitment to advancing the wellbeing of women.

For more information about JLNO, please visit jlno.org.

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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