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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NEW ORLEANS ANNOUNCES
COMMUNITY IMPACT OF FOURTH FRERET 5K**
More than \$26,000 raised to advance the wellbeing of women

October xx, 2016, NEW ORLEANS, LA – The Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO) is excited to announce the community impact of the fourth annual Freret 5K presented by Ochsner Baptist, held Saturday, October 15, 2016. During the one-day event, more than \$26,000 was raised to support JLNO’s community projects with a focus on advancing the wellbeing of women.

Over 500 participants enjoyed the morning’s festivities, including nearly 100 youth runners from Youth Run NOLA sponsored by JLNO members and the public. The race showcases a vibrant economic corridor, promotes family fitness and raises funds for JLNO’s community projects and volunteer efforts.

“We are so grateful for the community’s continued support of the Freret 5K and are thrilled to use the funds raised to make a positive, lasting impact in the New Orleans Metropolitan area through our community projects,” said JLNO President Maria Pardo Huete. “Each runner, walker, event sponsor, JLNO member and volunteer deserves credit for the continued legacy of the Freret 5K.”

JLNO awarded 27 prizes to the top runners in 15 categories, including most runners in a team. The top male 5K finisher was Will Wherritt with a time of 16:52, and the top female 5K finisher was Laura Doody with a time of 18:51. Wherritt and Doody were each presented with \$275 in gift certificates from local businesses.

The Freret 5K is an annual family-friendly event that encourages a sense of community among all ages and enables the area’s residents and business owners to share their neighborhood pride

“We’re honored to be a part of the Freret Street community through our Bloomin’ Deals Thrift Shop,” added Huete. “And we look forward to many more years of family fun, fitness and philanthropy on Freret.”

The Freret 5K committee and member volunteers were led by Chairs Shannon Brice and Kelly Walsh, Vice-Chairs Caitlin Brewster and Susan Kliebert, and Ways & Means Council Director Christine Vinson.

Find a full list of event sponsors and donors at www.jlno.org/Freret5K.

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.