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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NEW ORLEANS' SPEAKER SERIES TO FOCUS ON NEEDS OF WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY**

*November 8, 2017, New Orleans, LA* – The Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO) will host its Speaker Series on November 16<sup>th</sup> at JLNO Headquarters. This event is free and open to the public.

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 16**

**JLNO Headquarters (4319 Carondelet Street)**

“The Junior League is the premier source for civic leadership training and development opportunities for women who want to bring about lasting and significant change in their communities,” said JLNO President Kristen Koppel. “This year our speaker series focuses on Employment Empowerment, designed to help women become informed to correctly perceive and navigate their chosen employment paths.”

**About the JLNO Speaker Series:**

The JLNO Speaker Series is an educational initiative to address the needs of women and their families in the New Orleans community. Free and open to the public, the Speaker Series presents Employment Empowerment, an event tailored to empower those in any and all employment situations. Empowerment in employment is designed to help women become informed, educated, and in control of navigating their chosen employment path.

**About the Speaker:**

JLNO will host four speakers including Mike Lappa, a career transition expert, Reagan Charleston, owner and designer of Reagan Charleston Design jewelry, Kim Bradley, founder of Kim4Kids, LLC pediatric occupational therapy, and Barkley Rafferty, founder of Royal Merchant Trading Company. The topics will include: how to ask for what you want, women in the workplace, and navigating entrepreneurship as a woman in different professions.

To find out more information or to register, visit: [www.jlno.org/employmentempowerment](http://www.jlno.org/employmentempowerment)

*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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