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**JLNO to Award Community Assistance Fund Grants to Area Nonprofit Organizations**

(NEW ORLEANS, LA) - Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO) announced today that it has begun accepting applications from eligible local nonprofit organizations for its Community Assistance Fund (CAF) grants.

JLNO will award grants valued up to \$20,000 to organizations who demonstrate their ability to advance the wellbeing of women in one or more of the following ways:

- Enhancing economic opportunities for women and supporting women's potential to seize those opportunities.
- Improving women's health and wellness, allowing them to enjoy dynamic and happy lives.
- Providing needed family support to alleviate the burdens on women caregivers.

"For 35 years, JLNO's Community Assistance Fund has helped to increase the capacity of nonprofits whose work advances the wellbeing of women and families in the Greater New Orleans area," JLNO President Alice Franz Glenn said. "We are grateful to have been able to support more than 250 organizations by providing funding exceeding \$750,000 to start or expand programs."

First established in 1984, local non-profit organizations have received more than \$207,000 in contributions from the Community Assistance Fund in the last five years alone. Last year's grantees include New Orleans Family Justice Center, New Orleans Women & Children's Shelter, SisterHearts, Spirit of Charity Foundation, Start The Adventure in Reading (STAIR), Touro Infirmary Foundation, and unCommon Construction. These organizations provide a variety of services helping a wide range of constituents, including healing practices for domestic violence survivors, assistance for incarcerated women to re-enter society, comfort to sexual assault survivors, books for young readers, education and employment for homeless women, safe sleep techniques for new parents and exposure to the construction industry for underrepresented women.

Organizations can visit JLNO's website [www.jlno.org/CAF](http://www.jlno.org/CAF) for eligibility guidelines and the online application. Deadline is Friday, December 28, 2018. If chosen, area organizations would receive funding in May 2019.

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*Since 1924, the Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO) has remained committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. As one of the most impactful philanthropic organizations in the Greater New Orleans Area, JLNO's nearly 2,200 members contribute approximately 45,000 hours in service each year. For more information, visit [www.jlno.org](http://www.jlno.org).*