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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WORCESTER KICKS-OFF 87TH YEAR

—NAMES 2011/2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS—

Worcester, MA— September 14, 2011 –Junior League of Worcester’s (JLW) and its new Board of Directors kicked-off the organization’s 87th year last night with its Fall general membership meeting.

With a focus on self-sufficiency, the organization is looking forward to continuing its mission to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women and improve the Worcester Community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

This year, the organization will kick-off a new signature project, Food 4 Thought. Through the program, The Junior League of Worcester offers self-sufficiency focused workshops to middle school girls on topics such as body image/health, self-defense, etiquette, personal hygiene, study and social skills, public speaking, technology, social media, and crisis management. These sessions will be taught by either JLW volunteers, outside instructors/trained professionals and even other students.

The JLW also will continue the following programs:

Coats for Kids—Together with the Worcester Public Schools (WPS), the JLW helps provide the necessary winter outerwear to enable them to come to school each day ready to learn. Together, WPS and JLW provided over 1,400 children with new coats, hats and mittens in 2011.

Done in a Day— In collaboration with Worcester area organizations and agencies, the JLW participates regularly in Done-in-a-Day projects that benefit from volunteer efforts and funding. JLW members take action in many ways - providing meals to the homeless, walking or biking for a cause, painting houses, refurbishing rooms, cleaning up the community, teaching children about the value of nutrition & exercise, harvesting food for local food banks and more.

Kids in the Kitchen—Supported by The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. and its member Leagues, the goal is to empower youth to make healthy lifestyle choices and help reverse the growth of childhood obesity and its associated health issues.

Additionally, the JLW supports the community through scholarships and grants to organizations with an immediate need.

The 2011/2012 Board is as follows:

President: Kate Halpin (West Boylston)

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About The Junior League of Worcester

The Junior League of Worcester is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

JLW membership prepares you to expect the best and to do your best, wherever you go, whatever you do. You will develop skills to shape your future and become a force for positive change in the community, in ways that matter most to you. You will make lasting friendships and join an international network of women who understand that change is possible, step by step, and person by person. For more information, visit our website at www.jlwma.org.