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The Junior League of Hartford Honored with Vision Award from the Association of Junior Leagues International

HARTFORD, CT (April 26, 2012) – The Junior League of Hartford, Inc. (JLH) received the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) Vision Award at the AJLI Annual Conference in San Francisco, California, on April 21, 2012. The Vision Award recognizes a Junior League that demonstrates an outstanding ability to engage in mission-based strategic thinking and planning, aligning their members, activities, projects and communications with their overall goals, purpose and core values, while also demonstrating an awareness of community needs and trends.

JLH received the award for its efforts, begun in 2006, to refocus on the League's mission, develop a community impact focus area that its programs and projects would target, train its volunteers in the issues behind the focus area, and improve communications internally and in the community. The League's current community impact focus area is the alleviation of hunger in Hartford. JLH volunteers address the alleviation of hunger in Hartford through projects including Freshplace, serving 100 individuals each month with fresh food, education, resources and referrals; The Backpack Program, providing food for 140 children and family members each weekend of the school year; Souper Sustainers, feeding 150-200 individuals each month; Kids in the Kitchen; and various Done In A Day projects.



Pictured with the Junior League of Hartford's Vision Award from the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. are incoming JLH President-Elect Nancy Woodward (left) and incoming JLH President Sarah Thrall (right).

About the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc.

AJLI is a community of 292 Junior Leagues in four countries. AJLI 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.

Celebrating 90 Years of Service - The Junior League Hartford

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