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Junior League of Hartford Members Decorate Four Local Charities for the Holidays

HARTFORD, CT (December 28, 2011) – Members of the Junior League of Hartford (JLH) dispersed around Hartford spreading holiday cheer in a “winter wonderland” decorating challenge the first weekend in December. Teams of volunteers headed out armed with creative energy and decorations to deck the halls of four local agencies with whom JLH has partnered in the past: Family Life Education, Loaves & Fishes Ministries Inc., Peter’s Retreat, and The Village for Families and Children.

The decorating challenge was a Done In A Day project that the League hopes to make an annual tradition. The JLH’s Done In A Day Committee coordinates projects in support of area non-profit organizations and social service initiatives providing volunteer support for community projects or events that can be accomplished in a one-time evening or weekend effort. All projects selected meet a community need in the Greater Hartford area and relate to the Junior League’s mission. In this way, JLH is able to harness our volunteers to provide intense, short-term support for our community and other area not-for-profits.



Pictured are Junior League of Hartford volunteers gathered together before heading out to decorate Family Life Education, Loaves & Fishes Ministries Inc., Peter’s Retreat, and The Village for Families and Children.

About the Agencies Served

Family Life Education works to build a healthy community, strengthen families, and promote the well-being of children and youth through education, out-reach, and support services like their Teen & Young Parent Support Program and their Nurturing Families Program for first-time at-risk parents and their child.

Loaves and Fishes began as a small soup kitchen in 1984 dedicated to revitalizing the Asylum Hill neighborhood and today has expanded its services to provide low-income and poverty level individuals and families with education, food, counseling, and economic development programs. JLH has partnered with Loaves and Fishes for 25 years through a dedicated group of JLH sustainer members, called “Souper Sustainers.” Souper Sustainers provides and serves food for a healthy mid-day meal at the Loaves and Fishes center one Friday per month.

Peter’s Retreat started in 1988 as Connecticut’s first supportive housing program specifically for people living with HIV/AIDS and instituted a shared residence program in 1994. Among the varied services Peter’s Retreat provides are safe, affordable housing; medical treatment; health education and medication management; nutritional meals; intensive case management; and counseling.

The Village for Families and Children traces its founding traced back to 1809 when it provided adoption services. Today, the Village services encompass three core areas of strength: placement and permanency for adoption, foster care and family preservation; children's behavioral health; and family and community support programs.

Celebrating 90 Years of Service - The Junior League of Hartford

The Junior League of Hartford, Inc. 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. For 90 years, the League has researched current community needs and developed and implemented targeted community service projects to address those needs. This year, the League celebrates the anniversaries of its programs The Clothes Horse, Souper Sustainers, Links & Laughter, The Backpack Program, and Freshplace. For more information, visit www.jlhartford.org.

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