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## **JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HARTFORD ANNOUNCES LOCATION OF 2012 DECORATOR SHOW HOUSE**

WEST HARTFORD, CT (February 9, 2012) – The Junior League of Hartford (JLH) is pleased to announce the location of its 12<sup>th</sup> triennial Decorator Show House. Situated in the West End of Hartford, this year’s Show House is the magnificent Wechsler estate, located at 68 Scarborough Street, Hartford, and will be open to the public for viewing in May 2012.

Steeped in Connecticut history, this 7,000 square foot estate was built in 1921 and was home to former Connecticut Senator Alfred Francis Wechsler. The home was designed by notable architectural firm Smith & Bassette and features nearly 25 spaces that will be completely transformed when regional interior designers, decorators and landscape architects reimagine the rooms and gardens of the house as design showcases for public tours May 5 through May 27.

“The Decorator Show House allows us an opportunity to celebrate the wide range of talent and expertise among our region’s interior designers and landscape architects, and invite the community to view a beautiful home while learning more about the Junior League of Hartford,” said Junior League of Hartford President Wendy Avery. “The League also shares a very special connection with this home, as the Wechsler estate was built the same year that the Junior League of Hartford was founded. It is exciting to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with the League’s largest event-based fundraiser.”

The public will have an opportunity to view the home before design work begins at “Bare Bones,” a special event on Friday, March 9, from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at the Show House. Kick-off March-Madness and our upcoming Show House with an evening of hors d’oeuvres, beer, and wine, while watching the college basketball conference Semi-Finals. Admission to “Bare Bones” is \$30 per person and may be purchased until March 6, through the Junior League of Hartford website or by sending a check with “Bare Bones” written in the memo to the JLH office at 993 Farmington Avenue, Suite 208, West Hartford, CT 06107. The event is open to the public.

For more information about the Junior League of Hartford Show House and to purchase tickets to “Bare Bones,” visit [www.JLHartford.org](http://www.JLHartford.org).

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### **About the Junior League of Hartford Decorator Show House**

Every three years the Junior League of Hartford takes over a unique home or estate in the Greater Hartford area, selects regional interior designers and landscapers to transform the home and grounds, and sells tickets to the public for viewing of the completed house. The Junior League of Hartford has held 11 Decorator Show Houses over a 30-year span, and raised more than \$1.35 million for its programs and projects. The Decorator Show House is the League's largest event-based fundraiser. Proceeds from our Show Houses go to support the programs and projects of the Junior League of Hartford.

### **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](http://www.jlhartford.org).

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