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**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HARTFORD ANNOUNCES  
NEW LEADERSHIP FOR HISTORIC YEAR**

HARTFORD, CT (July 26, 2011) – The Junior League of Hartford is pleased to announce its new leadership team and Board of Directors for 2011 – 2012, a year full of milestones including the League’s 90<sup>th</sup> year in existence. The new leadership team includes the following individuals:

- President – Wendy Avery, resident of West Hartford
- President-Elect – Sarah Thrall, resident of Granby
- Secretary – Kelly Miley, resident of Avon
- Treasurer – Lisa Westerson, resident of Manchester
- Assistant Treasurer – Mary Jo Dunn, resident of Avon

Members of the Board of Directors include Nancy Woodward resident of West Hartford, Evelyn Williams resident of Farmington, Shelley Smith resident of Middletown, Jennifer Fletcher resident of Simsbury, Patty Fish resident of Simsbury, Rosa Collyer resident of Windsor, Jeanmarie Cooper resident of Glastonbury, and Kerri LeBlanc resident of Glastonbury.

“This is a momentous year for the Junior League of Hartford with a number of milestones for the League to celebrate,” said Wendy. “I’m excited to have the opportunity to lead the amazing group of women volunteers within our League as we celebrate our mission and long-standing commitment to the greater Hartford community this year.”

This year marks the Junior League of Hartford’s 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary; the 65<sup>th</sup> year The Clothes Horse consignment shop has been in business raising revenue to help support League operations; the 25<sup>th</sup> year that Souper Sustainers has been serving lunch once a month at Loaves and Fishes Ministries, a non-profit organization that provides human services to the poor in Hartford; the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Links and Laughter, a ladies golf outing and luncheon fundraiser; the 5<sup>th</sup> year of The Backpack Program through which the League distributes backpacks of food to students in need at an elementary school in Hartford; and the first anniversary of Freshplace’s operations.

***About 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. Since 1921, The Junior League of Hartford has been committed to making a difference in the greater Hartford community by assessing and identifying community needs, and then developing either direct programs or collaborations with other organizations and agencies to help meet those needs. The League's current community impact focus is the Alleviation of Hunger in Hartford. For more information on the Junior League of Hartford, its projects, and membership go to [www.jlhartford.org](http://www.jlhartford.org).

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