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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPRINGFIELD CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL YEAR, PRESENTED \$10,000 TO ISABEL'S HOUSE AND ANNOUNCED ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

SPRINGFIELD, MO, May 11, 2010 - The Junior League of Springfield (JLS) held its 2009-2010 annual meeting Tuesday May 11th at the Double Tree Hotel. The meeting celebrated membership and league achievements as well as recognized contributions to the community. The highlights of the meeting included presenting the Junior League Community Impact Award prize of \$10,000 to Isabel's House, the Lifetime Achievement and Cheri Clark Bouquet of Enthusiasm awards.

"The final meeting of the year is a time to celebrate the accomplishment of our mission through our volunteer time, fundraising and advocacy efforts," says Andrea McKinney, JLS president.

President-Elect, Lynn Tynes and Isabel's House Fund Development Chair, Brooke O'Reilly presented the *Junior League Community Impact* \$10,000 prize awarded to JLS by the Association of Junior League International in April. JLS received the award in recognition of its impact to the community through its signature project, Isabel's House, the Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks and 24/7 tool to fight child abuse.

Mary Lou Foss, 2009 recipient of the *Cheri Clark Bouquet of Enthusiasm Award* presented the 2010 award to Jill Baker for her positive attitude and dedication to JLS.

Cindy Wyrsh, Sustainer President presented the *Lifetime Achievement Award* to Past-President Bonnie Shackter for supporting JLS and being active in the community.

The annual meeting ended with the traditional "Passing of the Gavel" transition from the current President Andrea McKinney to President-Elect Lynn Tynes.

"I am honored to have the privilege of leading this premier women's organization in 2010-2011 as we continue the 50-year tradition of making a positive, sustainable impact in our community. It is especially meaningful because my husband's grandmother, Suzanne Tynes, was the first JLS President and my cousin, Marie Prater, was also a charter member and JLS President," said Lynn Tynes, JLS President 2010-2011.

The Junior League of Springfield 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 more information, please visit the Junior League of Springfield website at www.jlspringfield.org.

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