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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPRINGFIELD ANNOUNCES 2010 CHILDREN'S SUMMIT

SPRINGFIELD, MO, April 5, 2010 - The Junior League of Springfield

The Junior League of Springfield, (JLS), will present the Children's Summit, April 8, 2010 to discuss and share ideas with community agencies and leaders tangible action steps to prevent child abuse and neglect in our community.

"The Children's Summit is an opportunity to collaborate and identify programs to meet critical needs in our community. Through targeted programming, we can implement changes and improve conditions for families that need our support," said Andrea McKinney, JLS President.

What: Children's Summit presented by the Junior League of Springfield
Where: Discovery Center, 438 E. St. Louis Street, Springfield, MO
When: Thursday, April 8, 2010
Time: 7:30 am – 9:30 am, doors open at 7:00 am
The event has limited seating and requires an RSVP: 417-887-9422 or www.jlsspringfield.org

The JLS focus on preventing child abuse and neglect in southwest Missouri lends itself to events such as the Children's Summit. Based on the alarming child abuse and neglect rates in Greene County and the community report card, in 2005 JLS committed to building Isabel's House, the Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks as a signature project and opened the doors in June 2007. Isabel's House will provide a special report and family story during the Children's Summit.

The Project Review & Development Committee of JLS will educate participants on new agencies available in the community that address specific needs, such as Project Safe Place, Lighthouse Child & Family Development Center, the Homeless Task Force and the United Way. These agencies will share their actions in our community as well as opportunities to strengthen the commitment to this important cause.

JLS has been responsible for projects such as the Boys and Girls Club, the Discovery Center, Ozarks Public Television and CASA are just a few of the organizations positively impacted by JLS. Just two years ago, we opened the doors to our signature project, Isabel's House, the Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks. Isabel's House provides 24/7 care, free of charge, to children whose families are experiencing a unique crisis.

Since 1959, the Junior League of Springfield has contributed more than \$4.6 million dollars and more than 1.3 million hours of volunteer service to the Springfield community. JLS is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action of trained volunteers. Its purposes are exclusively educational and charitable.

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