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**The Junior League of Springfield Hosts
The 2017 Community Summit Release Event
Bi-Annual Community Focus Report Released**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., October 18, 2017 – The Junior League of Springfield (JLS) is pleased to host the 2017 Community Summit Release Event at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24 at the Springfield Art Museum, 111 E. Brookside St., Springfield. This year’s summit will focus on successful community programs that are addressing Red Flags from past reports, including “in their own words” perspective from those involved. Many of these programs led to Blue Ribbons in the 2017 report. The cornerstone of the event will be the release of the 2017 Community Focus Report for Springfield-Greene County.

JLS is one of five community partners responsible for producing the report, along with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO), the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield-Greene County Library District and the United Way of the Ozarks. Previous editions of the Community Focus Report can be found at springfieldcommunityfocus.org.

Event Details:

Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
Program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Springfield Art Museum Auditorium
1111 E. Brookside Drive

“The Junior League of Springfield is honored to once again partner with other leading community organizations to address critical issues impacting our community,” said Mary Kromrey, President of JLS. “It is of the utmost importance that we collaborate to develop solutions to the red flag issues facing so many individuals in the area.”

The summit is free and open to the public. Members of the community are encouraged to attend and visit with representatives from each focus area in the museum lobby before and after the program.

In addition, tickets will be available for a free special screening and discussion of the film “Resilience,” a one-hour documentary on the science of adverse childhood experiences and a new movement to treat and prevent toxic stress. This screening takes place at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, and is made possible by the Moxie Cinema, Isabel’s House, and the Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative.

About the Junior League of Springfield

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. The Junior League of Springfield reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism. Its purposes are exclusively educational and charitable.

Since 1959, the Junior League of Springfield has contributed more than \$4 million and more than 1.3 million hours of volunteer service to the Springfield community. For more information, please visit the Junior League of Springfield website at www.jlspringfield.org.