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## The Junior League of Springfield Donates Funds and Goods to Convoy of Hope for Disaster Relief

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo., November 16, 2017** – The Junior League of Springfield (JLS) donated \$638 to Convoy of Hope in response to recent natural disasters. JLS utilized \$500 from the Community Emergency Fund and \$138 from member donations. In addition to monetary donations, JLS collected hygiene kits at the October general membership meeting and donated an entire bin of kits for disaster relief.

"Giving back and supporting others in times of need is part of the foundation of JLS", says current JLS President, Mary Kromrey, "it is imperative that when disaster strikes we come together to assist those affected. JLS wanted to respond to the natural disasters occurring in cities and states where our sister League's reside: Texas, Mexico City, and Florida. We felt that the best way to maximize our donation was to give to an organization that was a proven leader in disaster response and that was providing immediate disaster relief in these communities and that organization was Convoy of Hope."

Convoy of Hope is a faith-based nonprofit organization founded in 1994 and known for its international programs of feeding and helping poor people. To date they have responded to 319 international and domestic disasters, currently have 44,749 disaster response volunteers and have contributed 592,067 hours to disaster service.

## 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 <u>www.jlspringfield.org.</u>