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**The Junior League of Springfield Announces 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient**

**SPRINGFIELD, MO, May 31, 2022** – Ann Marie Baker has been named the 2022 Junior League of Springfield (JLS) Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. The purpose of the JLS Lifetime Achievement Award is to recognize the significant contributions being made in our community and the League by Sustaining Members. Lifetime Achievement Award honorees are active in the community, support the activities of the League and represent the ideals of Junior League membership.

Baker was awarded this honor at the JLS Annual Meeting on May 3. The award was presented by Crista Hogan, JLS Past President and 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. "Our award recipient this year is wildly accomplished but above all is a very kind and deeply generous person. I am blessed to count her as a friend," noted Hogan.

Baker's JLS involvement includes serving as JLS President, Resource Development Chair, Vice President of Finance, Treasurer, Nominating & Placement Committee, Project Review Committee, Investment Committee, and Endowment Committee. She is a previous recipient of JLS's Cheri Clark Bouquet of Enthusiasm Award.

In addition to donating countless hours to JLS, Baker has donated countless hours to the community. Baker has served as the President or Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities of Springfield, Springfield Business Development Corp. Board, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Chamber's Reach Campaign, Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign, Leadership Springfield, among many others. She is the recipient of the Missourian Award (2015), Franklin Kenworthy Award (2007), Inaugural UMB Bank Leadership award (2006), SBJ Most Influential Women (2001), Gift of Time Award by Springfield Area Churches (2012). Baker was the first female bank President in our community.

Current JLS President, Allison Robertson notes, "Ann Marie sets the standard as a servant leader; her dedication to the community is unmatched. The Junior League of Springfield is proud to have her as a sustaining member that our active members can look to as an inspiring woman leader."

A list of past recipients of the JLS Lifetime Achievement Award may be found at: [www.jlspringfield.org/about/awards](http://www.jlspringfield.org/about/awards).

**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](http://www.jlspringfield.org).*