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Junior League of Springfield is relocating

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SPRINGFIELD, MO, July 24, 2023 — The Junior League of Springfield (JLS) is moving from the historic building on Bennett Street, where the charitable organization has been housed since 1983, in order to better meet the needs of the organization and community.

After much deliberation and investigation, the 2022-23 JLS Board of Directors voted to approve the sale of the JLS building. The building was listed with Jeff Childs, SVN Rankin Company, LLC. The current location at 2574 East Bennett Street is being sold to New Moon Studio Spaces, LLC which will utilize the building to create dedicated studio space for local artists. This cultural and economic development will enhance Springfield in a spirit that aligns with the JLS commitment to our community. We will close on the sale of the building on

Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

A one-year lease agreement was signed Monday, July 17, 2023, with Ozark Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) at 1616 South Eastgate Avenue, in Springfield, which will provide office-, meeting-, and storage-space for the JLS. This location provides an ADA-compliant and technologically advanced facility, offering enhanced opportunities for collaboration, networking, and innovation. The JLS believes that this move will further strengthen the organization and enable it to continue making an impact in our community. The BSA organization has been a delight to work with and are equally excited about this new-found partnership; they, too, view this as a chance to positively influence both organizations, and as an ongoing alliance. "Partnering with Junior League of Springfield to share office space is a win for both organizations. We share the same values and work to grow our members in leadership and service to community. I can't think of a better group to be associated with," said Ozark Trails Council Scout Executive/CEO John Feick.

Like other nonprofit organizations in our area, JLS has changed over the years, and will continue to in the years to come. The decision to move the JLS headquarters was made to optimize efficiency, enhance capabilities to better serve members and fulfill the mission, and ensure spaces are accessible for everyone in the community. JLS is genuinely excited about this relocation and the breath of fresh air it presents for the League and its members.

JLS operations continue during this transition with minimal interruptions to our members and services. Members are contributing their time to the move in addition to their regular volunteer commitments. Effective July 26, all JLS operations will occur at the new location between the hours of 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. To get in touch, please contact the JLS at jls@jlspringfield.org.

About the Junior League of Springfield

The Junior League of Springfield, Missouri, Inc., is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.