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**The Junior League of Springfield's Community Summit: Focus on Poverty Media Advisory**

**SPRINGFIELD, MO, October 6, 2015 —**

**WHAT:** The Junior League of Springfield's (JLS) Community Summit: Focus on Poverty presented by the Junior League of Springfield, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and the City of Springfield. This event will highlight the release of the 2015 Community Focus Report for Springfield-Greene County, the Impacting Poverty Commission's Report and Call to Action, and the City's Zone Blitz Report Recommendations. CFO will announce a new, large-scale grant opportunity to pilot sustainable solutions to reduce poverty in Springfield.

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 8th, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Check in from 9:00-9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Springfield Art Museum

**SPEAKERS:** JLS President Ashley French will emcee the event and a panel of respected community members will explore the findings of the reports and discuss potential ways to address critical community issues. Additionally, Dawn Lockhart of the "1,000 in 1,000" program of Jacksonville, Fla., will be the keynote speaker for the event.

**GENERAL INFO:** This event is free and open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come basis. Parking will be available at the Art Museum, National Avenue Christian Church, Perry Tennis Courts, Phelps Grove and Trinity Lutheran Church. Shuttles will be provided from Trinity Lutheran Church. In the event of rain, shuttles will also be provided from National Avenue Christian Church.

**PHOTO OP:** The event is open to media. To schedule an interview, please contact Ashley French at 417-887-9422 or [ashleyfrench566@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyfrench566@gmail.com).

**AGENDA:** 8:30 Media Availability  
9:00 Check in  
9:30 Event Begins  
12:30 Event Ends

**MORE INFO:** Visit [jlspringfield.org](http://jlspringfield.org)

**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).*