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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
**PHILADELPHIA**

**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA 2016-2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS TAKES OFFICE**

**Ardmore, Pennsylvania** –The 2016-2017 Board of Directors of the Junior League of Philadelphia (JLP) took office at the organization’s May Celebration, held on May 17, 2016. Elizabeth Kolb Farr will serve as President through May 2017, succeeding Immediate Past President Erin Bushnell. Other 2016-2017 Board members are Mary Peller, President-Elect; Adrienne Stark, Treasurer; Shauna Itri, Secretary; Mary Hinds, Sustainer Chair; Meredith Nissen-Reinhardt, Chief Operating Officer; Lauren Zabel, Director of Development; Renee Howell, Nominating Chair; Aronté Bennett, Parliamentarian; and Jane Sagendorph, Assistant to the President.

Ms. Farr joined the Junior League of Philadelphia in 2003, has served on the Board of Directors four previous times, was selected Leader of the Year in 2011, and co-chaired the organization’s first-ever capital campaign, totaling more than \$1.4MM. In her address to members, Farr expressed both her gratitude for and her commitment to the Junior League of Philadelphia’s Mission of training women leaders, stating, “The League is a place where we...open ourselves to development. This organization and the women who comprise it have supported my growth as a professional and as a person, and I encourage each of you to call upon fellow League members to bolster you, teach you, and encourage you.”

Farr also spoke of the League’s commitment to improve food security in Philadelphia through its FEED programming – Facilitating increased access to fresh produce, Educating children and adults to experience the connection between healthy eating and healthy living, Empowering individuals to become advocates for their own health, and Distributing fresh produce to those in need. Working with partner organizations such as Main Line Health/Lankenau Medical Center, SHARE Food Program, and Philadelphia Orchard Project, the JLP is committed to improving food security by pairing access with education.

Kids in the Kitchen® is an after-school program at which League volunteers train and work with on-site educators at three (3) charter schools to develop and teach lessons about healthy food and basic meal preparation. The JLP’s annual Empowering You Health Fair at Lankenau Medical Center offers community members free health screenings as well as presentations and panel discussions with Lankenau physicians. JLP volunteers work monthly at SHARE Food Program, training and overseeing bagging volunteers, recording service metrics, and planning educational events.

“Yes, the path ahead is challenging,” said Farr. “But we are Junior Leaguers! We believe in the value of service...and in the power of trained women.”

**About the Junior League of Philadelphia**

The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.

To learn about future Junior League of Philadelphia events or become a member, please visit [www.JLPhiladelphia.org](http://www.JLPhiladelphia.org).

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