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The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. (JLP) is pleased to welcome The Food Trust's Brian Lang as the featured speaker for its first General Membership Meeting of the 2016-2017 League year on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. The JLP's issue-based community impact programming is centered on food security in Philadelphia.

Mr. Lang is Director of the National Center for Healthy Food Access at The Food Trust. Since 2002, Lang has worked to improve access to affordable nutritious food. He collaborates with non-profits, foundations, businesses, and state and local governments nationwide to develop policies and programs that increase access to and demand for healthy food. Some of the notable projects Lang has worked on over the past 10 years include starting Philadelphia's largest outdoor farmers' market and leading the advocacy campaign that created the New York Healthy Food Healthy Communities Initiative. He holds a Master's degree from the Fels Institute of Government Administration of the University of Pennsylvania.



The Food Trust was established in Philadelphia in 1992. Its mission is to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food and information to make healthy decisions. Working with neighborhoods, schools, grocers, farmers and policymakers, The Food Trust has developed a comprehensive approach to improved food access that combines nutrition education and greater availability of affordable, healthy food.

Acknowledged by First Lady Michelle Obama for "studying [hunger] and creating models for how to solve it," The Food Trust is a nationally recognized nonprofit working to increase access to affordable and healthy food. In a study conducted by Philanthropedia, a division of GuideStar USA, The Food Trust ranked #2 in a list of the top nonprofits in America working in the field of child nutrition/health.

Learn more about Lang's work [here](#) and [here](#).

About the Junior League of Philadelphia (JLP):

Founded in 1912, the Junior League of Philadelphia 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 JLP is also a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), with 291 Leagues globally.

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