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**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA, INC. NAMES TRACEY SPECTER THE SUSAN B. MYERS AWARD RECIPIENT**

*Merion, Pennsylvania* – The Board of Directors of The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. (JLP) announced **Tracey Specter**, as the recipient of the Susan B. Myers Leadership and Community Activism Award on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 during the JLP Annual Dinner at the Merion Cricket Club. The Susan B. Myers Award honors Junior League members who have contributed to the community through outstanding achievements within the JLP and externally, and reflects Mrs. Myers' ability to: instill passion for a cause, lead with a clear vision, and have lasting power and determination. Tracey certainly embodies these ideals. A self-professed "professional volunteer", she joined the JLP in 1986 and has been a fervent participant ever since, serving in a variety of JLP leadership positions, including as a three-term member of the JLP Board of Directors.

Tracey's community service has included terms on other nonprofit Boards of Directors, including the Philadelphia Zoo. She is currently the Vice President and Development Chair for the Perelman Jewish Day School. Tracey also serves on the board the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and on the Advisory Council of the Center for Hunger-Free Communities in the School of Public Health of Drexel University.

The issue of food insecurity is close to Tracey's heart and aligns closely with the JLP's Apple a Day Healthy Living Initiative™. Tracey is currently working on two projects in the area of hunger. The first is the newly opened community Green Light (i.e., healthy) food pantry at the Dreuding Center. Tracey first became involved with the Dreuding Center through a JLP pilot project called Project Rainbow. She also initiated and is in the planning stages of a statewide breakfast challenge in schools that will kick-off the fall of 2013.

Tracey, who was born and raised in a suburb of Seattle, received her BA from the University of Pennsylvania. Tracey lives in the suburbs of Philadelphia with her husband Shanin and four daughters, Silvi (19) Perri (17) Lilli (15) and Hatti (12). She loves to spend time with her family, cook, participate in and observe sports, is a yogi, and a huge Phillies fan. Among Tracey's honors and awards are the Kathryn Etchells Leadership Award bestowed in honor of the Dreuding Center's 25th Anniversary (2012), and the Keter Shem Tov Leadership Award from the Perelman Jewish Day School. She has been honored by the Main Line Times for her volunteer work. She also earned medals representing the USA at the Maccabi Games in Israel as a member of the women's squash team.

**About the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc.**

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 JLP reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization and a member of The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI).

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