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**The Association of Junior Leagues International Presents Junior League Awards at Its 93rd Annual Conference**

**Memphis, Tenn. – May 4, 2015** – The Junior League of Memphis (JLM) was recognized for its LEAD (Leaders Evolving and Developing) program at the 93rd Annual Conference of [The Association of Junior Leagues International](http://www.ajli.org/) (AJLI) held in Los Angeles from April 16 – 18.

Eleven individual Junior Leagues were recognized for innovation at the conference, which brought together women from 292 Junior Leagues in four countries. The recognized Junior Leagues received awards in areas ranging from fundraising to membership development to achieving community impact.

The JLM was the winner of the Leadership Development Award for its successful LEAD program. JLM President Carolyn Danley, President-Elect Amy Stack and President-Elect-Elect Jennifer Taylor were all on-hand to accept the award. The JLM’s ambitious LEAD program provides education and leadership development opportunities to men and women who serve the Memphis community as well as JLM members interested in pursuing positions of community leadership. In the last four years, LEAD has served as an affordable professional development opportunity for 150 nonprofit leaders, creating a network of colleagues, advisors and friends who help each other navigate the nonprofit leadership landscape.

AJLI President Ellen Rose, a member of the New York Junior League, said, “Junior League Awards recognize outstanding innovation by individual Leagues, and they are very much our ‘Oscars’! The women who design and implement these initiatives – often with the active involvement of community partners – exemplify the spirit of volunteer leadership that has been a hallmark of The Junior League for 114 years.”

**About the Junior League of Memphis**

The Junior League of Memphis (JLM) 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. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. As one of the largest volunteer groups in the Mid-South, the JLM is committed to improving the lives of women and children in the Memphis community.

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