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**Junior League of Memphis Announces 2016-2017
Board of Directors and Senior Management Council**

MEMPHIS, TENN. – May 22, 2016 – After years of planning and research, the Junior League of Memphis (JLM) will be moving to an evolved leadership structure wherein the Board of Directors is responsible for governance, and a new Senior Management Council will preside over management of the organization, one of Memphis' largest volunteer organizations with more than 1,600 members. Additionally, terms will now be staggered, and some women will serve in their positions for two years before rotating off in order to help with continuity and consistency.

"I am excited that this year's incoming Board of Directors and Senior Management Council will have the distinction of being the first evolved governance and management team to lead our organization," said Jennifer Taylor, president. "Each one of these amazing ladies brings a diverse perspective to our league and I can't wait to see what incredible things we accomplish together."

On average, these volunteers donate more than 30,000 hours of community service annually to impact change in our community in areas such as literacy, health and neighborhood revitalization. Since its founding in 1922, the JLM has helped to start and contributed to some of Memphis' most worthwhile organizations, including Hope House, the Church Health Center and the Pink Palace Museum. The 2016-2017 Board and Senior Management Council will continue to lead the JLM in such endeavors. The newly appointed leaders are:

Board of Directors

President

Jennifer Taylor, Director of Clinical Services, Audiology, The University of Memphis

Assistant to the President

Peria Gober, Allocation Analyst, City Gear

Executive Vice President

Cara Sievers, Safety Communications Manager, International Paper

Assistant to the Executive Vice President

Marion Milner, Medical Social Worker, Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare

Executive Secretary/League Attorney

Whitney Harmon, Shareholder, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC

Treasurer

Charlene Cox, Manager Integration Planning, FedEx Corp

Policy and Governance Director

Page Boden, College Relations Consultant, International Paper

Community Outreach Director

Erica Coopwood, Community Volunteer

Nominating Director

Laura Finley, Manager, Nadeau

Board Member at Large

Tabitha Glenn, Executive Director, ALSAC

League Audit Director

Karimeh McDaniel, Community Volunteer

Long Range Planning Director

Caroline Sones, Community Volunteer

Sustainer Director

Gay Landaiche, Educator and Community Volunteer

Senior Management Council

Finance Manager

Sherry Akins, Controller, Johnson Bryce, Inc.

Training Manager

Megan Bonner, Pharmaceutical Sales Representative, Takeda Pharmaceuticals

Community Manager – Internal

Natalie Cathcart, Occupational Therapist, Methodist LeBonheur Hospital, Germantown

Community Manager – External

Kristen Ellis, Chief Compliance Officer, Kelmen-Lazarow, Inc.

Communications Manager

Laura Doty, Marketing and Communications Manager, Memphis Zoo

Membership Manager

Rebecca Fava, Community Volunteer

Civic Engagement Manager

Lauren Price, Senior Specialist, Public Relations, ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Fund Development Manager

Melissa Surles, Educational Project Specialist, Baptist College of Health Sciences

Sustainer Manager

Jan Cornaghie, Community Volunteer

Operations Manager

Lee Sellers, Community Volunteer

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 revitalizing neighborhoods in and around Memphis through the development of, and participation in, programs that positively impact the environments where people live, work and play.

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