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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ANNAPOLIS, INC. TO HOST 2016 FUNDRAISING GALA MASQUERADE BALL

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) Junior League of Annapolis, Inc. (JLA) invites members, community partners, and residents to adorn a mask and attend our 2016 Gala Masquerade Ball on Friday, October 7, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Loews Annapolis Hotel.

All proceeds from the Gala benefit the community programs of JLA and the organization's training of its civic leaders. To address literacy challenges in our community, JLA is partnering with local nonprofits to create programs in which JLA can be most impactful in providing financial support as well as trained volunteers. Read 2 Kids is a JLA program that provides disadvantaged children with new books. JLA volunteers work with local organizations to establish Little Free Libraries and organize book drives to restock and distribute age-appropriate books. JLA also plans the annual Reading Day event that encourages family members' participation and integration of reading aloud to children in their daily routine. In collaboration with Alumnae and College Access (ACA) program, Seeds 4 Success creates positive opportunities for the Eastport Girls Club youth living in public or subsidized housing communities. JLA volunteers meet with the ACA girls during after-school sessions and provide support to help them successfully apply to, prepare for and complete college. These sessions include SAT tutoring, college interview practice and time and management skills as well as networking and social skills.

Community support of JLA continues to aid in keeping our organization accessible and enriching the lives of women and children in Anne Arundel County. The 2016 Gala's goal is to raise funds to help sustain our community programs and advance our mission while providing an exciting evening of dancing, live entertainment, silent and live auctions, and hors d'oeuvre plates from local restaurants. Some of the participating restaurants and companies are Karen Wilder Events, Whole Foods Market, and Metropolitan Kitchen and Lounge. More restaurants will be announced closer to the event date. The event will also be covered by Virgil Stephens Photography.

Tickets to this black tie optional event are \$95 a person and starting on Friday, September 30th, prices will increase \$30. All attendees must be over 21 years of age.

To partner as a sponsor or donate to this exclusive event, please contact gala@jlanapolis.org.

For more information, please visit our website at jlanapolis.org/masquerade-ball or you may also contact Junior League of Annapolis, Inc. at 410.224.8984 with questions.

ABOUT JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ANNAPOLIS, Inc.

Junior League of Annapolis, 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. Our membership of over three hundred women strives to narrow the achievement gap in Anne Arundel County, MD with a specific focus on the self-sufficiency of women and children.

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