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### **Marking the 30 Year Anniversary of Historic pre-Civil War Home Restoration**

Decatur, Ga. – September 1, 2010 – On October 17, 2010, the Junior League of DeKalb County (JLD) will celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Mary Gay House in Adair Park. Rescued from destruction in the late 1970s by JLD, the Mary Gay House is one of the few remaining pre-Civil War homes in the City of Decatur and metropolitan Atlanta.

The Mary Gay House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and provides a unique historical setting for community functions. Over the years, the Mary Gay House has provided an intimate and charming location for weddings, reunions, recitals, and served as a meeting space for numerous DeKalb civic and charitable organizations.

Ms. Mary Ann Harris Gay was named a Georgia Women of Achievement in 1997 for her leadership and service to the Decatur community by helping families survive the Civil War and face the challenges of reconstruction. A woman of conviction and determination, she helped her neighbors improve their lives and secured funds for many community improvement projects, including the rebuilding of a church for the Baptist congregation in Decatur. Ms. Gay authored [Life in Dixie](#), a first-hand account of life in Decatur during the Civil War, and used by Margaret Mitchell in writing [Gone with the Wind](#).

For more information on the Junior League of DeKalb County's celebration of this event, visit [www.jldekalb.org](http://www.jldekalb.org).

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