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The Sunshine House Welcomed the Junior League of DeKalb County
for Georgia Pre-K Week on Friday, Oct. 10

Decatur, GA — Junior League of DeKalb President Angela Turk and President-Elect Mindy Kaplan visited the Sunshine House Early Learning Academy (Academy) on Friday, Oct. 10, and read from two favorite children's books to the Academy's 4-year-olds as part of Georgia's Pre-K Week. Across the state, Pre-K centers welcomed state, business and community leaders to visit and learn about the value of early education.

Oct. 6-10 was the state's official Pre-K Week, hosted by Voices for Georgia's Children (www.georgiavoices.org) and supported by Georgia Power, Synovus and Scholastic Corporation. The week-long, statewide celebration brought together a diverse group of leaders and placed them in Pre-K classrooms in all 159 counties, drawing attention to this hallmark program that was pioneered in Georgia 22 years ago.

"It was a privilege to visit the Sunshine House and experience the children's enthusiasm for learning," said Turk. "Seeing firsthand the tremendous difference Pre-K makes can create vocal advocates for early childhood education, which builds life-long benefits for our children and our community."

In addition to participating in a reading activity with the children, Turk and Kaplan talked with the staff, and got an up-close look at the many ways that the Academy is supporting early learning.

"Georgia's nationally recognized Pre-K program supports a critical developmental milestone each year for 84,000 four-year-olds," said Pat Willis, Executive Director of Voices for Georgia's Children, a child advocacy organization. "Our state's outstanding Pre-K program and other health and early learning programs work together to help children read to learn by third grade."

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About Voices for Georgia's Children

Established in 2003, Voices for Georgia's Children (www.georgiavoices.org) is a nonprofit child policy and advocacy organization that envisions a Georgia where children are safe, healthy, educated, employable, and connected to their family and community. Our mission is to be a powerful, unifying voice for a public agenda that ensures the well-being of all of Georgia's children.

About the Junior League of DeKalb County, Inc.

The Junior League of DeKalb County, Inc. (JLD) 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. JLD members direct their volunteer efforts to the current community impact focus area, Improving Nutrition and Combating Obesity in DeKalb County, through hands-on volunteer activities, as well as collaborative efforts with other community organizations. Additionally, JLD provides a supportive environment for training tomorrow's female community leaders while enabling our members to forge lasting friendships.

For more information about the Junior League of DeKalb County, visit www.jldekalb.org.