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Junior League of DeKalb County Announces President, Board of Directors, and New Community Advisory Board Members for 2015-2016

DECATUR, GA – June 1, 2015 – The Junior League of DeKalb County, Inc. (JLD) proudly announces its President, Board of Directors, and five new Community Advisory Board members for the 2015-2016 league year. The Junior League of DeKalb County, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization of diverse women that has been investing in the community and its members for over 80 years. The organization's positive impact can be seen throughout DeKalb County with other not-for-profit organizations such as the International Women's House, Day League, and the Callanwolde Guild, Inc., which were established or founded in part by JLD. The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall governance and management of the organization which includes financial and committee oversight, strategic planning, and community outreach.

"I am honored to serve as the 2015-2016 President alongside this amazing group of women. The Junior League of DeKalb County, Inc. is an incredible organization of over 300 women dedicated to making a difference in our community, developing the potential of women, and promoting voluntarism. I am truly inspired by the hard work and dedication of our members who invest their time, talents, and treasures year after year," said President of Junior League of DeKalb County, **Mindy Kaplan**. "We are as dedicated to our mission as we were over 80 years ago. This year, we will continue to invest in our community, women, and one another by offering impactful financial support and trained volunteer time to our community partners and by delivering meaningful training opportunities to help instill a lifetime commitment to civic service."

The 2015-2016 Board of Directors includes:

- President, **Mindy Kaplan**
- President-Elect, **Suzanne Osborne**
- Secretary, **Shara Sanders**
- Vice President of Community, **Rashidah Hasan**

- Vice President of Membership, **Kimberly Roberts**
- Vice President of Finance, **Allison Lockhart**
- Vice President of Fund Development, **Olivia Greene**
- Nominating Chair, **Natalie Wilkes-Shaw**
- Sustainer Advisor, **Sandra Smith**

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) is comprised of community and business leaders with diverse expertise and backgrounds. The CAB members provide JLD with direction and guidance in identifying and prioritizing community needs, and members serve as advocates by articulating the organization's mission and programs to the community at large.

The 2015-2016 new CAB members include:

- Chief Now Officer for Working on Your Now, **Lori Beard-Daily**
- Former State Senator and Retired Journalist, **The Honorable Steen Miles**
- Director of The Wellness Center at DeKalb Medical, **Amanda Posey**
- President and CEO of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, **Katerina Taylor**
- President of Private Bank of Decatur, **Judy Taylor**

“We are so excited to welcome the five new members to our Community Advisory Board this year. Each member brings a unique perspective and background which will be invaluable as we work to refine our community programs and strengthen JLD's impact. We are honored that these leaders are willing to lend their support and guidance to JLD,” **Kaplan** said.

The new CAB members will join the following existing members: Erin Croom; Dr. S. Elizabeth Ford; Debra Golymbieski; John Hewitt; Paige Nathan; Deirdre Pierce; Emily Anne Vall, Ph.D.; and Gregory White.

About the Junior League of DeKalb County, Inc.

The Junior League of DeKalb County (JLD) 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. 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.

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