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**Charleston's Premier Derby Gala Is Off to the Races!**

Tickets now available for annual fundraiser benefitting the Junior League of Charleston

**CHARLESTON, SC** – Giddy up ladies and gentlemen for Charleston's *premier* Derby Gala, Night at the Races! This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the fundraiser presented by the Junior League of Charleston, Inc. (JLC). It will take place Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Harborside East, located at 28 Bridgeside Drive in Mount Pleasant.

Purchase your tickets now for the casually sophisticated social event of the year! Guests are encouraged to get dressed to the nines; floppy hats included. Enjoy the real time viewing of the Kentucky Derby, and sip cocktails while taking in a fabulous spring sunset overlooking the Charleston Harbor. The event will feature an open bar, derby-inspired cuisine and live music from The Distinguished Gentlemen.

The evening will feature a raffle, silent and live auctions. One hundred percent of the proceeds raised support the mission of the JLC, to train and develop the potential of women while focusing on those in need in the surrounding community. Exciting auction items include trips to Bermuda and Sonoma, CA; a weekend in Highlands, NC; a Ro Sham Beaux chandelier and original art work to name a few!

"We raised more than \$45,000 last year in support of the JLC mission to train women and provide volunteer and financial assistance to numerous local nonprofits. We need your support to surpass that this year and help launch our latest project, The Junior League of Charleston's National Diaper Bank," says 2016-2017 President Elizabeth Burwell. "This is not only a fresh, fun way to enjoy the Derby, it is also an opportunity to support the mission of the JLC and help us continue as a catalyst for change in our community!"

Individual tickets are \$116.60 and couple's tickets are \$212. You can purchase tickets online at <https://my.bidr.co/events/nightattheraces17>. Preview the auction items prior to the event and score some amazing items today using the "Buy it Now" option. For a complete list of event sponsors, visit [www.jlcharleston.org/sponsors](http://www.jlcharleston.org/sponsors). For event coverage, contact the JLC. Attached are photographs from NATR 2016 for your use.

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**About The Junior League of Charleston, Inc.**

The Junior League of Charleston, 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. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League of Charleston reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origin who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. [www.jlcharleston.org](http://www.jlcharleston.org).

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