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Junior League of Charleston Marks 95 Years of Giving Back to Community

From 12 women to 1,000, the League's purpose hasn't changed

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CHARLESTON, SC – The Junior League of Charleston marked 95 years of existence in the community on February 20, 2018. Originally founded as the Junior Circle, 12 Charleston women met in a home on Ladson Street to discuss forming a club that would promote community interests and help charitable organizations. From those 12 women, the Junior League of Charleston has grown to more than 1,000 members committed to making a difference in the community.

For 95 years, the Junior League of Charleston has contributed millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours to address the needs of the community. The women of the Junior League of Charleston volunteer their time and talents to developing solutions for community needs and partnering with selected community partners. The 2017-2018 community partners include Children's Museum of the Lowcountry, Junior Achievement, MUSC Children's Hospital, Operation Home, Florence Crittenton: Cooking Matters, Habitat for Humanity, Junior League of Charleston Diaper Bank, Loving America Street, Lowcountry C.A.R.E.S Ministries, Lowcountry Food Bank: Backpack Buddies, Lowcountry Orphan Relief and Tricounty Family Ministries.

"It is incredible to see how far the Junior League of Charleston has come during the past 95 years and the impact that has been made in the Charleston community," said Junior League of Charleston President, Alisa Brooks.

Some of the League's most notable projects include: the publication of *Charleston Receipts* which is considered the holy grail of Junior League cookbooks and is the oldest League cookbook still in print; creation of the Junior League School of Speech Correction, now the Charleston Speech and Hearing Clinic; founding of the Lowcountry Children's Center, now the Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center; creation of the Whale of a Sale, the largest annual fundraiser for the League, which will be entering its 45th year in 2019; and the Junior League of Charleston Diaper Bank, which is the newest initiative

launched by the League to help collect and distribute diapers to those in need throughout the community.

Ninety-five years later, the Junior League of Charleston continues its mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

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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 volunteerism. www.jlcharleston.org.