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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF AKRON ANNOUNCES 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Akron, Ohio; June 25, 2015: The Junior League of Akron Sustainer Inspiration Award is presented to a woman who embodies The Junior League of Akron's mission of empowering women for positive change in the community. It is given to a sustaining member of the League whose League and community service have inspired other League members, and whose League experience served as a springboard for greater positive impact on the Akron community. The recipient of the Sustainer Inspiration Award is **Mary Ann Jackson** of Akron. Jackson joined the Junior League of Akron in May of 1973. She served in a variety of capacities and leadership positions in the league, such as Assistant Finance Chair and Provisional Chair, as well as serving as the Tea Dance Treasurer, Public Relations Secretary and as a member of the Education Task Force. She was the Treasurer of the Seedlings Garden Club, as well as on the Nominating and Placement Council for Seedlings. Mrs. Jackson is actively involved in many Akron-area nonprofits including United Disability Services, Summa Health System, Akron Civic Theatre, Barberton's Magical Theatre and a variety of arts-related events and organizations. Other notable community involvement includes serving as the first director of First Night Akron, the popular New Year's Eve celebration which Downtown Akron Partnership put's on.

The President's Award is a highly prestigious award given to a member who has not only shown outstanding commitment to the League and to the community, but has also demonstrated a willingness to assume responsibility and take leadership in these roles. This member has and continues to be a positive influence on others, as she is both an exemplary volunteer, role model for members and a leader in the league. The winner of the 2015 President's Award is **Jacquie Tinnemeyer** of Wadsworth. Tinnemeyer currently works for Old Trail School as the Assistant Director of Admission. She joined the Junior League of Akron in 2009 and has been involved in countless committees and served the League in the leadership roles of Vice President of Community Outreach, a member of the Nominating and Placement Committee, and Recording Secretary. Tinnemeyer has also served the League as a member of the Early Bird Bustle fundraiser committee, and 2013 ShowHouse Opening Night Gala committee. Tinnemeyer has been elected to be a co-chair of the 2016 ShowHouse Tea Party event, the Junior League of Akron's signature fundraiser.

The Rookie of the Year is an honor bestowed to a New Member in her first year of Active membership who has been an inspiration and mentor to the rest of the New Member class. She is involved in other JLA projects or fundraisers and has demonstrated the willingness to take on other projects or tasks, and is considered consistently dependable. The winner of the Rookie of the Year Award is **Selena Myers** of Cuyahoga Falls. Myers is the Coordinator

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for the Barberton Satellite Center for Stark State College and joined the Junior League of Akron in August of 2013 at the suggestion of sustainer, Susan Kinnamon. She has been involved as a member of the Community Outreach council and is currently serving the league as a member of the Nominating and Placement council and will co-chair the 2016 ShowHouse Tea Party event with Jacquie Tinnemeyer.

The Unsung Hero Award is awarded to a member whose participation has had a great incremental impact on the Junior League of Akron and who has gone above and beyond to get things done. The winner of the Unsung Hero Award is **Laura Mollenshott** of Wadsworth. Mollenshott is a Lead of Accounting at FirstEnergy Corp. She joined the Junior League of Akron in 2008. She has been involved in the Community Outreach council, served as Assistant Treasurer, Designer House Captain for the 2011 Kitchen Tours and ShowHouse Treasury Chair for the 2013 ShowHouse. Mollenshott has served the League most recently as Treasurer from 2012 to 2015.

The Junior League of Akron is a nonprofit organization formed in 1926 that provides opportunities for women to gain valuable volunteer expertise as well as professional skills while working on vital community projects. The Junior League of Akron empowers women for positive change in our community. The Junior League of Akron is proud of the ventures its members have started or participated in including Junior Leadership Akron, Family TIES, The Volunteer Center, Child Guidance Centers, Akron Artfest, Immunization Coalition of Summit County, The Community Wish List, Oral Health Initiative, Health Education Center, Battered Women's Shelter, Safe Landing Runaway Shelter, Guardian Ad Litem, and Mary Day Nursery (currently the Akron Children's Hospital).

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