



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

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"Spring 2017 New Member Invitation"

The Junior League of Greater New Haven would like to formally welcome the new Fall 2016 provisional class to the League! As a requirement of the new member classes, the provisional members worked collaboratively to plan and execute a fantastic event called "Think Presidential" within the McConaughy Terrace housing community in New Haven, CT. This educational and community advocacy program commenced the weekend before the 2016 Presidential election. At the event, children read aloud about the election process, read quotes from previous and current presidents and shared with each other their thoughts on what they would do if they became president. The event ended with a mock election where the children cast paper votes for who they thought should be president. **Congratulations to Naomie Baptiste, Shoshannah Burnett, Ada Cortes, Elvira Duran, Omena McCoy and Melissa Wisner!**

Volunteers of the Junior League of Greater New Haven are hard at work preparing for another wonderful year of programming, including volunteer and community based projects, fun and exciting social events, training and personal development and wonderfully recognized fundraising events. **Our membership is currently inviting women from the greater New Haven community to join us in this incredibly rewarding experience.**

Since its founding in 1923, the Junior League of Greater New Haven has been devoted to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. In 2012, the Junior League of Greater New Haven began a three-year partnership with McConaughy Terrace of Elm City Communities to complete projects and provide services for families living there. We began by cleaning and organizing a community room to create a functional public space. We then created a children's library in one room featuring over 300 books donated by the New Haven County Bar Association. Using the library, the Junior League of Greater New Haven provides weekly programs to the children of McConaughy Terrace, including story hours with the opportunity to borrow books, holiday-themed activities, and homework help.

The Junior League of Greater New Haven is also proud to continue with existing programming, including our **partnership with Project Hope CT for the annual Say Yes to the Dress event which distributes hundreds of prom dresses to area high school students at no cost to their families, awarding over \$3000 in scholarships to young women entering a higher education institution**, and hosting two major fundraisers. Each fall, we host our annual Beer Tasting event at a major New Haven area venue and feature excellent craft beer from local **breweries and large beer companies alike**. Our largest fundraiser, the **annual Race and Taste: Kentucky**

Derby Wine Tasting and Silent Auction party features dozens of delicious wine and spirits tastings, a silent auction, and an exciting live showing of the Kentucky Derby race!

The Junior League of Greater New Haven is hosting two upcoming social events, which are excellent opportunities to meet the women of the League and inquire about joining. The first new member social event will be held on **Tuesday, January 10th, 2016 from 6-8 PM at the local hotspot at Ordinary Bar & Restaurant New Haven, CT.** We would like to ask for your support in making these events known to the community. If you have any opportunities available for advertising and coverage, please feel free to contact me at 203-312-3936. We hope we can count on your support!