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New York Junior League to Honor Volunteers for Outstanding Community Service at 66th Annual Winter Ball

Philanthropist and Activist Jean Shafiroff to Serve as Mistress of Ceremonies

New York, NY, February 20, 2018—The New York Junior League (NYJL) will honor seven extraordinary volunteers for their service to the New York City community at its 66th Annual Winter Ball on Saturday, March 3, at the Pierre Hotel.

“Since 1952, the New York Junior League Winter Ball has helped raise essential funds for the organization’s vital community programs while paying tribute to remarkable volunteers who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to volunteerism and our community,” said Suzanne E. Manning, president, New York Junior League.

This year, the NYJL is proud to honor Outstanding Sustainers, Nancy Houghton and Wendy Wade, and Outstanding Volunteers, Mary Catherine Burdine, Katie Cook, Nicole Ferrin, Elizabeth Fabsits Pavone, and Kim Essency Pillari.

The NYJL will also recognize its long-time community partner the Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center at the Winter Ball. Working together with the Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center, the NYJL’s Artistic Journeys, Beacon to Broadway, and Passport to the World programs bring arts education and appreciation to underserved New York children and teenagers. NYJL volunteers have designed interactive programs that build confidence and self-esteem through encouraging self-expression.

“Without the New York Junior League, the Isaacs Center would not exist,” said Gregory Morris, president & executive director, Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center. “Throughout our history, the New York Junior League has championed our children and families, and has developed, coordinated, and launched many of our most treasured volunteer efforts. Today, our relationship is stronger than ever. From Meals on Wheels delivery to the isolated, homebound elderly, to visual and performing arts classes for school age children and adolescents, mentoring young adults organizing Sunday Suppers for seniors, the New York Junior League works tirelessly to improve the lives of those we serve.”

The evening’s festivities will be led by the Winter Ball Mistress of Ceremonies, Jean Shafiroff, a philanthropist, activist, humanitarian, and author of *Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life by What You Give*. Jean’s philanthropy goes beyond financial contributions and includes the gifts of extensive time and knowledge. Through her work, she encourages and seeks to empower all individuals to become philanthropists so that they can build the fulfillment of giving into their lives.

A volunteer fundraiser, leader, and spokesperson for several charitable causes, the spectrum of Jean's philanthropic work includes improving the lives of underserved populations, women's rights and well-being, health care, animal welfare, and resources for children in need, in addition to other causes.

The NYJL has been helping build a brighter tomorrow for children and families in New York City since 1901. Today, the NYJL is more than 2,800 volunteers strong and provides more than 250,000 hours of service to the community each year. The NYJL seeks to strengthen the health and well-being of the children and families of New York through five distinct program areas—Adult Education & Mentoring, Child Health & Welfare, Children's Education, City Impact, and Culture & the Arts. Proceeds from Winter Ball help support the charitable activities of the NYJL.

Winter Ball tickets are available at three levels, Dancing and Dessert tickets for \$250, Dinner tickets for \$500, and Harriman Circle VIP tickets for \$750. Harriman Circle VIP tickets include a private pre-ball reception at the Pierre Hotel, an elegant four-course seated dinner, a VIP gift bag, and an exclusive VIP experience featuring reserved seating and a private bar during dessert and dancing. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit nyjl.org/winter-ball/.

About the New York Junior League: *The New York Junior League (NYJL) is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Since 1901, the NYJL has been a leader in identifying and responding to unmet community needs. Through direct service, collaborations with other community organizations and advocacy, the NYJL provides a positive force for change within the communities it serves.*

Each year more than 2,800 trained volunteers donate more than 250,000 hours of their time to better the lives of women and children in New York City. The NYJL works with more than 50 community-based organizations and public agencies to deliver services and assistance directly to women and children in need.

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