SAVANNAH, GA – (July 12, 2016) The Junior League of Savannah (JLS) announces the 2016-2017 Board of Directors and Community Projects.

The 2016-2017 Board of Directors is as follows: Lisa Muller, President; Melissa Jackson, President-Elect; Wendy Owens, Vice President of Communications; Jennifer Grafton, Vice President of Community; Maria Davis, Vice President of Finance; Jessica Thomas, Vice President of Membership; Jennifer McKenzie, Treasurer; Virginia Tuten, Nominating Chair; Beth Longley, Strategic Planning Chair; Katie Joyner, Sustaining Board Advisor; Denise Cooper, Parliamentarian.

In addition, the Junior League of Savannah is proud to announce its major community projects for the 2016-2017 league year. Respecting the need for women and children’s advocacy; the Junior League of Savannah focuses efforts on education for children in our community believing that women and children deserve to be empowered through quality opportunities in order to thrive and to be contributing members of our community. JLS community partners include: America’s Second Harvest Food Bank – Backpack Buddies Program adopting over 90 children at Garden City Elementary School; Build-A-Bridge Foundation of Georgia – DIVA Program mentoring young ladies; and JLS’s 5th Annual Fit Kids Fest educating families by celebrating nutrition and health. The Junior League of Savannah will also fund and volunteer in over eleven one-day projects with multiple local nonprofit organizations in the greater Savannah area, Statesboro, Richmond Hill, Bluffton / Hilton Head, and the Golden Isles. For more information, contact Headquarters@jrleaguesav.org.

Established in 1926, for over 90 years, the Junior League of Savannah has been committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Currently the Savannah League has nearly 800 members working to improve the lives of women, children and families in Savannah and the surrounding areas.
2016-2017 Junior League of Savannah Board: From L to R: Beth Longley; Virginia Tuten; Jessica Thomas; Denise Cooper; Melissa Jackson; Lisa Muller; Maria Davis; Jennifer McKenzie; Jennifer Grafton; Wendy Owens; Katie Joyner. (Katie Joyner Photography)