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The Junior League of Charlotte hosts its annual Public Officials Breakfast to discuss human trafficking problem

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - On April 27, the Junior League of Charlotte, Inc. (JLC) will convene a group of public officials who represent the Charlotte-metro area in a local, state, or federal capacity for a program called "Human Trafficking: Taking Action!" A panel of subject matter experts includes Cori Goldstein, Director of Sexual Trauma Resource Center with Safe Alliance; Dr. Patricia Krikorian with Lily Pad Haven; and Hannah Arrowood with Present Age Ministries. They will provide background information on this issue, along with how to recognize signs of human trafficking, high risk behaviors that lead to human trafficking, local statistics, awareness in schools, programs currently in place to help, and how you can help combat human trafficking. This issue is extremely relevant in Charlotte and across North Carolina, as Polaris, a leader in the global fight to eradicate modern slavery, lists North Carolina in the top 10 for reported incidents in the United States. Public officials who plan to attend include U.S. Congresswoman Alma Adams, Charlotte City Councilman James Mitchell, Mecklenburg County Commissioner Pat Cotham, and Mecklenburg County District Attorney Spencer Merriweather III.

The JLC, in conjunction with Association Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI), began addressing the issue of human trafficking over 10 years ago. The JLC was one of the first Leagues to tackle the issue, focusing on understanding human trafficking and educating League members. The AJLI states on its website: "Often referred to as a modern form of slavery, human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purposes of either a commercial sexual act or labor services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion." The Junior League advocates a three-pronged approach to eradicate the human trafficking epidemic: prevention, policy and public justice, and survivor services. JLC Past President Whitney Wilson-Wertz serves on the U.S. Attorney's Human Trafficking Task Force.

To learn more about this issue and the Junior League's position visit <https://www.ajli.org/?nd=p-do-comm-ip-human-trafficking> or the Advocacy section of the JLC website at <https://www.jlcharlotte.org/advocacy/>.

Event Details

Date: April 27, 2018

Time: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Location: JLC Building (1332 Maryland Ave, Charlotte, NC 28209)

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About the Junior League of Charlotte, Inc.

The Junior League of Charlotte, Inc. (JLC) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community. Through its actions and the leadership of trained volunteers, the JLC has been a leading force in improving the lives of children and families. Since 1926, the JLC has dedicated over \$13.5 million dollars and more than 1.5 million hours of volunteer service to the greater Charlotte community. From the Charlotte Nature Museum to Discovery Place to Levine Children's Hospital Family Resource Center, the League has left a legacy of service, dedication and compassion. Projects supported by the JLC include: The Junior League of Charlotte's Cornerstone Project at Reid Park Academy, Alexander Youth Network, Give Kids A Smile, Big Shots Saturdays, JLC Healing Arts for Novant Health Hemby Children's Hospital, Second Harvest Food Bank and more. For additional information, call [\(704\) 375-5993](tel:(704)375-5993) or visit www.jlcharlotte.org. You can also follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

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