



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
BOCA RATON**

Women building better communities

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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON'S VEGSO COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER RECOGNIZED AS MODEL PROGRAM AT
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BOSTON**

BOCA RATON, FL – April 21, 2007 – As part of an Awards Dinner Celebration recognizing innovation in programming, the Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) received the “JL” Award for Vision at The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. 85th Annual Conference held at the Marriott Copley Place, April 18-21, in Boston, Massachusetts.

The JLBR received top honors and a cash prize for the programs it offers to nonprofit organizations in South Florida at its headquarters, the Vegso Community Resource Center (VCRC). The award was presented at a banquet sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, Inc. and attended by representatives from 293 Junior Leagues in four countries.

“As a premiere women’s leadership organization, our League has made a commitment to excellence in vision,” said Kathy Adkins, President. “It is a tremendous honor that our international Association has recognized our efforts and praised our work at the VCRC as a model program for other Leagues.”

The VCRC, a Foundation Center Cooperating Collection that houses a Funding Resource Library was designed to enable local nonprofit organizations to respond to rapid community growth and increased demand on health and human services. Through the JLBR Endowment Fund, Inc. the JLBR raised \$2.5 million in two years for the VCRC, which offers programming and services at no cost or low cost to educate nonprofit leaders and strengthen their organizations.

“The Leagues do an outstanding job of creating programs that promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women and improve communities,” said Sandi Kimmish, 2006-2008 President of the Association. “The ‘JL’ Awards recognize and highlight outstanding League accomplishments that serve as examples for League members in 293 different communities.”

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Created in 1921 by member Leagues, the purpose of The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. is to add value to 293 Junior Leagues in four countries in their fulfillment of the Junior League Mission. Led by a 20-member Board of Directors, the Association is one of the largest international volunteer organizations for women interested in making a positive impact in their communities.

The JLBR Endowment Fund Inc. is celebrating a milestone of having raised \$1 million for the VCRC and its programs. For more information on programs offered at the VCRC and the JLBR Endowment Fund, Inc., please call 561-620-2553 or visit www.jlbr.org or www.jlbr.endow.org

The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Since 1971, the JLBR has been an integral part of our community. This year, JLBR members will contribute more than 35,000 volunteer hours locally and donate more than \$300,000 to the South Florida community. The Junior League of Boca Raton is part of the Association of Junior Leagues International, which is comprised of 293 Junior Leagues across the United States and in four countries.

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