



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
BOCA RATON**

Women building better communities

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**Junior League of Boca Raton Holds
“Super Saturday”
New member class orientation bus tour of community projects**

Boca Raton, FL – On October 21, 2006, the Membership Development Committee of the Junior League of Boca Raton, Inc. (JLBR) held Super Saturday, an annual orientation to provide new members with a history of the JLBR's involvement in the community. One hundred new members participated in the day-long bus tour of several current and past community projects including: In the Pines, Kids in Distress, The Children's Place at Home Safe, Inc. Sibling Shelter, and The Boca Raton Historical Society (Old Town Hall). In addition to touring the facilities, new members were able to hear presentations from the Executive Directors of each community organization.

“This year we are so pleased to have a record size new member class participate. In addition to learning about the JLBR's support of the community, we provide the new members with fun facts and statistics about Boca Raton and Delray Beach” said Nancy Dockerty JLBR Membership Development Chair.

The day began early at the Vegso Community Resource Center, home to the JLBR, which serves as a resource center for South County non-profit organizations, enabling them to research funding opportunities. The Center's Resource Library is a National Foundation Center's Cooperating Collection and is useful to nonprofit organizations seeking funding and/or information about nonprofit management.

The tour continued with In The Pines, where the JLBR provides funding and volunteer support to improve the living conditions of agricultural workers and their families who reside in at In The Pines North and South in western Delray Beach. Family members receive basic life skills training, after school homework help, and participate in educational and recreational community activities.

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Next, new members went to Kids In Distress where the JLBR provides funding and volunteer support to assist in providing services that care for and treat young victims of child abuse and neglect, and those at risk in our community. Through abuse prevention and therapeutic programs, families are strengthened and supported in their effort to stay whole.

The next stop was at a past JLBR project The Children's Place at Home Safe, Inc. Sibling Shelter, a nationally accredited, non-profit organization that has served abused and neglected children in Florida from newborn to age 18 since 1979. In 1992, the JLBR formed a coalition with Children's Place at Home Safe to establish a child abuse shelter in south County and form a countywide collaboration.

The last stop of the day was at one of the JLBR's very first projects, the Boca Raton Historical Society (BRHS). Since the JLBR helped establish the BRHS, the organization has embraced advocacy of historic preservation as one of its principle missions. The efforts of the BRHS maintain the character of our community as well enhancing its livability.

New members also learned about Hometown Histories, a current community project where the JLBR provides funding and volunteer support to develop and provide classroom presentations to 4th graders in the Boca Raton community on topics related to art, culture and the history of Boca Raton. In a strategic partnership with the Boca Raton Museum of Art and the Boca Raton Historical Society, the JLBR supervises, coordinates and executes an innovative and exciting educational outreach program including an approved curriculum, creative "trunk show" package and trained volunteers to deliver or perform educational sessions in the classrooms. This project helps enhance teachers' resources to convey this aspect of the Florida history curriculum while providing a stimulating learning experience and environment for our area's 4th grade students.

New members also received information on the JLBR's other current community projects and internal committees that focus on community support including: Kids @ Home, Done-In-A-Day (DIAD), Community Support Fund (CSF), Project Development, and Public Issues & Advocacy.

"We present the new members with a lot of information about the JLBR and the community that we serve so they can see the context of our organization, its history and our current areas of involvement. Super Saturday is a great way for new members to see the impact of our organization first hand. We very much appreciate the participation of the Executive Directors of the community organizations Kay Larche from In the Pines, Ezra Krieg from Kids in Distress, Katina Thompson from the Children's Place at Homesafe Sibling Shelter, and Mary Csar from the Boca Raton Historical Society (Old Town Hall) in Super Saturday." said Kathy Adkins, JLBR President.

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To receive additional information on the JLBR, the VCRC and our community projects please contact the JLBR office at 561-620-2553, or visit www.JLBR.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. 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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