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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON HELPS SEND CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL WITH A SMILE

Child Advocates, Inc. Annual Childspree

WHO: **The Junior League of Houston, Inc.**, an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

WHAT: **The Junior League of Houston, Inc.**, an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers, sponsored and participated in the **Childspree** benefiting **Child Advocates, Inc.** on Saturday, August 19.

Over 100 Junior League volunteers and employees from Hess Corporation, the League's Community Sponsor, arrived before store opening hours to assist 100 children with back-to-school shopping at Target. The participating children, who are in foster care, will be equipped with the gear necessary to get the school year off to a great start. Volunteers from the League and Hess served as personal shoppers to help the children select back-to-school clothes and accompanied them and their guardians to an in-store breakfast party. Children also received backpacks filled with school supplies and other necessities to help them transition into the new school year. At the event, one child enjoyed playing the Connect Four she received in her backpack with Junior League member Autumn Schoen, and said, "I was so excited to go shopping with Ms. Autumn. I love the pink, light-up shoes that I got."

For almost 30 years, League members have worked with Child Advocates, Inc. in a multitude of capacities, including volunteering for special projects and events, and creating Life Books. The goal is for every child in foster care to have a scrapbook of their life, not only to be used as a therapeutic tool, but often as the only mementos these children have of their biological families. Several League members also volunteer as court appointed special advocates (CASA).

WHEN: Saturday, August 19, 2017

WHERE: Sawyer Heights Target
2580 Shearn St.
Houston, TX 77007



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From addressing critical issues such as children's health and education and abuse of women and children, to enhancing the community through cultural enrichment, **The Junior League of Houston, Inc.** continues to adapt to meet the evolving needs of its membership and the community. The League trains volunteers to be effective in the community well beyond their membership requirements. With 1,400 active members and over 3,000 sustainer members, the League encourages mentorship and development, cultivating a lifetime of civic service for thousands of women. Through the achievements of its members and generous donors, the League will contribute more than \$2 million in volunteer time and direct financial support to 38 community projects and other volunteer initiatives in 2017 – 2018. The League is able to triple the value of each donation received by pairing it with trained volunteers. For more information, please visit www.jlh.org or call 713.622.4191.

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