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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ANDERSON COUNTY PARTNERS WITH ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

*Partnership will provide car seats to benefit local families in need*

**Anderson, SC (January 31, 2018)** – The Junior League of Anderson County (JLAC) announces its partnership with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) to help promote child safety in Anderson County, South Carolina. The "Seats for Safety" assistance program will allow for sheriff's deputies to intervene in unsafe situations and aid families in need by providing appropriate car seats for unrestrained children.

Car seats have already been purchased by JLAC and will be stored at the ACSO headquarters. Anderson County Sheriff Chad McBride said "The Anderson County Sheriff's Office is proud to partner with the Junior League of Anderson County in this effort to help keep our most precious citizens safe. Sometimes we see situations involving children where education and assistance can better serve the issue rather than a citation. In a situation where there is a real need, this provides for the officer to serve that need immediately and keeps our children safe."

This signature project is spearheaded by JLAC's 2017-18 President Maranda Hunnicutt, who quoted her research saying "the number one cause of childhood injury fatality for 0-19 years of age in South Carolina is motor vehicle accidents (MVA). Citizens may not be fully aware of the changes in South Carolina's car seat laws, but if we can help protect children in this county, we can save lives." According to SafeKids.org, "1,598 children have died from MVAs from 2000-2010 [and] more children die on S.C. roads than their peers across the U.S." JLAC is committed to helping lower the fatality rate in Anderson County and making car seats available to those in need.

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**Junior League of Anderson County (JLAC)** is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI), comprised of more than 200,000 women worldwide all focused on one mission: Women Building Better Communities. Since 1935, JLAC has grown to more than 200 members in Anderson County and has effectively worked to help women and children in our community. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. For more information, visit [www.juniorleagueofandersoncounty.org](http://www.juniorleagueofandersoncounty.org).