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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ANDERSON COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN "DANCING FOR OUR HEROES"

Mary Pat Smith will dance to raise money for Kids in the Kitchen and Seats for Safety initiatives locally

Anderson, SC (March 1, 2019) – The Junior League of Anderson County (JLAC) has been selected again to participate in the 13th Annual "Dancing for Our Heroes" charity fundraiser hosted by the Rotary Club of Greater Anderson on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at the Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center. This event will raise money for ten local charities that give back to Anderson County. JLAC member Mary Pat Smith will dance with her partner and husband, Parker Smith. Their goal is to raise over \$3,000 prior to the dance. Donations to support Mary Pat can be made at https://www.facebook.com/donate/1964044313905372/?fundraiser_source=external_url. Tickets for the event are available at PIP Printing in Anderson.

Kids in the Kitchen and "Seats for Safety" are both key initiatives for JLAC and share a common mission to help kids pursue healthier lifestyles and promote child safety in Anderson County. Listed as Junior Leagues' Kids in the Kitchen mission, its volunteers specifically strive to positively influence families in our community by "teaching kids and their parents about the importance of eating healthy foods and involving them in the fight against childhood obesity." The "Seats for Safety" assistance program provides a proper car seat for every child in need in Anderson County. All money raised through JLAC fundraisers goes toward purchasing proper car seats, which are distributed to those in need through partnerships with the Anderson County Sherriff's department, foster children associations, local schools and DSS.

JLAC's 2018 President Emily Keys said, "Seats for Safety and Kids in the Kitchen directly affect women and children in Anderson County by helping them lead a healthier, safer lifestyle. Both of these initiatives stand by our mission statement: women who want to improve our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Thank you to all for supporting our efforts."

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.