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## Pat Thomas Named Honorary Chair for Junior League of Boca Raton's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon

Nikki Stelzer Named Event Chair

**BOCA RATON, FL, June 25, 2018** – The Junior League of Boca Raton's (JLBR) Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon will be held on Friday, November 16, at Boca Raton Resort & Club. Pat Thomas has been named honorary chair and Nikki Stelzer will serve as the event chair, as announced by JLBR president Renata Sans de Negri.

Pat Thomas has a long history with the Junior League of Boca Raton. She was named Woman Volunteer of the Year in 1999 and was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013. Pat embodies the mission of the JLBR through her dedication to the community and commitment to volunteerism.

This year's event marks its 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary and is considered one of the kickoffs to the event season in South Florida.

The JLBR is honored to partner with the Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute as the Award Sponsor and Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton as the Fashion Show Sponsor. Saks Fifth Avenue will once again produce a state-of-the-art runway show that will entertain nominees and guests during the luncheon.

The Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon celebrates outstanding women in our community nominated by nonprofit organizations throughout Palm Beach County for their dedication and expertise as volunteers, furthering the missions of the organizations they serve. The 2017 Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon honored 42 amazing women and celebrated their contributions to building a better community. "Our Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon spotlights not only the Junior League of Boca, but the entire nonprofit community," said Renata Sans de Negri, President of the Junior League of Boca Raton. "It is remarkable to see difference we are making as female volunteers in the community."

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Woman Volunteer of the Year through the Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute. Nonprofits have

until Friday, June 29th to submit a nomination to Alana Ganesh at <a href="mailto:aganesh@brrh.com">aganesh@brrh.com</a>. The deadline for the full application is Friday, August 17, 2018. The Junior League of Boca Raton's mission focuses on promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through effective action of trained volunteers. As a nonprofit itself, the Junior League's fundraising efforts are critical to its support of other local nonprofits.

## **About the Junior League of Boca Raton**

Throughout the year, JLBR members will contribute more than 35,000 volunteer hours and donate more than \$250,000 to support our mission of training volunteers, developing the potential of women and improving the South Florida community. To learn more about the JLBR, please contact the JLBR office at 561-620-2553 or visit www.JLBR.org. Connect with us on facebook.com/JuniorLeagueBocaRaton, or twitter.com/JLBocaRaton.

## **Mission Statement**

The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. JLBR's community initiatives focus on issues that have been identified as being of greatest concern within the community: Hunger, Child Welfare and Non-Profit Support. JLBR's purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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