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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ARLINGTON SUPPORTS CHILDREN OF ARLINGTON WITH SEVENTH ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR ON AUGUST 16

ARLINGTON, Texas (August 27, 2014) - The Junior League of Arlington, in partnership with Arlington Parks & Recreation, hosted its Seventh Annual Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 9 a.m. to noon. This year's invitation-only event was held at Hugh Smith Recreation Center, located at 1815 New York Avenue in Arlington, Texas.

The Junior League of Arlington invited pre-selected students from Atherton, Ellis, Johns, Sherrod, Thornton and Wimbish Elementary Schools in the Arlington Independent School District (AISD) and Glenn Harmon Elementary School in the Mansfield Independent School District (MISD). During the event, 419 students received free quality backpacks, filled with new school supplies required for the upcoming school year. In addition, 25 vendors provided students with services such as free eye exams and glasses made on the spot with child's choice of frames, dental screenings, haircuts, decorated reading corner for story time and library cards, information on after school care, mentoring and tutoring programs, continuing education, CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Programs) and more.

"Junior League of Arlington's partnership with Arlington Parks and Recreation and the Hugh Smith Recreation Center enabled our program to bring backpacks and supplies directly into the neighborhoods that we support," said Jeannie Deakyne, president of Junior League of Arlington. "There is certainly a growing need for resources in our community - our members would like to grow this fair to help provide the foundational tools for educational success for kids across North Texas."

To inquire about sponsorship, volunteer or donation opportunities for the 2015 Back-to-School Fair, visit www.jlarlington.org, call (817) 277-9481 or email backtoschoolfair@jlarlington.org.

ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ARLINGTON, INC.

The Junior League of Arlington, Inc. (JLA), is a non-profit, educational and charitable 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. The JLA is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., which includes 292 leagues with over 155,000 members in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Great Britain. Women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism are welcome. For more information, please visit www.jlarlington.org.

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PHOTO CUTLINES:

Image "BTSF_1" – Leslie Williams, Junior League of Arlington Back-To-School Fair Chairwoman, high-fives a young girl with her new backpack.

Image "BTSF_2" – A student receives a free haircut from Paul Mitchell.

Image "BTSF_3" – Junior League of Arlington volunteer Marynthya McElroy checks students into the Seventh Annual Back-to-School Fair

Image "BTSF_4" – Junior League of Arlington volunteers Payton Ishmael, Leslie Johnston, Emily Swanson, Theresa Austin