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

**ARLINGTON, Texas (August 14, 2014)** - The Junior League of Arlington, in partnership with Arlington Parks & Recreation, is hosting its Seventh Annual Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 9 a.m. to noon. This year's invitation-only event will be held at Hugh Smith Recreation Center, located at 1815 New York Avenue in Arlington, Texas.

The Junior League of Arlington has invited 700 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) to receive free quality backpacks, filled with new school supplies required for the upcoming school year. In addition, all student participants will have the opportunity to obtain 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.

AISD will provide free bus transportation to the 2014 Back-to-School Fair for students from their respective AISD elementary schools.

"Our goal for the 2014 Back-To-School Fair is to help economically disadvantaged children start off the new school year with many of their school-related needs met in a 'one-stop destination'," said Valerie Landry, community vice president of the Junior League of Arlington. "From school supplies and haircuts to vision and dental screenings, the Junior League of Arlington is proud to serve our community by providing a platform for family development, personal growth, and the resources necessary to help ensure their academic success."

For more information on the 2014 Back-to-School Fair, or to inquire about sponsorship, volunteer or donation opportunities, visit [www.jlarlington.org](http://www.jlarlington.org), call (817) 277-9481 or email [backtoschoolfair@jlarlington.org](mailto: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](http://www.jlarlington.org).

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