



To Whom It May Concern:

On April 18, the Junior League of Pelham will be hosting “Casino for a Cause” to raise funds for the extensive range of projects that we support to improve the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

One of the fundraising components of the evening is a silent auction, and to make this a success, we’re soliciting the help of a range of local businesses. ***Please consider supporting our event by donating gift certificates, merchandise or services.***

In exchange for your generosity, you will receive exposure through our silent auction display the evening of the event, and through the online bidding site (which is open to the general public) as well. Your donation is tax deductible and we would be happy to provide documentation of our tax exemption status upon your request. Our committee will also mail you a donation confirmation letter for your tax purposes upon receipt of your gift.

If you’re interested in learning more about the extensive range of community projects that JLP supports, refer to page 2 for an overview. Thank you in advance for considering our request and for the Junior League of Pelham.

All the best,

The JLP Board of Directors

*Lisa Horten, Susan Quintin, Devie Perry, Rachel Springer, Penny O’Brien, Meredith McGinn, Abby Balafas, Elizabeth Ritchie, Sing Duffy, Bridget Messina, Joanna Boyle, Dawn Bloise and Sandy Horan*

*The Junior League of Pelham 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. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.*

Our 2019-2020 projects include:

**Signature Project:** *Working together with community leaders and architects, JLP is leading a multi-year project, Vision for Julianne's Park. JLP will redesign and renovate one of Pelham's best parks.*

**Backpack Program:** *JLP provides 25 of the neediest families who attend the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle with totes full of healthy food to sustain them over a weekend on a bi-monthly basis.*

**JLP Reads:** *In partnership with the Pelham Public Library and with a focus on promoting early literacy, members of this committee read at a children's story time twice a month. JLP is currently working to extend this initiative beyond Pelham with JLP Reads on the Road.*

**Professional Prep:** *This new addition to our project slate was founded with the intent to provide mentorship, networking opportunities and career development skills to adults and youth.*

**CSA Dinner Program:** *In partnership with Community Service Associates, JLP members purchase, prepare and/or deliver food for the dinner and take-home lunch programs at this Mount Vernon soup kitchen.*

**Pass it on Pelham:** *JLP hosts collection drives for Pelham families to donate gently-used infant, children, and adult clothing and gear, then connects with local community organizations to those in-need.*

**Toddlers in Science:** *Through this new initiative, JLP members visit local preschools and daycares to teach STEAM-oriented lessons to young students.*

**LovePelham.com:** *Committee members create and host a website of Pelham's non-profits and community organizations and their initiatives to better connect local residents with volunteer opportunities.*

**Pelham Public Art:** *In partnership with the Pelham Arts Center, JLP members create a unique art installation to enhance our community's beauty and creativity.*

**Done in a Day:** *This committee provides flexible volunteer opportunities for JLP members while assisting local organizations in need of volunteer support.*