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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER, PA ANNOUNCES YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARDS

[LANCASTER, PA] – [April 19, 2009] – The Junior League of Lancaster (JLL) is very excited to announce the recipients of their 2009 Deb Altman Outstanding Youth Volunteer Awards. The JLL's Awards committee received many applications from students at various high schools in Lancaster County. Through a careful and thorough assessment the committee identified two young women to receive the award. The purpose of the award is to recognize young people who have demonstrated an exceptional interest and involvement in volunteerism and who encourage other young people to volunteer in their community. Since the award was established in 1984, over \$37,000 has been awarded to outstanding youths in Lancaster County. In 1996 the award was renamed to honor a past JLL president, Deborah Altman whose life exemplified a commitment to volunteering, love of children, and service to the community.

The awards will be presented at the JLL's membership meeting on Monday, May 4, 2009, 7pm at the Hamilton Club. Mayor Rick Gray will be in attendance that evening to honor the Junior League of Lancaster as they are celebrating their 85th Anniversary in the Lancaster community.

The 2009 winners are:

Rachel Hoh, Lititz, PA
Nelly Ramos, Lancaster, PA

Each student will receive a cash award of \$600. In addition, a \$125 donation will be made to the charitable organization of their choice.

Rachel Hoh – is a senior at Manheim Township High School and has volunteered with a variety of organizations since 9th grade. She has donated over 450 volunteer hours to organizations

such as, Shaarai Shomayim Temple Youth and Summer Camp, Hands on House, ESL program at Nitrauer Elementary, Lancaster Optimist Club and the PA Migrant Education Program. Rachel takes great pride in her involvement in the PA Migrant Education Program where she has used her fluency in Spanish to make connections with the children and families in the program.

Nelly Ramos – is a senior at Lancaster Catholic High School. Her volunteer involvement includes catechist leader at San Juan Bautista Church, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Conestoga View Nursing Home and Summer Camp Junior Counselor. Nelly has discovered in her community involvement with children and the elderly that, “Every life has a voice and every voice has something to say to the world and its community.”

ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER, PA

The Junior League of Lancaster is an organization 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. For more information, please visit our website at www.jllancaster.org.

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