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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER HONORS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS**

**LANCASTER, PA (June 18, 2015)** –On June 1, 2015 the Junior League of Lancaster (JLL) celebrated the end of its league year with an annual dinner at the Cork Factory. The dinner featured highlights from the 2014-2015 year, along with a presentation of awards to outstanding league members. Active member Julia D. McCarthy was honored with the Rising Star Award; active member Pam Lazos was honored with the Laura Louise Watt award; and active member Beth Valentin was honored with the Red Rose Award.

The Rising Star Award is designed to recognize first-year active members whose early years as a Junior League member demonstrate significant promise consistent with the vision and values of the Junior League mission. Julia McCarthy was nominated by her peers for this prestigious award, due to her service above and beyond her league placement, a strong dedication to improve the Lancaster County community, and her willingness to step in and fill a leadership role when one became vacant.

Pam Lazos was chosen by the JLL President Amy Hartz and President-Elect Katie Keister to receive The Laura Louise Watt Community Leadership Award. The award celebrates a woman of outstanding leadership in the JLL who has used her talents and resources to improve the social and economic conditions of others. Pam is known within the League as being a passionate and inspirational community leader.

## Beth Valentin was nominated by JLL members to receive the Red Rose Award. The purpose of the Red Rose Award is to recognize extraordinary achievement by a member of the League for her unique contribution to the advancement of the mission of the Junior League of Lancaster. Beth exemplifies the spirit and value of volunteer service and is known within the League for her enthusiasm for the League and its vision, in addition to going above and beyond with her volunteer work.

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**ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER:** Established in 1923, the Junior League of Lancaster focuses on elevating the lives of women and children through education. Through our Projects and Programs, using our financial resources and trained volunteers we initiate and participate in community-based collaborative partnerships that work to broaden the educational, cultural, recreational and health opportunities for children in the Lancaster community. The

Junior League of Lancaster reaches out to all women who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism. This women’s organization is a 501(c)(3) and empowers members through leadership training as well as working together to build a better community. A prospective member must be at least 21 years of age. Please visit the League’s website at [www.jllancaster.org](http://www.jllancaster.org) for more information about the League’s projects, programs and fundraisers.

*MISSION: The Junior League of Lancaster is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.*

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