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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER AWARDS \$1,800
TO AARON'S ACRES AND HANDS-ON HOUSE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

LANCASTER, PA (August 25, 2014) – As part of its celebration of 90 years of volunteer service to Lancaster County, the Junior League of Lancaster (JLL) held an anniversary gala for its members and their guests on June 20, 2014. At the gala attendees voted to award the net proceeds of ticket and signature cocktail sales to one of 10 past JLL projects. To the surprise and delight of attendees, Aaron's Acres and Hands-on House Children's Museum tied for first place due to their impact on children, an ongoing focus of the JLL. The \$1,800 net proceeds were awarded evenly between the two winning organizations.

JLL President Amy Hartz, accompanied by Immediate Past President Noelle Fassnacht and 90th Anniversary Celebration Committee Co-Chairs Bev Breniser and Ann Carter, visited both organizations on August 5, 2014 to award their staff directors with the proceeds and to reconnect with their programs. Pictures of the check presentation can be seen below.

Hands-on House Children's Museum is an original project of the JLL. During 1984-85, the JLL established its Youth Museum Project Task Force to consider the potential development of a children's "touch" museum in the Pierce Landis House on the grounds of the Pennsylvania Farm Museum, and donated close to \$10,000 to upstart the project. Since 1987, Hands-on House has served Lancaster County and its visitors as a not-for-profit educational center which creates and provides interactive learning opportunities for all children and families through self-directed exhibits and programs.

Aaron's Acres has provided individuals with special needs ages 5-21 year-round, therapeutically based, age-appropriate recreational programs directly by specially trained and certified staff in a supportive environment since 1998. While not an original JLL project, the League partnered with Aaron's Acres for 5+ years by offering its volunteer services toward facilitating Aaron's Acres School Year Program, as well as its Summer Carnival.

Learn more about joining the JLL, as well as its projects, programs, and fundraisers, at www.jllancaster.org.



Hands-on House Children's Museum Executive Director Lynne Morrison (3rd from left) accepts check from JLL members (l-r) 90th Anniversary Celebration Committee Co-Chairs Ann Carter and Bev Breniser, President Amy Hartz, and Immediate Past President Noelle Fassnacht.



Aaron's Acres Executive Director Risa Paskoff (2nd from left) accepts check from JLL members (l-r) Bev Breniser, President Amy Hartz, and Ann Carter.

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ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER: Established in 1923, the JLL 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 JLL 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.

MISSION: The JLL 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.