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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **JUNIOR LEAGUE OF JACKSONVILLE BRINGS THE DERBY TO DUVAL**

*First Coast residents can enjoy derby-inspired celebration while giving back to the community*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 25, 2019) – It's that time of year to pull out your best dress hats and bowties - the Derby is coming to Duval! Join the Junior League of Jacksonville as it transforms the Sheraton Jacksonville into Churchill Downs on May 4, during its fourth annual Jockeys and Juleps event. Celebrate the most exciting two minutes of sports, the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kentucky Derby, while helping to raise funds for First Coast families battling food insecurity.

#### **Jockeys & Juleps**

4-7 p.m.

Saturday, May 4

Sheraton Jacksonville

10605 Deerwood Park Boulevard, Jacksonville, Fla. 32256

Guests are encouraged to wear their derby-best, as the League will host its big hat and best bowtie competition with prizes. Guests will be able to enjoy music, patio games, raffle, a silent auction and more!

Ticket prices start at \$60, and include unlimited wine, beer and signature Derby-inspired cocktails, and dine on mouthwatering Kentucky-themed appetizers such as Bourbon Meatballs, Kentucky Hot Brown Sandwiches and Pecan Pie. VIP tables are also available for \$425, which includes six tickets and a bottle of rosé. Guests must be at least 21-years-old to attend.

Funds raised from the event will be used to support the Junior League of Jacksonville's mission and signature community initiative, Fresh Minds – a tiered program approach to eliminating the 26 food deserts in our local community. The initiative is driven by three key pillars: increasing sustainable food availability through creating and nurturing urban gardens and providing aid to local food banks, providing nutrition and health education to children and parents, and through the shaping of public policy. To learn more about this initiative, please visit the [Junior League website](#).

#### **About The Junior League of Jacksonville**

*The Junior League of Jacksonville (JLJ) is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, 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. During its rich history of over 95 years, JLJ has contributed over 1 million hours of service to our community and founded countless institutions in Jacksonville. For additional information about JLJ, visit [www.jljacksonville.org](http://www.jljacksonville.org) or call (904) 387-9927.*