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Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun partners with CFNEA *Endowment Fund entrusted to Community Foundation*

The Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun is proud to announce their Endowment Fund has been entrusted to the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama.

This partnership is a forward-looking commitment from the Junior League to the community—earnings from the fund will provide financial stability to the League and enable the League to provide dependable charitable support to the community while supporting the mission of the League.

The Endowment Fund began in 1991 as a memorial to honor the late Mary Comer Hobbs. Mrs. Hobbs was a founding member of the Anniston/Calhoun Junior Service League and the only Honorary Life Member. She was a leader in encouraging members to raise their sights, broaden their vision, and therefore to seek and work for affiliation with the Association of Junior Leagues International. Thanks to her commitment, The Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun was admitted to the national Association in April 1992. The initial contribution to the Endowment Fund was given by Ms. Betty Potts in May 1991.

“Our League exists because of the vision and dedication of many members before us and we are honored to follow in their footsteps,” said League president, Lana Smith. “We believe this partnership will build on their foundation to support our mission of empowering women.”

The Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun 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. League members direct their volunteer efforts to the current community impact focus area; Developing the Potential of Women, through hands-on volunteer activities, as well as collaborative efforts with other community organizations. The League also provides a supportive environment for training tomorrow's female community leaders while enabling our members to forge lasting friendships. As part of the League's focus area, the League and Anniston City Schools have embarked upon a new initiative called Girls Graduate (G2), to increase the graduation rate of girls at Anniston High School. G2 is a mentor-based program that will focus on girls who are at risk of not graduating.

For more information about the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun visit www.jlanniston.org.

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The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama is a qualified 501(c) (3) public charity recognized by the Attorney General of Alabama and the Internal Revenue Service. The Foundation is one of more than 780 community foundations in the United States organized to promote and build permanent endowments on behalf of their regional area. The Foundation's mission is to achieve positive change through the generosity of donors, now and for generations to come. The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama works with individuals and communities through partnerships, collaborations and initiatives to design funds that help people invest in the causes they care about most. The Community Foundation administers 165 charitable funds with over \$40 million in assets. Since 1999, more than \$15 million has been awarded in grants and scholarships throughout northeast Alabama. To learn more visit www.yourcommunityfirst.org.

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