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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF TUSCALOOSA ELECTS FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRESIDENT

League Announces 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Tuscaloosa, Ala. – The Junior League of Tuscaloosa elects the first African-American President in the League's 89-year history on Monday, May 14th at 6 p.m. in their annual meeting held in Christ Episcopal Church. Karen Thompson, who has been a member of the Junior League of Tuscaloosa for nine years and held numerous positions on the Board of Directors, will serve as President for the 2018-19 year.

"It's an honor to do what I love, which is taking on a role as a servant leader for an organization of women that has an inspirational mission, vision, and impact on our community," said Thompson. "I have never felt more empowered than when I am with the women of the Junior League."

Thompson is the Executive Director of Temporary Emergency Services Inc. and has been leading the organization for 27 years. Commonly known as TES, the non-profit assists individuals and families in emergency situations. She holds a Bachelors and Masters of Social Work from The University of Alabama, where she is an adjunct faculty member in the School of Social Work and is currently enrolled in the PhD program. Thompson has three adult daughters: Antoinette, Chelsie, and Jazmine, who live across the United States.

In addition to electing Karen Thompson as President, the League also welcomed its 2018-2019 Board of Directors.

The 2018-2019 Board of Directors includes:

President: Karen Thompson

President Elect: Ashley Olive

Executive Vice President-Elect: Peyton Cork

Community Vice President: Jennifer Hayes

Communications Vice President: Jane Bailey Cooper

Membership Vice President: Jackson Boyd

Financial Vice President: Patricia Powe

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Fund Development Vice President: Anna Burns

Corresponding Secretary: Martha Griffith

Recording Secretary: Rachel Jones

Sustainer Advisor: Niccole Poole

Member-at-Large, Ex-Officio: Jennifer Colburn

Member-at-Large, Ex-Officio: Jaime Conger

This team of women will lead the Junior League of Tuscaloosa through both fundraising and service initiatives designed to have lasting societal impact on the West Alabama Community.

The Junior League of Tuscaloosa (jltuscaloosa.org) is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. #needitdone #askawomanjlt

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