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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF INDIAN RIVER**  
**PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP CLASS DONATE TIME AND TALENT, AS WELL AS THEIR  
PROJECT BUDGET TO HIBISCUS CHILDREN'S CENTER**

**Vero Beach, Fla. – December 9, 2011** – Each year the Junior League of Indian River welcomes in new members. A Provisional Members class is held and new members work together to learn the specifics of the Junior League organization, and how they engage the Indian River County community. Ultimately new members are assigned a Community Impact Project (CIP). This year's class chose the Hibiscus Children's Center, and hosted a Well Women Career Workshop.

Working with 9 girls, from the Hibiscus Children's Center, ages 12-18 years in age, a Career Workshop was set up in the recreation room of the Center. There were three main stations set up to work closely with the girls on personal and career skills. After ice-breakers and introductions, the girls made their way to the hygiene station, reviewing the importance of taking care of yourself and presenting yourself in a clean and well-kept manner. Interview basics were reviewed at the next station, which included what to wear, and what not to wear to an interview. All participated in a Yoga session, emphasizing the need to be physically fit. Everyone participated and seemed to really enjoy the day. One of the girls in attendance wanted to use her allowance to buy a yoga mat and video. For the final station, they were treated to a Computer lab, where they all worked on, and completed a resume.

The Provisional Members were provided a tour of the Center and campus. Lisa Deleon, Program Coordinator of the Career Pathways to Independence program, at the Center, explained the challenges these young girls/women face, and where they've come from. Lisa further explained that their biggest need at the Center, is mentors. Each provisional member of the JLIR personally contributed snacks and gifts for the event. Utilizing their own personal resources, made it possible for them to donate their entire project budget directly to the Hibiscus Children's Center. A check was presented to Lisa Deleon, at the Junior League of Indian River's General Membership Meeting, by Lindsey Goodall, President of JLIR.

This provided an opportunity for new members to Junior League of Indian River to learn what it means to be a volunteer, and accomplish their own Community Impact Project. These new members to Junior League are well on their way to helping improve the lives of those in need, in Indian River County.

The Junior League of Indian River identifies needs within the community and develops projects that address those needs. Several key events this year will be our annual fundraisers: Oktoberfest and Tour of Homes, that raise funds needed to support our Community Impact Projects which benefit a variety of local organizations, and the Whole Child Connection, the League's newest ground-floor initiative. More information regarding membership opportunities, community impact projects or the Whole Child Connection can be found by visiting [www.JLIR.org](http://www.JLIR.org).