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A Christmas Affair 2012
The Twelve Days of Christmas

Austin, TX – August 2, 2012 -- The Junior League of Austin is proud to announce details for its annual event, A Christmas Affair. The 2012 A Christmas Affair, “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” will be held at the Palmer Events Center November 15-18th.

This year’s four-day holiday market inspires us to reflect on how The Twelve Days of Christmas impacts our community by sustaining 12 months of giving back by The Junior League of Austin through programs such as Coats for Kids and FIT (Food In Tummies), along with other selected community projects for 2012-2013. Over 200 merchants from across the country have been hand-selected to participate in this four-day holiday market which is the largest of its kind produced by any Junior League in the country. First held in 1976 at the Driskill Hotel, this is the 37th year A Christmas Affair has been a vital part of fundraising in the Austin community.

More than 30,000 people are expected to attend A Christmas Affair 2012, and all of the money raised will enable The Junior League of Austin to provide substantial financial and volunteer support to the community throughout the year. From decorations to invitations, brunches to tea room lunches, nearly 1,000 volunteers help make A Christmas Affair possible. The 2012 volunteer committee is well underway in its efforts to execute another successful event, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Schedule of Events
* Market Days - Four consecutive days, open to the public, where guests may shop. Market hours are Thursday, November 15th from noon-9:00p.m.; Friday, November 16th from 10:00a.m.-9:00p.m.; Saturday, November 17th from 10:00a.m.-7:00p.m.; and Sunday, November 18th from 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Tickets are $15 per guest, which includes a free shuttle service to and from Barton Creek Mall for ample, hassle-free parking. Children 5 years
and under may enter at no charge for regular market hours; tickets are required for events. Strollers and/or pull carts are not allowed in the venue.

* A Christmas Affair opens at 7:30p.m., Wednesday, November 14th with a black-tie gala, On the First Night of A Christmas Affair. Guests will enjoy private shopping, silent auction, delicious food, and open bar. Tickets for this event are $150 per guest. Sponsorships are also available which include an invitation to a Red Carpet VIP Champagne Reception and early auction bidding around the main tree!

* Thursday, November 15th will begin with a fabulous brunch, a historical favorite, that includes 3-hours of private shopping. Marche de Noel Brunch is from 9:00a.m. to Noon. Tickets for this event are $60 per guest.

* Girls' Night Out is Thursday, November 15th from 6:30p.m. to 10:00p.m. All the Ladies Dancing will be an experience that you will not want to miss. Enjoy shopping, a silent auction just for the girls, appetizer buffet, cash bar and music to dance the night away! Tickets are $50 per guest.

* A tearoom will be located on the upper level serving fabulous meals from Thursday through Sunday of the event. Tickets are $15 per guest.

* Friday evening, November 16th, kicks off our 26th annual Coats for Kids drive with Family Movie Night! Guests will enjoy a fun, interactive movie and sing-a-long, food, and great prizes. Tickets are $25 per guest. Please bring your new or gently used coat to help kick off our coat-drive this year! Recommended for ages 5+.

* Breakfast with Santa is always a favorite! Each year A Christmas Affair hosts several fun morning events focused on children. This year will be no different. On Friday, November 16th, from 9:00a.m. to 10:30a.m., bring your little drummer boys and girls to enjoy breakfast with Santa featuring the entertainment of Mr. Will. Saturday, November 17th, from 9:00a.m. to 10:30a.m., your little turtledoves can fly away with Santa for breakfast while enjoying the entertainment of Joe McDermott. Sunday, November 18th, from 10:00a.m. to 11:30a.m., your leaping lords and ladies can enjoy the entertainment of the Austin City Ballet while having breakfast with Santa. Tickets are $25 per guest and required for kids of all ages.

Founded in 1934, The Junior League of Austin is an organization of more than 2,200 women committed to promoting voluntarism, 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. On an annual basis, The Junior League of Austin contributes substantial financial support to the Austin community and its members volunteer approximately 100,000 hours. Each dollar given to the community through the League is tripled in value by our volunteers' time. For more information about The Junior League of Austin, call (512) 467-8982 or visit www.jlaustin.org.