



## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

*Women building better communities*

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### **Junior League funding a family-friendly patient care room at the new Frances Nelson Health Center**

**On Tuesday July 25, 2006**, The Junior League of Champaign-Urbana presented a donation of \$12,000 to Frances Nelson Health Center (FNHC) to furnish a family-friendly patient examination room at the new clinic construction site at in Champaign, IL. The relocation and expansion of Frances Nelson Health Center to the new 13,100-square-foot facility will feature 17 exam rooms and accommodate an estimated 6,500 additional patient visits during its first two years of operation.

Shelley Williams, JLCU president stated, *"The Junior League of Champaign-Urbana works to improve the lives of children and families in our community. By helping the Francis Nelson Community Health Center provide the opportunity for greater access to much needed health care, we are ensuring a better quality of life for those who are served. With this in mind, the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana is pleased to be funding one of the new exam rooms at the Francis Nelson Community Health Center."*

Thousands of individuals in our community are uninsured, underinsured or simply cannot afford the services provided by medical providers. Frances Nelson Health Center (FNHC) was established to provide affordable primary health care to the low-income families of Champaign County regardless of a patient's insurance status or ability to pay. FNHC provides preventative care, treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, prenatal and women's health care, well-child and well-baby care, immunizations, STD testing, health and nutrition education, social services and personal counseling, and medication assistance programs.

The Junior League check presentation event was at 2:00 pm at the construction site of the new Frances Nelson Community Health Center at the southeast corner of Prospect Avenue and Bloomington Road in Champaign (the old Leath Furniture store). Construction is underway with dry wall being installed and steel beams defining the new clinic rooms. The new center is on schedule to open in November 2006 to serve more patients.

Barbara Dunn, the Executive Director of Frances Nelson accepted the donation from Shelley Williams of the Junior League. This event kicks off an additional fundraising campaign that Frances Nelson and the United Way of Champaign County are conducting to find other businesses and organizations that will take the lead from Junior League and help to provide the final stage of funding for the clinic. The Junior League was the first organization to fund the furnishings for a patient room and this announcement will hopefully spur other generous supporters and contributors from the community.

The Junior League of Champaign-Urbana (JLCU) is a charitable, non-profit organization of more than 400 trained women volunteers. As one of 293 members of the Associations of Junior Leagues International, the resources and influence of the JLCU extend beyond our local community – to state, national, and international levels. Locally, JLCU's current projects include League Locker, Reading Buddies, and Books by the Bushel/Headstart, and Done in a Day.

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