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**Junior League of DeKalb County Receives Major Gift from Fidelity Bank  
For Preservation of the Historic Mary Gay House**

Decatur, Ga – October 27, 2010 – The Junior League of DeKalb County received a major gift from Fidelity Bank for the continued preservation of the Mary Gay House, one of the oldest homes in DeKalb County. The gift’s announcement was made on October 17<sup>th</sup> at a community celebration marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restoration of the historic structure.

The Mary Gay House dates from the early 1820s. The Junior League successfully moved, rebuilt and restored the house, which now serves as a community event venue and the League’s headquarters.

The League is launching a capital campaign to raise \$175,000 to fund major repairs and improvements to the House. Campaign funds will support projects ranging from waterproofing the basement and replacing the patio and kitchen to repairing and restoring the original floors.

Mary Hinkel, chair of the campaign, remarked:

“The Mary Gay House provides a looking glass back through time for current and future generations. In addition, hundreds of women, starting with Mary Gay, have gone forth from the house to serve the community and make DeKalb County a better place to live.

We are grateful for the support of Fidelity Bank, especially at the beginning of our campaign. Their gift recognizes the League’s stewardship of this historic treasure and serves as a vote of confidence in our being able to continue to maintain the house for the benefit of future generations.

At one time, the Mary Gay House and Fidelity Bank were neighbors in downtown Decatur. We are pleased that our former neighbor is stepping forward to support our campaign.”

The Junior League of DeKalb County, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Past League projects include establishing the Callanwolde Guild, DeKalb Council for the Arts, DeKalb Rape Crisis Center, Mini-Grants for Excellence in Education, A Space of My Open and the International Women’s House.

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