



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
GREATER SPRINGFIELD, MA**  
*Women building better communities*

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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD PARTNERS WITH  
PROSPECT HOUSE SHELTER TO HELP HOMELESS FAMILIES**

**Springfield, MA**--Junior League of Greater Springfield, Inc. will help the Prospect House Shelter obtain both interior and exterior goods and services. This year's Provisional Class, the newest members of the Junior League, have organized and rallied for community support for donations of home and garden items. All collected materials will be presented to the Prospect House Shelter on the reveal day on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Prospect House Shelter located at 103 Prospect Street in Springfield, Massachusetts. JLGS members are asking the community to "Give Big" to this local shelter which houses nine families and is operated by the Housing Assistance Program.

The Junior League is asking the community for the following items to be donated: new twin-sized mattresses, new pillows, twin-sized sheets and blankets, curtains 84 inches in length, kitchen and serving utensils, pots and pans, basic cutlery, kitchen cabinet doors, mulch and flowers. All donated items, except for pillows and mattresses, may be new or gently used. Please donate all items by Thursday, May 8, 2008. For donation pick up, please contact Shana at 413-567-0490 or Devon at 413-567-5180.

On Saturday, May 10, 2008 the JLGS will participate in an outdoor cleanup on the Prospect House property, including raking and bagging leaves, shoveling mulch and planting flowers. In addition, all collected donations will be presented to the residents of the Prospect House Shelter. All members of the Junior League's provisional class are involved in this meaningful project, and will be in attendance for a short historical presentation by the Prospect House staff.

The Junior League of Greater Springfield, MA Inc., is an organization of 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. This year's community projects include the JLGS Financial Literacy Project, "Kids in the Kitchen," a nationwide initiative to address childhood obesity and nutrition, the JLGS Read Aloud at Edward P. Boland School, the Annual JL Scholarship, and numerous smaller "Done in a Day"

events. Some of these projects include clothing drives, food drives, book drives, as well as participating in the United Way's "Day of Caring," and meeting the needs of the community at the Ronald McDonald House, the Gray House, the Prospect House and the Cancer House of Hope.

The Junior League of Greater Springfield is comprised of women who are committed to making a difference in their community and invites all women 21 years of age and over to learn more about the Junior League by calling the office at 413-781-2545 or by visiting the Junior League's website at: [www.jlgs.org](http://www.jlgs.org).

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