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JLP SUSTAINER JUDY SHANNON HONORED AS VALLEY LEADERSHIP'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR

(Phoenix, March 16, 2015)—Judy Shannon, a sustaining member of The Junior League of Phoenix, will be honored at the 66th Annual Man & Woman of the Year Luncheon by Valley Leadership on March 19. Judy has credited her involvement with JLP and the Board of Visitors with her leadership development. Tommy Espinoza will be honored alongside Judy as Man of the Year. Tickets can be purchased online at www.valleyleadership.org.

Judy's bio is below.

A near native Phoenician, Judy Shannon's entry into the world of community relations started in 1963, at the age of 19, when she began working with Bill Shover at The Arizona Republic/Phoenix Gazette. With grace, humility, and diplomacy, she ultimately launched her own volunteer path, one she has pursued for more than four decades.

Judy is admired, beloved and highly recruited because she is a skilled and respected leader. In every way, she is an inspiration to those she serves and those with whom she serves. She is a role model to an upcoming generation yet continues to make an impact today in significant ways and on multiple fronts. As chairman of virtually every organization she serves and in her own inimitable and enviable style of leadership, Judy focuses on mission fulfillment and fundraising.

Two premiere organizations, **The Junior League of Phoenix** and The Board of Visitors, have been gifted with Judy's leadership and involvement for dozens of years. The combined achievements and contributions of these two organizations are unparalleled and Judy has been at the heart of multitudes of initiatives adopted by each.

She has also been involved in raising millions of dollars, collectively, for Barrow Neurological Institute, Arizona Kidney Foundation, Steele Children's Research Center and others. Her dedication to health care further extends to St. Luke's Health Initiatives where she has served in critical positions of leadership. She played an integral role in the concept, development and opening of Ryan House, designed to provide respite and palliative care to children with life-threatening conditions, the only facility of its kind in America.

Her efforts for the Phoenix Union High School District included working on a major bond election and lobbying state legislators in support of key initiatives. She has served on the Arizona Children's Trust, Arizona Community Foundation and more.

Judy's efforts have always been tethered to her family as a supportive wife to Ross and actively involved in the lives of daughters Leslie and Stacey. In every way, she has poured her heart and soul into our valley and made it a better, stronger place for all of us.

Her legacy is deeply rooted in each of the organizations that have made our valley what it is today. Judy is an inspiration, a champion for all the right causes, a volunteer who is past due her recognition . . . and a community treasure to cherish.

About Valley Leadership

Valley Leadership, the largest and most established leadership development organization in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area, is dedicated to engaging, educating and challenging current and emerging leaders to take an active role in strengthening and transforming communities. Through year-round programming and activities, Valley Leadership raises awareness and deepens understanding about the complexities of cultivating a thriving community while encouraging and empowering individuals to take action.

About The Junior League of Phoenix

The Junior League of Phoenix, Inc. is an organization of almost 1,000 women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the Valley of the Sun through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, JLP has invested millions in the community and contributes over 75,000 volunteer hours annually. Current league programs are structured around the JLP's focus area of "Building a Healthy Arizona."

For more information about The Junior League of Phoenix, please visit www.jlp.org or call The Junior League of Phoenix Headquarters at (602) 234-3388.

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