

JLP presents a \$2,500 check to UMOM, New Day Centers to support damage repairs caused by recent storms. From left: **Bianca Cords**, JLP community team leader, **Anne Hoffman**, 2014-16 JLP president, **Karen Fletcher**, UMOM chief development officer, **Lara Lennaman**, JLP director of operations, and **Kelly Kaysonepheth**, communications and marketing team leader.

## Junior League of Phoenix Donates \$2,500 to UMOM Organization

Donation Will Support Damage Repairs Caused By Recent Storms

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PHOENIX, AZ (October 9, 2014) — The Junior League of Phoenix is proud to announce a \$2,500 donation to UMOM, New Day Centers. The Junior League of Phoenix is dedicated to providing service and support throughout the Valley to positively impact the lives of families and individuals every day. This specific donation will aid in repairing damages at UMOM caused by flood damage from recent storms.

Founded in 1964, UMOM is the largest homeless shelter for families in Arizona. UMOM provides a continuum of care from emergency shelter to transitional housing and finally, permanent, affordable housing. Families at UMOM have the opportunity to gain the skills, medical care, quality childcare, and education they need to rebuild their lives and succeed when they leave.

UMOM estimated \$100,000 dollars in damage from nonstop rain in late September that left several inches of water on the ground, which seeped into rooms on the bottom floor during the night. Damage also includes a completely ruined elevator and a partial roof collapse of the child care building.

The JLP's donation will be matched by The Bob and Renee Parsons Foundation, which has offered to match any donation made up to \$100,000.

"The Junior League of Phoenix has been a supporter of UMOM for several years. We have worked closely with them on several community projects and consider them a strong partner," said Tasha Sharp, JLP Board Director. "The Junior League was heartbroken to see the damage done by the storms a few weeks ago to the shelters. UMOM has helped so many in our community; we knew it was our turn to help UMOM. The Junior League is thrilled to donate \$2,500 to help recovery efforts."