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Judy Hsu to Emcee Junior League of Chicago Annual Gala *Event celebrates 25 years of volunteer service in support of The Women's Treatment Center*

CHICAGO – February 8, 2016 – The Junior League of Chicago (JLC) is pleased to announce Judy Hsu, co-anchor of ABC7 News This Morning, as the emcee for the 2016 Annual Gala on Saturday, March 5. Located at the Chicago Cultural Center, this year's signature fundraising event will honor and celebrate the JLC's 25-year partnership with The Women's Treatment Center (TWTC).

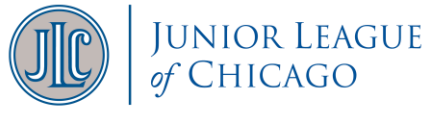
"We are thrilled to have Judy joining us for our annual Gala," said Ann Brinkman Carstensen, President of the Junior League of Chicago. "Judy's interest in healthy families and commitment to giving back to the Chicago community align perfectly with the Junior League's mission."

For more than 100 years, the Junior League of Chicago has inspired women from diverse backgrounds to become leading catalysts for change in our community. Through the development of timely programming, JLC volunteers address issues facing women and children in Chicago through impassioned giving and the establishment of trusted volunteer partnerships. The JLC has provided volunteer support for TWTC since 1991, contributing approximately 50 volunteer hours per month to help women at TWTC develop the skills they need to live independent, sober lives. Volunteer programming at TWTC encourages wholesome family fun and helps foster healthy relationships.

"I am so looking forward to celebrating the continued dedication of the Junior League of Chicago in making a difference in our community" Judy said. "As a mom of four young kids, I deeply share their commitment of helping women and families, and creating a better Chicago!"

During the 2016 Annual Gala, the JLC will announce additional community events that aim to raise awareness for the prevalence of addiction in Chicago and celebrate the 25 years of service and partnership with the Women's Treatment Center. Tickets for Gala are still available, starting at \$175 per ticket. Gala guests will enjoy a dinner reception with premium open bar, live entertainment, and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the mission of the Junior League of Chicago and its programs to support at-risk women and children. To purchase tickets, visit www.jlchicago.org.

- **When:** Saturday, March 5, from 7 PM – 12 AM
- **Where:** Chicago Cultural Center - Preston Bradley Hall
- **Attire:** Black Tie



About Judy Hsu

Recently nominated for her 16th Emmy, Judy Hsu continues to lead Chicago as the most tenured morning news anchor. Judy was thrilled to return to her hometown in 2001 to join ABC7 Chicago, the powerhouse station she watched while growing up in the northern suburbs.

Judy's roots in the Windy City takes her back to elementary school. Her family immigrated to Chicago from Taiwan when she was 11 years old. From living in Chicago's Chinatown, to Rogers Park, to Morton Grove, to later attending U of I in Champaign and landing an on-air reporting job with WCIA-TV the day after graduation, Judy truly embodies the spirit of the American Dream success story.

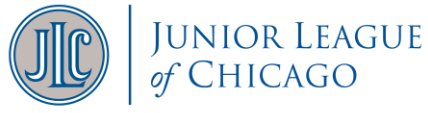
As ABC7's primary anchor in the mornings, Judy has been a part of just about every major story in Chicago. Most recently, she was on the anchor desk during the Blizzard of 2015; she delivered wall-to-wall coverage on "CPD in Crisis"; she broadcast the last interview with Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy; she scored the first interview with Illinois' First Lady Diana Rauner. From politics to education, from newsmakers to our local neighbors, Judy has been telling stories about the greater Chicago area for the last 15 years. She has been awarded multiple Emmys for her reporting and nominated for "Outstanding Performance" as an anchor. She is especially grateful for the recognition of her parenting segment, "For Your Family", which was nominated for "Outstanding Achievement for Informational Programming" the first year after Judy began producing and anchoring it at ABC7.

Before joining ABC7, Judy anchored the 4pm weekday newscast at KFMB-TV in San Diego. She joined the CBS affiliate as a general assignment reporter just 18 months after college. Her on-air strength in handling breaking news combined with her natural ability to connect with viewers quickly earned her a promotion to the weekend anchor desk. Soon, Judy was tapped to anchor the station's top rated weekday 4pm news. Prior to moving to Southern California, Judy was a general assignment reporter downstate at WCIA-TV in Champaign-Urbana where she began her broadcast career.

Since coming back to Chicago, Judy has devoted much of her free time to working with community organizations. She has emceed numerous events for the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Chicago Fire Department, 100 Club of Chicago, DuPage Children's Museum, Metropolitan Family Services, Walk the Walk for Autism, American Lung Association, 101 Best and Brightest Companies, to name a few. She currently chairs the advisory board for Chicago's Chinese American Service League, the largest Asian American social service agency in the Midwest. She also sits on the Community Memorial Foundation's Regional Health and Human Services Advisory Council in DuPage County. In addition to her community involvement, one of Judy's passions remains speaking to schoolchildren about the importance of pursuing their dreams!

Judy resides in the western suburbs with her husband and four children.

Catch Judy weekday mornings from 4:30am-7:00am on ABC7 Eyewitness News. Connect with one of Chicago's fastest growing broadcast journalists on social media anytime on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @JudyHsuABC7.



About the Women’s Treatment Center:

The Women’s Treatment Center is an Illinois 501(c)(3) agency, located on Chicago’s Near West side, established to provide a comprehensive family-based treatment program for women 18+ who are battling addiction. The WTC is the only substance abuse treatment center in the state focused solely on women and specializing in treatment that is framed and informed by women's issues. Their continuum of care enables women to transition from addiction to recovery, with the ultimate goal of rebuilding families who will lead productive lives. For more information, visit <http://www.womenstreatmentcenter.org>.

About Junior League of Chicago

Junior League of Chicago, Inc. (JLC) is a metropolitan organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Since 1912, JLC has been building a better Chicago by training our members to be leaders and by providing valuable volunteer service hours and critical funding to area nonprofits. This year, more than 1,500 JLC members will contribute more than 50,000 hours of volunteer service annually for Chicago area projects that focus on at- risk families, especially women and children. The JLC reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to volunteerism. For more information about the Junior League of Chicago, visit www.jlchicago.org. Connect with the JLC on social media anytime on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @JuniorLeagueChi.

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