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Junior League Hosts 3rd Annual Career Fair, Holiday Social for Women Recovering from Addiction

As part of its *Women's Independence Project*, the Junior League of Fort Wayne (JLFW) will host its third annual Career Fair and Holiday Social from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012 at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art for residents of Hope House and the Transitions program of the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau.

Since 2008, JLFW's *Women's Independence Project* has collaborated with Hope House and the Women's Bureau to empower women to feel confident in their employment search after completing recovery programs for addiction. JLFW works to train residents in areas including: resume writing, dressing for success, completing job applications, interviewing skills, and dependability and attitude.

The Career Fair and Holiday Social is an opportunity for Hope House and Transitions residents to explore various careers from area businesses, apply the skills they learned in *Women's Independence Project* classes and to celebrate the holidays with those supporting them through their recovery process. Employers, community volunteers and JLFW members will be at the event.

"The Career Fair and Holiday Social is truly a rewarding experience for all who attend," said JLFW President Laura Antil. "The residents who attend gain information about a wide variety of careers and how to pursue those options, and the volunteers have the opportunity to socialize with the women and witness how JLFW's training through *Women's Independence Project* classes has elevated their confidence as they work through the recovery process and towards gainful employment."

The Career Fair and Holiday Social is only open to residents of Hope House and Transitions, but community volunteers interested in helping at the event can contact the JLFW office at (260) 387-5592 or email office@jlfw.org.

About the Junior League of Fort Wayne

JLFW has served the community for more than 70 years, and 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 educational and charitable with a vision to be the leading force in better futures for women and children. The office is at 1010 Memorial Way, Suite 104, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. For more information, visit JLFW's website www.jlfw.org.

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