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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF POUGHKEEPSIE AWARDS TWO \$500 GRANTS

Arts Mid-Hudson and United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region are this year's recipients.

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY, May 3, 2022 – The Junior League of Poughkeepsie is honored to award Arts Mid-Hudson and United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region as the 2022 Community Grant recipients.

Arts Mid-Hudson's mission is to provide vision and leadership to support thriving and diverse arts in the Mid-Hudson Valley. They value the abundant presence of art in the Mid-Hudson Valley and its ability to uplift, empower and engage. They honor diversity and celebrate creativity. Arts Mid-Hudson is committed to playing a central role in supporting and promoting all of the arts in the communities they serve. Their work focuses on developing practices that benefit all artists as advocates and mentors to encourage and support their artistic expression. They continue to create programming that promotes and attracts all underrepresented talent that reflects an unbiased vision.

The United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in the community. The United Way serves the community's most vulnerable in the Dutchess and Orange counties, including low-income families, veterans, immigrants, survivors of domestic abuse, individuals fighting mental health and substance abuse challenges, and others facing crisis. Last year alone, they impacted the lives of more than 232,000 people in the region. Their current programs include a Day of Sharing, Volunteer Initiative (Make a Difference Day, Day of Action, MLK Day of Service, National Volunteer Week), Financial Literacy Workshops, and other programs such as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) work, Crisis Response, Workforce Development Initiative, Women's Initiative, and Anti-Poverty work.

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From Left to Right: Melissa Clark, Rebecca Gebman (Chair), and Meghan Lambert of the Junior League of Poughkeepsie Grant's Committee, Lisa Fiorese, Director of Administration of Arts Mid-Hudson, and Isabella Hulihan, Marketing/Outreach VISTA of United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region

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Founded in 1919, the Junior League of Poughkeepsie is committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League of Poughkeepsie is a volunteer organization for women interested in making an impact in their community.

The Junior League of Poughkeepsie is a member of The Association of Junior Leagues International, an organization of transformational female leaders who set bold goals, open their circles, disrupt convention and change the conversation for the betterment of civil society. Today, there are Leagues across the United States, Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

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