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“Rochester Junior Woman’s Club had a Busy Year!”

Rochester, MI – (July 31, 2011) -- The Rochester Junior Woman’s Club has had a busy year! From September to June they donated more than \$24,000.00 to charitable organizations, provided countless hours of hands-on volunteer hours, and had a little fun as well!

Their year kicked off in early September, when they participated in the Art and Apples festival where their signature Apple Blossoms and Fresh Squeezed Lemonade raised funds for the Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Then on September 25th they held their annual Lobster Boil where they sold more than 1300 lobsters and raised funds for Blessings in a Backpack, Rochester PTA Council’s Rachel’s Challenge Program and the Stoney Creek Schoolhouse Interpretation at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm and the OPC. The end of the year brought their annual Christmas Auction which raised funds for Rochester Area Neighborhood House.

The members kicked off the New Year with their annual Card Party in February which raised funds for Crittenton Hospital’s Camisole Program. This was followed in March when they hosted their annual Ladies Luncheon and Shopping Boutique at the Royal Park Hotel, raising additional funds for the Blessings in a Backpack, Rochester PTA Council’s Rachel’s Challenge Program and the Stoney Creek Schoolhouse Interpretation at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. In May, they presented two

scholarships to area high school students through the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester. And, in June they finished their year by participating in the Rochester Relay for Life where they raised funds for the American Cancer Society.

But, that wasn't all for the members of RJWC! If all of the check writing didn't keep them busy enough, they also provided countless hands-on hours to other local organizations including: hosting exhibition openings at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, serving meals and assisting a special events at the Older Persons Commission including their "Sock Hop", "Island Party" and "Gangsters and Hot Babes" events. The members also assisted with the pumpkin carving station at the Stonewall Pumpkin Festival at the Rochester Hills Museum, helped out at the Halloween Hoot at Dinosaur Hill, assisted shoppers at the Neighborhood House Christmas Shopping Program, decorated Dinosaur Hill for the holidays, sold Daffodils for Dinosaur Hill and sponsored the May Community Kitchen at the Rochester Community House.

During the busy year, RJWC also sponsored the Rochester Hills Arbor Day Tree planting at the School House at Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, assisted South Oakland Shelter in their "Hope for the Holidays" toy drive program, modeled for the Village of Rochester Hills Fashion Show benefiting Meadow Brook Hall, supported "Barb's Battalion" bingo fundraiser for the Race for a Cure, participated in the Parisian Charity Sales and modeled for the Green Living Festival.

And, since RJWC doesn't believe in "all work - no play" they did a few things just for the fun of it! They built a scarecrow, "Josie the Junior" as part of the Rochester Hills Museum's "Scarecrows in the City," attended the Sunrise Pinnacle awards, hosted a Spa night, put on a Progressive Dinner for the members and their significant others, they attended the Community Outlook Luncheon, took a self defense class, hosted a monthly book club, took a stained glass class, attended Luncheon on the Aisles for Meadow Brook Theatre, celebrated their 55th anniversary and ended the year with a lovely dinner at Meadow Brook Hall.

As you can see, contributing to the growth and vitality of the community is the core of the Rochester Junior Woman's Club! Founded in 1956, they currently have approximately eighty women who are committed to serving the needs of the community.

For over 50 years the Rochester Junior Woman's Club has contributed to the growth and vitality of the community through volunteer service and donation of funds to local charities and organizations. Since its inception, the Rochester Junior Woman's Club has donated more than 1 million hours of community service and raised more than \$760,000 to support the local community.

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