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## **THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF TROY PARTNERS WITH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO SET UP AN ENDOWMENT FUND FOR VANDERHEYDEN**

*To honor the memory of Polly Freihofer Mason's dedication to the girls at Vanderheyden*

Wynantskill, NY - The Junior League of Troy, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League has presented a \$15,000 check to the Community Foundation to place in the Junior League of Troy Polly Freihofer Mason Legacy Fund. The Fund will benefit a girl's residential cottage on the Vanderheyden campus. The young girls that live at Vanderheyden encompassed the League's mission and a close relationship was established many years ago. So close, that one of the cottages was named for the past president and long-time member of the Junior League - Polly Mason. Every holiday the League would make sure the girls of Polly's Cottage had their wish lists fulfilled.

Polly Mason was an educator and active member of the community. She was a member of the Junior League for over 50 years. She was a unique individual who left an indelible imprint on the hearts and minds of everyone she met. Her generous heart and spirit, inner strength and pure joy of life were captivating to all that met her. Polly passed away last year but her support and dedication to the young girls at Polly's Cottage will live on with this evergreen fund.

"We are so appreciative to Polly, The Junior League of Troy and its members for their years of dedication to Vanderheyden. The impact that they made has created a better life for the girls we serve at Polly's Cottage. We are very grateful to the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region for their professional expertise in creating and managing the endowment in Polly's memory for many years to come," said President & CEO Karen Carpenter Palumbo.

**Vanderheyden** began as the Troy Orphan Asylum in 1833 and has been providing services for more than 185 years. Today our facilities offer a safe haven for youth, adults and families who have experienced family disruption, trauma, abuse, emotional difficulty, developmental disability and learning problems. The Richard A. Desrochers Educational Center at Vanderheyden is a Regents accredited 7-12 grade program. It provides education to individuals who are at risk of not succeeding at school, and those in need of a special education. Vanderheyden is a designated Children and Family Treatment and Support Services Provider (CFTSS). The agency is committed to a family focused, trauma informed and community based system of care. Every day at Vanderheyden, we work to change lives to save lives. For more information visit [www.vanderheyden.org](http://www.vanderheyden.org) and follow us on social media.



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