



Mount Lebanon Junior Women's Club
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**Mount Lebanon Junior Women's Club
2010 Benefit Gala to Benefit Angels' Place, Inc.**

Mt. Lebanon, Pa. (January 7, 2010)—Mount Lebanon Junior Women's Club (MLJWC) will host *A Night at the Museum* at the Heinz History Center on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at 8:00 pm. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Angels' Place, Inc. and will help support the renovation of its playground/outdoor classroom at its Brookline Center. Angels' Place supports young parents who want to complete their education, creating brighter futures for themselves and their children.

"We are excited to support the efforts of Angels' Place and the parents and children who will benefit from our grant," states Andrea Thompson, MLJWC President.

Tickets for this event are \$85 per person and will include entrance to museum exhibits, hors d'oeuvres, music, and a hosted happy hour. Andrew Stockey, WTAE Channel 4 Action News Anchor will emcee the event. This year's event will feature a silent auction and basket raffle as well as access to the exhibits within the History Center. Featured baskets, which range in value from \$400 to \$1,000, include the ever-popular stocked bar as well as wine, movie night, family game night, and gourmet kitchen. Past silent auction items have included Pittsburgh sports memorabilia and travel packages.

The History Center offers a great opportunity for guests to explore Pittsburgh's storied past while contributing to the future of the children at Angels' Place. Some of the featured exhibits/areas include the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation, and Heinz 57. A new exhibit that will be available at the time of the event is Discover the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon.

At each of its three locations in Pittsburgh (Brookline, Swissvale and North Side), Angels' Place provides student parents with the support they need to finish their education, obtain meaningful employment, and embark on satisfying careers. By limiting the enrollment to 25 children per location, the organization is able to maintain a family-style setting. When the location reaches maximum capacity, there is a waiting list available. Student parents receive comprehensive, free services including child care accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Unlike many daycare facilities that only take babies who are at least six weeks old, Angels' Place can provide care for children from birth through five years. Other

programs offered include tutoring, support groups, as well as counseling and parenting, nutrition, child safety, and life skills classes.

“For over 25 years, Angels’ Place has been providing a practical, compassionate and two-generational approach to the challenges associated with single parenting, inadequate education and financial dependency,” says Michelle Smith Tipton, Executive Director of Angels’ Place and Honorary Chair of the event. “Through our unique and comprehensive support system low-income, single, full-time student parents are able to continue their education, secure rewarding employment and become financially independent – all at no cost to them.” To read more about Angels’ Place, visit www.angelsplaceph.org.

Angels’ Place plans to create a natural playground with the funds received from MLJWC. This will help children experience all the elements in an outdoor environment. These elements can include sand, grass, wood, and living plants. Ms. Smith Tipton believes this can be especially beneficial to children who live in an urban setting and do not have regular access to parks, gardens or other types of greenspace.

MLJWC is a civic, philanthropic, and social organization founded in 1968 by ten civic-minded young women. Located in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, it is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with an annual membership of approximately 80 women from the South Hills area. Over the past 42 years, MLJWC has donated more than \$500,000 to local Pittsburgh-area charities and organizations through various fundraising efforts including an annual charity benefit event that focuses on an organization that assists women and/or children as its primary beneficiary. The club meets the fourth Thursday of each month at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Mt. Lebanon at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please visit www.mljwc.com.