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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE**  
*Women building better communities*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**FLITE CENTER GRAND OPENING**

Lauderhill, FL – (Oct 8) – The Fort Lauderdale Independent Training & Education (FLITE) Center’s Grand Opening will take place in Lauderhill on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The opening of the FLITE Center will fill a need for youth “aging out” of the foster care system providing them a one stop shop to access services and supports, learn life skills, and connect with one another. Approximately 120 youth emerge from the child welfare system each year at age 18 and must become self-sufficient overnight. Without guidance and support, many of those youth end up unemployed, homeless, or in the criminal justice system. Over the past few years, Broward County has created a comprehensive system of care for transitioning youth which includes programs for housing, education, employment, mentors, and life coaches. The FLITE Center will give this system of care and the youth a place to call home. Community leaders and advocates for transitioning youth will celebrate the opening with a tour of the facility and light refreshments.

**WHO:** Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale  
United Way of Broward County  
Community Foundation of Broward

**WHAT:** FLITE GRAND OPENING

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**WHERE:** FLITE Center  
3521 West Broward Boulevard, Suite 105  
Lauderhill, FL 33312

**About Junior League of Fort Lauderdale**

The Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale is volunteer, non-profit organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and to improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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