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## **Junior League of Greenwich Delivers New Parent Kits to Greenwich Hospital NICU on World Prematurity Day**

*The Junior League of Greenwich created care packages for parents of infants in the NICU and delivered dinner to the nurses in honor of World Prematurity Day on November 17<sup>th</sup>.*

GREENWICH, CT – November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – On World Prematurity Day, Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, members of the Junior League of Greenwich (JLG) created and delivered 30 care packages to new parents who have babies in the NICU at Greenwich Hospital.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 out of 10 babies born in the US last year were pre-term, or born before 37 weeks of pregnancy. Parents of premature babies often spend many hours at the hospital by their infant's side so the gift bags included a variety of necessities from reusable water bottles, snacks, and crossword puzzles, to hand sanitizer, personal hygiene products, bottle brushes and even scratch mittens for the babies.

"We are extremely grateful to the Junior League of Greenwich for sharing these gifts with the parents of newborns in our neonatal intensive care unit. Their generosity will be remembered not only by our NICU families, but by the nurses and physicians who care for these newborns," said Barbara Leafe, RN, director of Nursing Operations and Transformation at Greenwich Hospital.

The JLG also brought coffee and doughnuts for the day shift nurses and sent dinner to the nurses on the evening shift in appreciation of their hard work and dedication caring for these vulnerable babies, and supporting parents.

### **About the Junior League of Greenwich**

The Junior League of Greenwich (JLG) has been bettering the community for over 60 years. It is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained individuals. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League of Greenwich welcomes all women who value the Mission. The JLG is committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities. Women interested in joining the Junior League of Greenwich and making a difference in the community can contact the JLG Office at (203) 869-1979 or visit the website at [www.jlgreenwich.org](http://www.jlgreenwich.org).

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