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Johnston Creates New Little League® Program

Johnston, IA (**January 2, 2018**) – Members of the Johnston community will now have the opportunity to be a part of the world's largest youth sports organization as Johnston has officially announced the launch of a Little League program to begin with this spring's softball season.

"This is an exciting time to be a part of the Johnson Girls Softball Association. Partnering with Little League International is a perfect way for JGSA to continue to build and expand the great recreation softball program we offer young ladies in our community. It allows us to maintain a high quality softball experience for these girls, while opening up new and exciting opportunities. The mission and reputation of Little League International is closely aligned with those of our association, and we are excited to move forward with this charter in 2018."

-Eric Peterson, Vice President JGSA

As a part of chartering with Little League Baseball and Softball, Johnston Girls Little League Softball (JGLLS) will receive all of the benefits of being a Little League affiliated program, including:

- Opportunity to Participate in the Little League International Tournament
- Access to <u>Little League University</u>, Little League's online training and education resource
- Opportunity to create a Tee Ball Division for participants ages 4-7
- Brand recognition with the world's largest organized youth sports program
- <u>Service and Support</u> from Little League International, Regional, and District staff members

For those looking to join as a player or volunteer with the Johnston Girls Little League Softball (JGLLS), here are the details on this year's upcoming registration:

- DATE: Registration Starts January 2, 2018
- TIME: Anytime online
- LOCATION: Anytime online. All games/practices are held at Lew Clarkson Park
- HOW TO REGISTER: Visiting http://www.johnstongirlssoftball.org/
- REGISTRATION FEES: Varies by age group

For more information on Johnston Girls Little League Softball (JGLLS), visit their website at http://www.johnstongirlssoftball.org/.

About Little League®

Founded in 1939, Little League[®] Baseball and Softball is the world's largest organized youth sports program, with nearly 2.4 million players and one million adult volunteers in every U.S. state and more than 80 other countries. During its nearly 80 years of existence, Little League has seen more than 40 million honored graduates, including political leaders, professional athletes, award-winning artists, and a <u>variety of other influential members of society</u>. Each year, millions of people follow the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship that Little Leaguers[®] display at our seven baseball and softball World Series events, the premier tournaments in youth sports. For more information, visit <u>LittleLeague.org</u>, and follow Little League on Facebook (<u>facebook.com/LittleLeague</u>), Twitter (<u>twitter.com/LittleLeague</u>), and Instagram (<u>Instagram.com/LittleLeague</u>).

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