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National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis Announces Sisters Act! Luncheon Featuring Kathy Najimy NCJWSTL Celebrates 125th Anniversary

Since 1895, the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL) has confronted the most urgent social and economic challenges facing our community. NCJWSTL is a volunteer-driven organization of more than 5,000 members and supporters committed to improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. For over 125 years, NCJWSTL has identified unmet needs in the St. Louis community and developed innovative hands-on projects and policy initiatives that have positively affected thousands of lives.

This type of impact can only be done when we act together - and after 127 years of impact in the community, it's definitely time to celebrate! NCJWSTL invites the community to attend our anniversary celebration luncheon, Sisters Act!, Wednesday, April 27th, at the Ritz-Carlton. Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Sisters Act! promises to be an inspirational day of fun, food, and collective action while ensuring NCJWSTL continues this crucial work for years to come!

Join NCJWSTL as we welcome Activist and Actor Kathy Najimy, whose philosophy always engages and inspires. Best known for her work in more than 30 films (including the blockbusters Sister Act, Hocus Pocus, and Rat Race), as the voice of Peggy Hill on King of the Hill, and for her roles on VEEP, Younger, and Graves; Najimy is also a celebrated advocate on the frontline of a myriad of progressive social causes, including #MeToo and Time's Up. As the Ms. Magazine Woman of the Year, Najimy has been called a "social action hero." Najimy states, "We are all equal, connected by our sense of common humanity, and able to achieve great things together." She credits her drive to her strong desire to see all living things treated equitably. Najimy has been honored for her work for women and girls' rights and self-esteem, reproductive rights, and student rights. Warm, delightful, human, humorous, and with refreshing candor, Kathy Najimy is sure to inspire as she encourages attendees to make a difference in the world.

NCJWSTL is grateful for the incredible community support, with over 75 sponsors consisting of businesses, community partners, and individuals! Special thanks to Diamond Sponsors: Acropolis Investment Management; The Allen Foundation; Jennifer and Tom Hillman; Make a Difference Fund – Elizabeth Guthrie and Bruce Shapiro; Noemi and Michael Neidorff; RubinBrown, LLP; and Vidzu Media.

Photo Caption: The Sisters Act! committee of more than 80 women is Co-Chaired by Barbara Barnholtz, Jennifer Deutsch, Sherri Goldman, Marlene Hammerman, Susan Katzman, Phyllis Langsdorf, and Susan Witte, under the leadership of Board President Gail Eisenkramer.

Event capacity is limited. Reserve your tickets by Monday, April 4, 2022 at <u>bit.ly/SistersAct125</u>

