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Headline: Junior Achievement in Central Missouri to Host 2nd Annual Free Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus Event at Orr Street Studios

Columbia, Missouri – Junior Achievement in Central Missouri is kicking off their end-of-year giving campaign with a holiday happening: FREE Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus on November 17th from 4pm until 8pm at Orr Street Studios.

Santa Chris has been the jovial man in red since 2017. He has appeared as the Head Elf at the Delmar Loop in St. Louis, done virtual visits during COVID in 2020 through Santa's Club, Sam's Club, and had the privilege to join the Disney Family in 2021 as one of their first Santa's of Color. He was featured at Disney World Florida's Disney Springs, Epcot, and on the flotilla at Animal Kingdom. He has the distinction to be a member in good standing with Lone Star Santas, IBRBS, Worldwide Santa Network, Santas of Color Network, Sons of the American Legion, an honorary member of Council For Unity. He and Mrs. Claus are both Junior Achievement alums.

Photos are free, but donations are welcome. A prize drawing for a Virtual Visit with Santa (6 tickets for \$5) and a silent auction with prizes from local businesses will also be held. And there will be free cookies and cocoa for all...Santa insists!

Junior Achievement in Central Missouri serves Boone, Callaway, Cole, and 16 other surrounding counties. Junior Achievement's mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed. JA is making the world a better place by preparing students for future success. They offer hands-on experiential learning programs for students in grades K-12. Each program is built upon the foundation of the JA Pathways: Financial Literacy, Work and Career Readiness, and Entrepreneurship. Volunteers deliver lessons and share their experience. In the process, these volunteers serve as role models helping to positively impact young people's perceptions about the importance of education, as well as critical life skills.

For more information about this special event or volunteer opportunities, please contact Morgan Dennehy at mdennehy@jastl.org or visit the JA in Central Missouri website: centralmissouri.ja.org.

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