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**YWCA Salute to Women of Achievement
Honors Women & Business Leaders**

INDIANAPOLIS – The YWCA presented an evening of recognition, inspiration and celebration at its signature event, the **28th Annual Salute to Women of Achievement Award Dinner**. On **June 15, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at the Indiana Roof Ballroom**, the 28th Annual YWCA Salute to Women of Achievement Awards Dinner honored and recognized over fifty women and teens for their outstanding contributions and/or achievements within their careers, schools and community. Awards were given to the following women in the following categories:

Professional Achievement

Business - Deborah Oatts - Co-Founder Nubian Transport Management

Education - Susan Brooks - Senior Vice President, Workforce and Economic Development, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Health and Life Sciences - Dr. Virginia Caine – Director, Marion County Health Department

Law - Martha "Marti" Starkey, Esq. – Partner, Harrison & Moberly, LLP

Public/Community Service - Rev. Dr. Marion Miller – Associate Pastor, St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Sports/Sports Management - Thresia Wynns - Assistant Commissioner, Indiana High School Athletic Association

Young Woman of Promise

Codi Perry - A Girl's Gift Inc.

Phyllis Wheatley

Amy Minik Peterson – Founder, Immigrant Welcome Center

Dorothy I. Height Lifetime Achievement Award

Julia Carson (Posthumously)
Accepted by Jarnell Craig, Andre Carson Indianapolis Legislative Office

This event is the YWCA's annual opportunity to recognize women and teens that contribute to improving the quality of life for the citizens of Indianapolis. YWCA President Alfreeda Goff stated, "We are excited to promote this wonderful program which not only recognizes and honors our nominees and award winners, but also helps promote the YWCA mission of making a difference in the lives of women, girls and their families by developing leadership, mentorship and racial justice programs that promote professional development, economic independence, community and justice for all."

The evening was made even more special with the truly inspiring story of New York Times bestselling author of *Left to Tell*, *Discovering God Amidst the Rwanda Holocaust*, Immaculee Ilibagiza. Her life was transformed dramatically in 1994 during the Rwanda genocide when she and seven other women huddled silently together in a cramped bathroom of a local pastor's house for 91 days and hid from imminent death. During this ordeal, Immaculee lost her family, but survived to share the story of her profound and lasting relationship with God, the importance of forgiveness and the meaning of truly unconditional love and understanding during your darkest hours.

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