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CELEBRATE WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY ON AUGUST 26

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On Thursday, August 26th, 2010 the YWCA of Kalamazoo and the League of Women Voters of the Kalamazoo Area, will hold their annual **Women's Equality Day Celebration**. This event celebrates the 90th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which gives citizens the right to vote regardless of their gender. Activities will include a punchbowl and co-sponsor displays, with a luncheon and presentation by our featured speaker immediately following.

2010 Women's Equality Day Co-Sponsors who will be participating in the display reception are: Church Women United, Junior League, Kalamazoo Area Women's Bowling Association, Kalamazoo Gay Lesbian Resource Center, Kalamazoo Literacy Council, Ladies Library Association, and Planned Parenthood of South Central Michigan.

This year's featured program is a panel of current and past women politicians in from the Kalamazoo area, including Carolyn Alford, current Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners Member, Betty Lee Ongley, Past Mayor of the City of Portage, and Barbara Miller, Kalamazoo City Commission.

The luncheon is scheduled for August 26th at the YWCA of Kalamazoo and is preceded by a co-sponsor display reception from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., with the program beginning at 12:15 p.m. The cost for the event is \$15 for YWCA of Kalamazoo or League of Women Voters members, \$18 for non-members and \$12.00 for students. Tables of eight or more are available for \$120. Please call (269) 345-5595 for more information or to make a reservation.

About the YWCA

The YWCA of the USA, of which the YWCA of Kalamazoo is a member Association, is the oldest, largest autonomous women's membership organization in the world. YWCA Kalamazoo is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YWCA of Kalamazoo, the oldest Association in Michigan, was founded in 1885 and began as a residence service provider to young women who gravitated to the city to work in its factories. Today, the YWCA provides the only shelter, crisis intervention services and an array of post crisis shelter supportive housing options specifically designed and operating for victims of domestic violence and their dependent children; the only services of our kind for adult sexual assault survivors, including medical forensic exams in a non-hospital setting, supportive volunteers and counseling; one of very few licensed and nationally accredited child care centers that both offers tuition assistance and accepts government subsidies; a unique and volunteer-intensive mentoring program for adult and teen women seeking economic self-sufficiency; and services to the community-at-large, focusing on racial justice.

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