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**YWCA LEADER LUNCHEON 30:
WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT**

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2010 INDIVIDUAL AWARD CATEGORIES

The YWCA of Rockford is accepting nominations for outstanding leaders who exemplify the mission of the YWCA, eliminating racism and empowering women. Leader Luncheon 30: Women of Achievement will serve to honor six individuals who strive to make a difference in their community. We are delighted to announce new award categories for the 30th anniversary of Leader Luncheon, which are as follows:

Business

Includes women in the business and non-profit sectors who make a significant contribution in their field.

Community Leadership

Includes women who are professionals and volunteers in government, public service, politics, and community action.

Mentorship

Given to a male or female, whose mentoring relationship(s) has had a major impact on the personal and professional development of women and has fostered excellence. The purpose of the award is to honor an individual who has taught, guided and inspired women in ways that have changed their lives.

Professions

Includes women in the fields of medicine, law, education, science, engineering, architecture or other fields which require professional accreditation in order to perform work in that field.

Promise Award

Given to reaffirm our commitment to young women and their importance to the future of the YWCA and our mission. The nominee must be a young woman between the ages of 18 and 35. The award is given to an individual with sufficient community service and professional success to indicate her potential for extraordinary leadership and service.

Racial Justice Award

Includes women who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to promoting racial justice and have worked toward the elimination of racism. The Racial Justice honoree must demonstrate a commitment to racial equality and the advocacy of fundamental rights for all races.

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

All nominees:

- Must be a person who resides in the northern Illinois area;
- Must be able to attend and personally receive the award at Leader Luncheon on March 1, 2010;
- If needed, will attend a limited number of events with sponsors and volunteers;
- Must serve as an outstanding role model for women and girls;
- Must embody excellence in their field of endeavor;
- Must demonstrate a commitment to the elimination of racism and the empowerment of women.

If you have any questions regarding the eligibility criteria or the award categories, please contact the YWCA of Rockford at nbaldwin@ywca-rockford.org or call 815.316.6126.

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INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS:

1. Complete the form at the bottom of this page.
2. Enclose **\$50.00** to cover the cost of the luncheon for the nominee. Checks shall be made out to **YWCA Leader Luncheon**.
3. Submit **one letter of support, no longer than one page. (Resumes do not qualify.)**
4. **Answer all applicable questions listed below. Number your responses according to the questions. Your total response should be no more than two single-spaced pages.**

Prior nominees are eligible for re-nomination. The following are ineligible for nomination: current members of the YWCA Board of Directors, YWCA staff members, and winners within the last five years. (A complete list is available on our website.)

QUESTIONS: (Please limit your answers to **two** single-spaced pages.)

All Nominees:

1. In what ways does your nominee demonstrate leadership skills?
2. What are the nominee's accomplishments, both in the category for which she is being nominated and in other areas? (For example: affiliations, awards, publications, meritorious performances; as well as academic, professional, elected, or appointed offices, etc.)
3. How has this nominee influenced the lives of others, particularly women, girls, and families?

Promise Award Nominees: In addition to the required information, please also describe your candidate's leadership potential, vision for the future, and significant achievements toward that vision.

Racial Justice Award Nominees: In addition to the required information, please also describe your candidate's outstanding achievements and contributions toward promoting racial justice and the elimination of racism. Your candidate must demonstrate a commitment to racial equality and the advocacy of fundamental rights for all races.

Mentorship Award Nominees: In addition to the required information, please also describe how your candidate has had a major impact on the personal and professional development of women.

Name of Nominee	Title (if appropriate)	Email Address		
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Address	Zip	Business Phone	Home Phone	Age – Promise Award Only
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Please check the appropriate category. The Selection Committee reserves the right to reclassify nominees to other categories.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Professions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Promise Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Racial Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentorship		
Submitted By (Company, Organization, or Individual)	Contact Person	Phone		
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Address	Zip	Email Address	Date	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I/we want to honor this nominee with a \$25 ad in the program book.				

Nominations must be received by mail or in person by **5:00 p.m., January 15, 2010**, at the following address. (No exceptions.)

YWCA
Attention: Leader Luncheon Nominations
4990 E. State St.
Rockford, IL 61108

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