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YMCA Seeking Nominations Of Professionals Who Give Back

April, 2010 -- For the 32nd year, the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati will be recognizing local professionals who are accomplished, caring and civic minded as 2010 YMCA Achievers. Honorees will be recognized at the 2010 Salute to YMCA Black & Latino Achievers Gala on November 5, 2010.

Unique to this Event, all honorees will also commit to a year of volunteer service toward the YMCA's Teen Achievers college readiness program that inspires young people to pursue dreams.

The YMCA Black & Latino Achievers (teen) Program has mentored over 5000 teens, awarded more than \$175,000 in scholarships, assisted with access to \$3M in college scholarships, and engaged more than 4000 adult volunteers through a network of corporate and community partners. The Program includes college prep and leadership development activities focusing on study skills/time management, interviewing techniques, financial management, team-building, field trips, community service-learning projects, career assessment and more. It strongly incorporates the Abundant Assets – 40 critical factors for the successful growth and development of young people – and centers around the relationships of adult professional mentors and teens. The 2010 to 2011 goal is to serve over 600 students in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky communities.

Nomination sponsorships are being accepted through June 1, 2010. For nomination, sponsorship or gala information, the public should call Toni Miles, YMCA Black & Latino Achievers executive director, at 513-362-YMCA (9622) or email her at tmiles@cincinnatiymca.org; or visit www.myy.org. The featured artist for the Gala will be world-renown Puerto Rican pianist, composer, and producer Adlan Cruz.

About the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati: As the area's largest youth and family-focused not-for-profit, the YMCA reinforces character values through assets-based programs and services to more than 143,000 individuals, kids and families annually. Adult mentors encourage young people to be caring, responsible, respectful, and honest through sports, summer camps, structured child and afterschool care, and leadership building programs. Branches offer quality time for families, resources for parents, and a variety of opportunities for seniors to be active. The Membership for All sliding scale fee structure means everyone, no matter their ability to pay, can always benefit from the YMCA. Last year alone more than 17,400 families and individuals enjoyed healthier and happier lives because generous partners helped the YMCA in its vision to be accessible to all.

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