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YWCA KIDS Korner Luncheon raises funds for homeless children

Birmingham, AL—The YWCA Central Alabama held its fourth annual KIDS Korner Luncheon on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at the Cahaba Grand Conference Center. The theme of this year's luncheon was "YWCAngeles." All of the proceeds help support the YWCA's homeless child care program.

Since 1989, the YWCA Central Alabama has played a fundamental role in responding to the needs of homeless children. When a survey of shelters for homeless families revealed one of the biggest needs was child care during the day while parents were working or seeking employment, the YW responded by opening KIDS Korner, a unique program for children in crisis.

KIDS (Kids in Distress) Korner provides a safe, loving environment for homeless children to learn, play and re-discover their self worth. KIDS Korner ensures they receive special care and individual attention during times of family crisis by providing:

- a unique curriculum designed for the transitional nature of homelessness
- a safe place to learn and play
- a snack and two hot meals a day
- many special programs with groups like the Children's Dance Foundation
- staff members who are particularly sensitive to the children's feelings of traumatic transition and who focus on building feelings of self worth

This event included a performance by Jimmy Gauld who sang "We Find Smiles," written by YW friend Keith Elder.

For over a century, the YWCA Central Alabama has been responding to the needs of women and families. The YW's programs and services serve women and children by providing: affordable child care for low-income families; child care and after-school enrichment programs for homeless children; affordable housing for families and seniors; and a full array of domestic violence services.

For more information or to inquire about how you can help:

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