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Pell City Residents Honored at National Philanthropy Day Luncheon

BIRMINGHAM, AL., November 14, 2014 – Pell City residents Cindy and Blair Goodgame were recognized as outstanding Volunteers in Philanthropy by the YWCA Central Alabama during the recent National Philanthropy Day Luncheon. The Alabama Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals hosted the event, held at the Harbert Center in downtown Birmingham on November 13, 2014.

President Ronald Reagan first proclaimed November 15 as National Philanthropy Day in 1986. Since then, communities across the country have celebrated by hosting local events to recognize donors, volunteers, foundations, community leaders and corporations that have made outstanding philanthropic contributions.

The Goodgames, longtime supporters of the YWCA and its mission, served as co-chairs of the agency's sixth annual Purse & Passion St. Clair County Luncheon last August. The event raised more than \$65,000 to support Our Place, an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence serving women and children in St. Clair and Blount counties. In addition to shelter, the agency offers counseling, legal assistance, court advocacy and other services to those escaping a violent home.

"With the help of these wonderful philanthropists, we have been able to expand the scope of our services in St. Clair County," YWCA CEO Yolanda Sullivan said. "They have such a heart for the women and children we serve, and they have graciously shared their time, talents and treasure to help those who no longer feel safe at home. Their energy and commitment is contagious, and they have inspired others to embrace our mission. We are so fortunate to have them as part of our team."

About the YWCA

The YWCA Central Alabama is a United Way organization that is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. For over 110 years, the YWCA Central Alabama has been responding to the needs of women, children and families. The YW's programs and services serve women, children and families by providing: affordable child care for families; child care and after-school enrichment programs for homeless children; affordable housing; a broad array of domestic violence services; and social justice programs. For more information, please visit www.ywcabham.org, www.facebook.com/YWCACentralAlabama and www.youtube.com/ywcentralal or follow @YWCentralAL on Twitter.

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