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YWCA Central Alabama Holds Annual Meeting

BIRMINGHAM, AL., January 29, 2013 --- YWCA Central Alabama announced the new members of the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting held Tuesday, January 29.

New members elected to the Board of Directors are: Liz Edwards, Director of Development, Sight Savers of America; Gillian Goodrich, Mike and Gillian Goodrich Foundation; Elizabeth Hutchins, Attorney, Sirote & Permutt; Barrett Brock MacKay, Community Volunteer; Maria Claudia Norena, Director of Strategy and Innovation, UAB Division of Preventative Medicine; Deidra Perry, Sales Manager, Birmingham Magazine; Carol Ratcliffe, Faculty, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, Samford University; Amber Scanlan, Vice President, Director of Client and Community Relations, PNC Bank; and Chanda Temple, Director of Public Relations, Birmingham Public Library.

2013 Board Officers are: Kathryn Harbert, President; Carla S. Roberson, VP Development; Brenda M. Hackney, Vice President Finance; Lajuana T. Bradford, Vice President Planning; Barbara Blair, Vice President Programs; Lisa Q. Miller, Corresponding Secretary; and DeValerie Harry Williams, Recording Secretary.

The YWCA Central Alabama presented its Woman of Valor Award to Jeana Peeler Hosch, a long-time board member and supporter. Hosch passed away in 2012 and left a legacy of courage, compassion, and conviction. As an attorney Hosch used her legal training to fight for justice and against oppression, to provide opportunities for others who were experiencing hopelessness and worked tirelessly on a myriad of other social issues. As a Board Member at the YWCA she fought for women, children and families that were experiencing the storms of life and gave generously not only of her time, but also of her talent. The YWCA is continuing to honor Hosch and her lifetime of giving by naming the Woman of Valor award The Jeana Peeler Hosch Woman of Valor.

The YWCA Central Alabama presented its Man of Valor Award during its Annual Meeting to a long time supporter of the YWCA, Bill Hereford. Hereford is a lawyer, former judge, former chair of the St Clair County United Way and the recently retired Mayor of Pell City. Hereford is known by many for his great work in the Pell City community – helping bring St. Vincent's Hospital to St. Clair County and raising critical funding for the Center for Education and Performing Arts in Pell City. As Mayor of Pell City Hereford had no tolerance for domestic violence and supported the YWCA's domestic violence work in the community from inception. He led his city council to apply for a competitive state wide grant to fund the YW's domestic violence shelter in Pell City and the YWCA has been the recipient of that grant for shelter operations for the past four years.

The Annual Meeting culminated with a kick-off birthday celebration in honor of the YWCA's 110 years. The YWCA is launching an initiative to secure 110 planned gifts for the next 110 years.

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 110 years, the YWCA Central Alabama has been responding to the needs of women and families. The YW's programs and services serve women 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.