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YWCA Honors Bill Hereford as Man of Valor

BIRMINGHAM, AL., February 1, 2013 --- The YWCA Central Alabama presented its Man of Valor Award during its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 to a wonderful 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. 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. Former Pell City Mayor, Guin Robinson, says of Hereford, "He is a compulsive do-gooder."

Upon accepting the award Hereford thanked the YWCA, "Thank you YWCA for your support and great investment in the St. Clair County. We simply could not reach the amount of people that suffer from domestic violence without your hard work, compassion and care for those that need it most in life." Dr. Virginia D. Gauld, a long-time YWCA Board Member and Co-Chair for Purse & Passion St. Clair County, presented the award to Hereford. "It is easy to see how smart Bill is, but I want you to know what kind of man he is... know his heart. He was fair and balanced as a Judge, but always gave wise counsel and was a supporting, nurturing resource especially for victims of domestic violence."

The YWCA is proud of our partnership with Pell City and the surrounding communities and looks forward to another successful Purse & Passion St. Clair County on August 22, 2013. Purse & Passion St. Clair County raises critical funding for the YWCA's programming in St. Clair and Blount County. For information about how to become involved with the YWCA or Purse & Passion St. Clair County, please call Megann Cain at (205) 322-9922 ext. 304.

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.

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