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2011 YMCA VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

ATLANTA- (November 1, 2011) - The YMCA of Metro Atlanta is pleased to announce its 2011 volunteers of the year. Recipients will be honored at the YMCA of Metro Atlanta annual volunteer recognition dinner Monday, November 7, 2011, at the Cobb Galleria Centre.

The Bransby Christian Leadership Award will be presented to Carol Cookerly, president and CEO of Cookerly Public Relations. This is the YMCA of Metro Atlanta's highest award. The Bransby award was established in 1984 in honor of Joseph C. Bransby, former president of the YMCA of Metro Atlanta. This award recognizes volunteers who are exceptional leaders.

Also receiving recognition for outstanding service to the Y is Bill McLendon, recent Deloitte retiree, the recipient of the Kellogg Branch Champion Award. Named in memory of a former Y board member, the award recognizes volunteers who demonstrate long-time commitment as a servant leader to the YMCA of Metro Atlanta. The following local volunteers are being recognized for outstanding service:

Norman Johnson, Ph.D. - Arthur M. Blank Family Youth YMCA, Atlanta
Lauren Steves - Cherokee Outdoor/G. Cecil Pruett Community Center YMCAs
Dalton Knox - Covington Family YMCA
Ellen Cross - Cowart Family/Ashford Dunwoody YMCA, Atlanta
Paula Gwynn Grant - Decatur Family YMCA
Lawrence N. Sharp Jr. - East Lake Family YMCA
Maria Torres - Forsyth County Family YMCA
Marie & Ken Klaer - Robert Fowler Family YMCA, Norcross
Susan Lipscomb - Ed Isakson/Alpharetta Family YMCA
Lauren Grzeszkowiak - McCleskey - East Cobb/Northeast Cobb Family YMCAs
Daniel Williams - Northwest Family YMCA, Kennesaw
Jay Shorter - Carl E. Sanders Family YMCA at Buckhead
Kenley Waller - South DeKalb Family YMCA
Brandon Lovett - Summit Family/Fayette Outdoor YMCA
Muguet Bradbury - J.M. Tull -Gwinnett Family YMCA, Lawrenceville
Shean L. Atkins - The Villages at Carver Family YMCA, Atlanta

Reggie Davis - YMCA Academies of South DeKalb
Kevin Latty - YMCA Camp High Harbour, (various locations)
Ronald J. Freeman Sr. - Andrew and Walter Young Family YMCA
Reverend Doctor Darrell D. Elligan - YMCA Head Start, Atlanta
Dave Stockert - YMCA of Metro Atlanta

The Y is a powerful association of men, women and children joined together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility. Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn grow and connect. For more information call 404-588-9622 or visit <http://www.ymcaatlanta.org>.

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