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YWCA of Greater Atlanta is Finalist for Association Excellence Award for Advocacy

Atlanta, GA –The YWCA of Greater Atlanta has been selected as one of the top three nominees for YWCA’s annual Association Excellence Awards for Advocacy. Nominations reflecting outstanding and life-changing work are submitted from YWCA associations located throughout the country. From the associations nominated, three are selected in each category as finalists and the entire network of 216 local YWCAs vote for the YWCA whose work they find most outstanding.

The finalists in the YWCA Association Excellence Award for Advocacy are: YWCA Greater Atlanta, YWCA Southern Arizona, and YWCA Warren.

YWCA Greater Atlanta was nominated for its innovative, public policy training program for women called the Georgia Women’s Policy Institute (GWPI). This year-long institute has been successful in preparing women for statewide advocacy. Eighty women leaders have been trained to date. The Institute has been instrumental in the adoption of state legislation. In 2016, GWPI fellows successfully advocated for legislation to improve sexual assault kit testing procedures in Georgia and address the state’s backlog of thousands of untested kits.

“YWCA creates change through direct service, education, and advocacy. We are so proud of YWCA Greater Atlanta, YWCA Southern Arizona, and YWCA Warren for their outstanding advocacy work on behalf of the issues that matter most to communities of color, women, and girls,” said Casey Harden, Interim CEO, YWCA USA.

“The YWCA USA has made a strong commitment to advocacy and public policy work,” said Helen Robinson, YWCA of Greater Atlanta, Director of Advocacy. “It is an honor to be recognized by our national organization for empowering women through advocacy work in Georgia.”

The winner will be announced at the YWCA USA Women of Distinction Awards Gala in Washington, D.C. on June 16, 2017, at the Capital Hilton (1001 16th Street NW, Washington DC 20036).

ABOUT THE YWCA OF GREATER ATLANTA

YWCA OF GREATER ATLANTA IS A LOCAL CHAPTER OF YWCA USA and has been a voice for change for women and families in Georgia since its founding at Spelman College in 1902. Our organization's foundation is built upon a history of mobilizing diverse groups of women leaders to identify community problems and advocate for solutions. To effect long-term change, YWCA of Greater Atlanta addresses the needs of women and girls at multiple levels, providing direct-services and programs in tandem with raising awareness and public policy analysis. By focusing on advocacy and social justice, health and safety, and education and economic empowerment, we work to improve the lives of women and girls and their families, and to create safer, healthier, more equitable communities in Georgia. Learn more: www.ywcaatlanta.org

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