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**2010 IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN LUNCHEON SPEAKER ANNOUNCED**

*Award-winning broadcast journalist and author Michele Norris  
to speak at YWCA event in April*

Hartford, CT –The YWCA Hartford Region is pleased to announce that Michele Norris will be the featured speaker at the 2010 In the Company of Women Luncheon. Ms. Norris is an award-winning broadcast journalist and host of NPR’s All Things Considered. The 15th annual spring luncheon, with estimated attendance of 1,500 people, will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Downtown Hartford, Connecticut.

Ms. Norris’ impressive career spans two decades. She is a former correspondent for ABC News where she reported extensively on education, inner city issues, our nation’s drug problem and poverty. A four-time Pulitzer Prize entrant, Ms. Norris’ awards include the 2006 National Association of Black Journalists Salute to Excellence Award for her coverage of Hurricane Katrina, University of Minnesota’s Outstanding Achievement Award, the 1990 Livingston Award and the 2009 Ebony Magazine 8th Annual Outstanding Women in Marketing and Communications Award. She has also earned an Emmy and a Peabody award for her 911 coverage. Ms. Norris’ other distinctions include service on the judging committee for both the John Chancellor Award for excellence in journalism and the Livingston Awards.

In addition to hosting NPR’s All Things Considered, Ms. Norris can be seen on the Chris Matthews Show on NBC News. Her most recent project is a book focusing on race in America. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Ms. Norris is a mother of two young children and lives in Washington, D.C.

We are pleased to welcome her to the Hartford community. Her message is sure to be found both inspiring and energizing! The 15<sup>th</sup> In the Company of Women Luncheon is made possible in part by support from Presenting Sponsors Aetna, The Hartford Financial Services, ING and Prudential.

For more information about YWCA Hartford Region and sponsorship opportunities available for the In the Company of Women Luncheon, please call Denice Graves at (860) 525-1163 ext. 269 or email [DeniceG@ywc Hartford.org](mailto:DeniceG@ywc Hartford.org).

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