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Community, Corporate and Foundation leaders join together to celebrate the work of YWCA Hartford Region

The Hartford, Konover Residential Corporation, Covenant Prep and Paddi LeShane recognized

Hartford, CT- Celebrating the good work of YWCA Hartford Region, more than 100 people gathered at the Pond House in Hartford on January 24th for YWCA's 144th Annual Meeting. Representatives from large corporations to small companies, along with community and foundation leaders, were present to hear Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman speak about the importance of government working together with nonprofits to rebuild Connecticut. Dr. Ardell Wilson, Board Chair, highlighted YWCA programs that transform lives from cradle to career. In 2011, YWCA childcare programs served more than 400 children, women increased their financial literacy through programs like the 10th annual *Money Conference for Women*, and 125 young women are on track to become future leaders in our community, in part, as a result of their participation in the Young Women's Leadership Corps.

Deborah Ullman, YWCA Hartford Region's CEO, presented the **2011 Creating Opportunities Awards**, which honors those who help YWCA achieve its mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. This year's Corporate Partner recipient was The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc, for its generosity and commitment to the mission of YWCA through both philanthropic giving and employee support. The Community Partner Award recognized Covenant Preparatory School for its commitment to transforming today's children into tomorrow's leaders. Konover Residential Corporation was presented the Business Partner Award for its commitment to the success of Soromundi Commons, supportive housing in Hartford. And for her leadership and commitment to the mission of YWCA, Paddi LeShane was singled out for the Leadership Award.

"We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with The Hartford, Konover Residential, Covenant Prep and Paddi LeShane. Their support has been vital in helping us serve our community and build a strong foundation for the future" said Deborah Ullman, YWCA CEO. And as Ms. Wyman summarized, thanks to its supporters and staff, YWCA has "made a brighter future" for Connecticut by "getting women and families back on their feet" and together we are building a better Connecticut.

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Established in 1867, YWCA Hartford Region is the third oldest affiliate of YWCA, a women's membership movement dedicated to **eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all**. YWCA Hartford Region provides programs and services in the greater Hartford area including child care, supportive housing, teen leadership development, racial justice awareness, financial literacy, and economic empowerment. For more information, visit www.ywcahartford.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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