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**YWCA Hartford Region Presents the 2010 Creating Opportunities Awards
ING, City of Hartford Office of Young Children and Yvette Meléndez**

Hartford, CT-YWCA Hartford Region will present its Creating Opportunities Awards at the Association's 143rd Annual Meeting on January 25th. The awards are presented to individuals, businesses and other entities that support the mission of YWCA of empowering women and eliminating racism.

In the Corporate Partner category, YWCA is pleased to announce that **ING** is the 2010 award recipient for their generosity and commitment to the mission of YWCA through philanthropic giving and countless hours of employee service. ING has generously supported YWCA's *Money Conference for Women* and the *In the Company of Women Luncheon* over many years.

In the Business Partner Creating Opportunities category, YWCA is pleased to announce that **City of Hartford's Office of Young Children** is the 2010 award recipient. The Office for Young Children has been a strong partner supporting YWCA and other early learning providers to ensure quality early learning in Hartford. Their commitment to early education is a role model for our state.

Yvette Meléndez is the 2010 Leadership Creating Opportunities Award Honoree. Her long-term commitment spans almost 30 years and includes serving on the YWCA World Council Board in addition to her involvement at the local and national level. Her contributions while serving on YWCA's Board of Directors, which included serving as chair of the Nominating Committee, were critical to YWCA's success at a turning point for the organization.

"We are very fortunate to have the opportunity of working with ING, City of Hartford as well as Yvette Meléndez. Their time, talent and financial resources have made the vital programs at YWCA possible. YWCA programs help over 2,000 people every year in the Hartford Region," said Deborah Ullman, Chief Executive Officer of YWCA Hartford Region.

The awards will be presented YWCA's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Real Arts Way in Hartford (56 Arbor Street). Keynote speaker will be Dr. Elsa M. Núñez, President of Eastern Connecticut State University. For more information please contact Kristy Lee Downer at (860) 525-1163, Ext. 292.

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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](#).