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YWCA Hartford Region Presents the 2009 Creating Opportunities Awards

Prudential, Knox Parks Foundation and Debra Palermino

Hartford, CT-YWCA Hartford Region will present its Creating Opportunities Awards at the Association's 142nd 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 **Prudential Retirement** is the 2009 award recipient. Prudential's long time partnership has provided significant financial and in-kind resources to assist YWCA Hartford Region in meeting community needs. The generous sponsorship from Prudential for both the *Money Conference for Women* and the *In the Company of Women* luncheon has been instrumental.

In the Business Partner Creating Opportunities category, YWCA is pleased to announce that **Knox Parks Foundation** is the 2009 award recipient. Knox Parks Foundation has been a strong partner with YWCA. The Green Crew has done a marvelous job of caring for YWCA property while giving young people job skills. YWCA is also grateful for their collaboration with landscaping at YWCA's Growing Tree Early Learning Center and providing a horticultural experience for YWCA's Young Women's Leadership Corps.

Debra Palermino is the 2009 Leadership Creating Opportunities Award honoree because of her dedication, commitment and generous support to YWCA. YWCA appreciates Debra's extraordinary commitment and guidance. Her six years serving on the board of directors, which included two years as President and a year as co-chair of the luncheon, were critical to YWCA's success at a turning point in the organization. She has been very generous personally, and a great advocate for YWCA.

"It takes the time, talent and financial resources of many people and organizations to make the programs at YWCA possible. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity of working with Prudential, Knox Parks Foundation as well as Debra Palermino," said Deborah Ullman, Chief Executive Officer of YWCA Hartford Region.

The awards will be presented YWCA's Annual Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at City Arts on Pearl in Hartford (233 Pearl Street). For more information please contact

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Established in 1867, YWCA Hartford Region is the third oldest affiliate YWCA USA, 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.