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Ex-Wife of DC Sniper John Allen Muhammad serves as keynote speaker for the YWCA 14th Annual Benefit Luncheon

Memphis, Tennessee- The YWCA of Greater Memphis will host its 14th Annual Benefit Luncheon entitled- Her Voice Her Vision Her Story, on March 2, 2011, at the Memphis Marriott-East, starting at 12 noon. Mildred Muhammad, ex-wife of the DC Sniper will serve as keynote speaker.

Ms. Muhammad will share details of her life-altering experiences as a victim of domestic violence, overcoming the devastating events that have changed her life and her stand on the importance of bringing awareness to domestic violence. Ms. Muhammad is the author of Scared Silent which reveals her emotionally abusive relationship with her ex-husband, the convicted and now executed DC Sniper, John Allen Muhammad. She wrote her story to show how domestic violence devastates families, including the children.

The YWCA of Greater Memphis will also recognize Tina Birchett with the Distinguished Community Leadership Award, a prestigious award from the Board of Directors. Ms. Birchett is the Owner and Publisher of Grace Magazine and The Sisterhood Showcase.

Jacquelyn Williams, Executive Director, states “Having Ms. Muhammad join us at our Annual Luncheon allows us to hear Her Story, through Her Voice, and uplift Her Vision, as we all continue to make a difference for victims of domestic violence. . This luncheon is full of excitement as we take the time to recognize the abuse survivors and the importance of the work we take pride in doing daily.”

The YWCA is the only agency in the Memphis area that provides comprehensive services to women who are victims of domestic violence. The YWCA Benefit Luncheon has been a critical resource in maintaining the Abused Women Service’s program. According to Jacquelyn Williams, “Each year this luncheon pulls corporate and community leaders together in one unified mission to create opportunities for women through leadership and empowerment.”

The YWCA of Greater Memphis serves annually 15,000 individuals through its three programs - Abused Women Services, Employment/Economic Development, and Childcare/Child Development. **Eliminating Racism and Empowering Women** has been the YWCA’s mission for the past 91 years. For more information on the 14th Annual Benefit Luncheon or general information, please visit www.memphisywca.org or call 901-323-2211 ext. 6023

The Crisis hotline for domestic violence victims is 901-725-4277.

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