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## **YWCA Announces 2007 Outstanding Women Awards Recipients**

Richmond, VA – March 30, 2007 – Ten area women have been selected as the 2007 Outstanding Women by the YWCA of Richmond. This year's winners are Joan O. Oates (Partners in the Arts), Maureen Denlea Massey (Markel Corporation), Jann Malone (Richmond Times-Dispatch), Dr. Belinda Childress Anderson (Virginia Union University), Councilwoman Ellen Robertson (Richmond City Council, 6<sup>th</sup> District), Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, M.D. (VCU School of Medicine), Sherrie Brach (United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg), Tara Louise Casey (United States Attorney's Office), Rev. Paula Owens Parker (Daughters of Zelophehad), Rebecca (Becky) Massey (Massey Cancer Center).

The honorees will be formally recognized and celebrated at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon at 11:30 on Friday, April 20, 2007 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

Luncheon tickets are \$50 and must be purchased in advance. To purchase tickets, please contact Sam Kohli at 804-643-6761 x103 or [skohli@ywcarichmond.org](mailto:skohli@ywcarichmond.org). Event proceeds will benefit YWCA programs, including the Child Development Center, 24-hour crisis hotline and Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs.

This year marks the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the YWCA of Richmond and 27 years of recognizing and celebrating the outstanding women of central Virginia. Since 1980, the YWCA has been honoring outstanding women with the Outstanding Women Awards. Winners are nominated and selected in 10 categories: arts, business, communications, education, health and science, human relations, government and politics, law, religion and volunteerism.

This year's winners were selected from nearly 100 nominees, based on their impact on the community, their leadership skills, a high level of personal and professional achievement, and commitment to equality and racial harmony.

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