



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 22, 2008

CONTACT: Jackie Williams
(901) 323-2211

**YWCA OF GREATER MEMPHIS HONORS LOCAL WOMEN
AT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

(MEMPHIS, Tenn.) – The YWCA of Greater Memphis hosted its annual membership meeting on Saturday, August 23, giving special awards to four women in the Memphis community.

The event was held Saturday morning at the Fogelman Executive Center on the University of Memphis campus. Close to 100 YWCA members were present.

The following awards were given: The Ellida Sadler Fri Leadership Award to Deborah Clubb; The Mertie Buckman Community Service Award to Veronica Coleman; The Addie G. Owen Racial Justice Award to Minerva Johnican, and the Lifetime Achievement Award to Donna Sue Shannon.

“On behalf of the YWCA board and staff, we were excited to award these amazing women who have made such a difference in our community over the years,” said Jackie Williams, YWCA Executive Director. “We thank them very much for all their service and dedication to this organization.”

Since 1919, the YWCA of Greater Memphis has been providing mission-driven programs in the Greater Memphis area. The YWCA’s mission is to empower women and

to eliminate racism. All program areas incorporate strong prevention components aimed at building individual strengths and resilience, cultivating leadership qualities, and changing systems that perpetuate discrimination in any form. The YWCA actively seeks collaborations and partnerships and takes leadership roles on issues affecting women, children, and families.

###