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Dear Friend and Supporter,

"I remember coming to the YWCA. Little did I know the world that would open to me..."

Ann, a former tenant at our Residence wrote these words in a thank you note after she moved into her new home. Unable to pay her rising medical bills, Ann became homeless and sought refuge at the YWCA. At the Residence, Ann was able to access more affordable health care and found a compassionate community that helped her heal physically, financially and spiritually.

It has been a year of learning and growth for all of us. As the CEO of this remarkable organization, I am proud to share the enclosed Annual Report with you. In 2009, the YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester will be celebrating its 80th birthday. It will be an exciting and challenging year for the YWCA. Our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women has never been better poised for action. What once seemed like a dream may actually become reality. In recognition of our 80th anniversary, we ask you, as a friend of the YWCA, to renew your commitment to our mission by making a year-end gift that matches or exceeds \$80.

Ann's words can be echoed by countless other women, children and families whose lives have been changed through our programs. These include:

*Isabel, a struggling teen mother, gave birth to a baby boy when she was just 15 years old. Our **Childcare Center** provided a warm and nurturing environment for her son and enabled her to complete high school and receive her diploma. She is now attending college.*

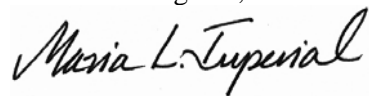
*Shirley attended our **Girls Empowered by Meaningful Support (GEMS)** Program since she was 12 years old. She was inspired by our college tour to apply to Spellman College and became the first member of her family to attend college. She received a scholarship and was elected President of her class.*

*Lourdes, an unemployed and uninsured mom, was provided with a free mammogram through **ENCORE Plus**, our breast and cervical cancer program. After being diagnosed with breast cancer, she was referred to free medical treatment that saved her life.*

Be a part of the change. Thank you for helping the YWCA impact the lives of so many in such wonderful ways. In spite of challenging economic times, there is a growing sense of hope and opportunity here at the YWCA and throughout the country. Your gift this holiday season will ensure that we can continue providing quality programs so that countless possibilities for a better tomorrow can be experienced by the women, children and families that we serve.

We are strong alone, but fearless together.

With warm regards,



Maria L. Imperial
CEO