

# 2011 ywca racial justice award



## our mission

The YWCA of Lancaster is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

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The YWCA of Lancaster Racial Justice Committee is proud to announce the opening of nominations for the 2011 YWCA Racial Justice Award.

We look forward to awarding the 2011 YWCA Racial Justice Award to a woman who exemplifies the spirit of this award. If you know someone who meets the criteria for the YWCA Racial Justice Award, please fill out the nomination form and return it to the YWCA by March 25, 2011. The YWCA Racial Justice Award will be presented to the recipient at the YWCA Annual Meeting in May 2011.

*Laura Korach Howell*, YWCA V.P., Policy

### **Past recipients of the YWCA Racial Justice Award include:**

Carole Roberts  
Noemi Garcia  
Cheryl Holland  
Carole LeFever  
Donna Sheffield  
Amina Smith  
Hazel Jackson  
Conni Yoder  
Karna Burkeen  
Louise Brown  
Nancy Val Kambourglos  
Susan Minasian  
Sheila McGeehan  
Violet Apple  
Charito Calvachi-Mateyko  
Dr. Rebecca Meyer  
Dr. Rita Smith Wade-EI



The symbol of the Racial Justice Award is **SOJOURNER TRUTH** because she personifies the criteria of the award. She was born into slavery in New York State as Isabella, but freed after the Emancipation Act of 1827. She left the state in 1843 with a bag of clothes, 25¢ and her adopted name that would become famous. In 1850 she launched an assault on white people's apathy towards slavery. Realizing that the recently released slaves were denied respect and a decent life, she spent the last years of her life campaigning and lecturing for land ownership for former slaves and spent years collecting signatures for a petition to be presented to Congress. She died in 1883 leaving behind her an extraordinary legacy of courage and endurance.

(See back for criteria and nomination form)

## **YWCA Racial Justice Award Criteria**

The nominee can meet all or any one of the following criteria:

1. The nominee must be a woman who acts as a leader to identify and work against racism or,
2. The nominee must be a woman who works to identify or eliminate institutional racism or,
3. The nominee must be a woman who works with other agencies or organizations to eliminate racism.

**Racism:** Any attitude, action, social policy, or institutional structure that discriminates against a person or a group of people on the basis of color. Racism is especially the subordination of people of color by white people because racism requires not only prejudice, but also the power to subordinate.

**Institutional Racism:** Institutional racism is manifested through established laws, customs and practices that reflect and produce racial inequalities in society. It is primarily through the power of the people who control these institutions that racist policies and practices are reinforced and legitimized.

### **Tell us about your nominee . . .**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

My nominee should receive the 2011 YWCA Racial Justice Award because she meets the following criteria:  
(Be specific; describe the involvement of your nominee on an attached page or pages. Maximum 2 pages.)

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form by March 25, 2011 to: Racial Justice Award, YWCA of Lancaster, 110 N. Lime St., Lancaster, PA 17602 or devans@ywcalancaster.org. For more information call 393-1735 x228.