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Local Teens & Parents Invited to YMCA Teen Achievers Information Event

The YMCA of Greater Cincinnati Black & Hispanic Teen Achievers Program is hosting an information and registration event August 29 for the 2009 to 2010 school year. The event will be at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Students and parents throughout Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky are invited to attend.

Since 1979, the YMCA Black & Hispanic Achievers Program has served over 5000 teens in grades 7 through 12, awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarships and engaged more than 4000 adult volunteers through a network of corporate and community partners. It includes college prep and leadership development activities focusing on study skills/time management, interviewing techniques, financial management, team-building field trips, community service-learning projects, and college tours and more.

"Being a participant requires a commitment from teens but the personal rewards they get back from the program are life changing," said Darlene Murphy, YMCA Black & Hispanic Achievers teen program director.

For more information, the public can contact Program director Darlene Murphy at the YMCA, 513-961-3510 or dmurphy@cincinnatiymca.org, visit www.myy.org.

About the YMCA

As the area's largest youth and family-focused not-for-profit, the YMCA reinforces character values through assets-based programs and services to more than 143,000 individuals, kids and families annually. Adult mentors encourage young people to be caring, responsible, respectful, and honest through sports, summer camps, structured child and afterschool care, and leadership building programs. Branches offer quality time for families, resources for parents, and a variety of opportunities for seniors to be active. The Membership for All sliding scale fee structure means everyone, no matter their ability to pay, can always benefit from the YMCA. Last year alone more than 17,400 families and individuals enjoyed healthier and happier lives because generous partners helped the YMCA in its vision to be accessible to all.

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