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YMCA Buffalo Niagara Recognizes Employees of the Year

(Buffalo, NY) - On Tuesday, March 10, 2009 YMCA Buffalo Niagara held its annual Employee Recognition event. Guests enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship at Samuel's Grand Manor where several individuals were recognized for their outstanding service and commitment to the YMCA and its mission. The following individuals were awarded the title of Employee of the Year at their respective branches:

- Delaware Family YMCA - Jessop Breth, Member Service Representative (Buffalo resident)
- Ellicott-Masten Family YMCA – Coleia Rowell, Member Service Representative (Buffalo resident)
- Ken-Ton Family YMCA – Alex Santos, Youth Sports Coach (Town of Tonawanda resident)
- Northeast Family YMCA – Cathy Smith, Fitness Instructor (Amherst resident)
- Southtowns Family YMCA – Matt Galpin, House Keeper (Orchard Park resident)
- YMCA Camp Weona – Laura Pasternak, Outdoor Education Instructor (North Buffalo, resident)
- Lancaster Family YMCA – Elizabeth Nobles, School Age Child Care Coordinator (Lancaster resident)
- Niagara Falls Family YMCA – Molly Gurman, Program Director (Niagara Falls resident)
- YMCA Buffalo Niagara Corporate Office – Joe Ritzler, Accounting Clerk (Buffalo, resident)

YMCA Buffalo Niagara is an inclusive association of people committed to a common effort to help individuals and families reach their fullest potential in terms of spirit, mind, and body. Founded locally in 1852, the YMCA is committed to significantly expanding a fiscally sound, service delivery organization which delivers high quality, market driven services to a growing Western New York constituency.

As a dynamic, charitable, organization, YMCA Buffalo Niagara has been able to assist countless youth, families, and senior citizens so that they may benefit from YMCA programming.

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YMCA Buffalo Niagara serves more than 100,000 people annually through its association of seven branches across Western New York, YMCA resident Camp Weona as well as 40 community based program sites. From fitness to school age child care programs, swimming lessons to camp, there is something for everyone at the YMCA. For more information on all of the programs the YMCA has to offer and our financial assistance program, please contact your local YMCA branch or visit us online at www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org.

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