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YWCA Northern New Jersey Gearing Up for Its “Walking the Talk Gala 2020”

Announcing Our First Gala Honoree – Paula Ryder-Madison

Event to be Hosted by: WNBC Anchor Pat Battle

March 10, 2019—YWCA Northern New Jersey is proud to host its annual “Walking the Talk Gala 2020”, which is set for Thursday, April 23rd from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Seasons in Washington Township, NJ.

This year’s guest host will once again be Pat Battle, Anchor, Weekend Today in New York/WNBC. The event will showcase some of today’s most accomplished community leaders and invites guests to eat, drink, dance, and celebrate the essential programs and services that YWCA Northern New Jersey supporters make possible to improve the lives of women, girls, and families.

We are proud to announce our first honoree, Paula Ryder-Madison, President, National Coalition of 100 Black Women Bergen/Passaic Chapter. As President, Paula leads the mission to advocate for black women and girls in the areas of health, education, economic empowerment, leadership, development and gender equity. Under Paula’s leadership, the Chapter was named a “National Model Chapter” two years running. Paula is a longtime public health advocate, and works professionally overseeing quality management for Envision Healthcare. She was recognized by Senator Loretta Weinberg as one of the 2018 and 2019 Most Powerful Women in NJ. Paula serves on the board of Bergen County CASA, is a Commissioner for the Bergen County Commission on Women, and chair of the Outreach Ministry at Teaneck United Methodist Church.

“As a powerful voice for social justice, education and empowerment, Paula has been an invaluable partner says,” YWCA Northern NJ CEO, Helen Archontou. “She has collaborated with us on initiatives to open doors for women of color personally and professionally, preventing sexual violence, and supporting survivors. We appreciate all that Paula has done and continues to do around empowering women and girls of color to become leaders, and working to end injustice and inequality in our communities.”

Stay tuned as we continue to announce our next outstanding “Walking the Talk Gala” honoree. Learn how to sponsor, or purchase tickets by visiting us at https://www.ywcannj.org/gala2020/ or contact Lori Murray at lmurray@ywcannj.org or at 201 345-1888.

About YWCA Northern New Jersey

YWCA Northern New Jersey is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting equality for all. We operate healingSPACE, Bergen County’s only Sexual Violence Resource Center (hotline: 201-487-2227), and are a leading provider of year-round child care, swim, and wellness programs. Our 100th year kicks off the expansion of our service area to include Essex, Hudson, Morris, and Passaic counties and our continued commitment to Bergen. We improve the lives of thousands of women, girls, and families with the generous support of our donors. Learn more by visiting ywcannj.org, following @ywcannj on social media, and downloading the healingSPACE app from your app store.

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