

## **Media Advisory**

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# LGBT Center to Host Reception for YWCA's "Let's Talk" Program

**Harrisburg** – The YWCA Greater Harrisburg is pleased to announce the successful completion of our "Let's Talk: A Conversation about Race" series at the LGBT Center of Central PA. Over the past 6 weeks, a diverse group of 12 leaders within the LGBT community came together to discuss the complex dynamics of race and racism, and what we can do individually and collectively to counteract racism and all of the "isms" that divide us.

To celebrate the conclusion of this series, the LGBT Center will host a reception to share what has come out of these conversations, and recognize each of the participants. This event is open to the public and the press, and speakers will include LGBT Center Executive Director Louie Marven, YWCA Greater Harrisburg CEO Tina Nixon, co-facilitators Shaashawn Dial-Snowden and Amanda Arbour, as well as several participants.

#### **Event Details:**

Reception for "Let's Talk: A Conversation about Race"

**Date:** Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Location: LGBT Center of Central PA, 1306 N 3rd Street, Harrisburg

Light refreshments provided.

The YWCA's commitment to "eliminating racism" is at the core of our mission, and this initiative marks our latest effort to create a stronger, more inclusive community in which all people feel safe and valued, have equal access to opportunities and services, and are free from prejudice and discrimination. Contact Amanda Arbour at 717-234-7931 x3057 or AArbour@ywcahbg.org to find out how you can be involved in our racial justice programs.

### **About the YWCA**

The YWCA Greater Harrisburg is a force for change. Eliminating racism, empowering women and transforming the lives of 22,000 individuals each year, the YWCA provides safe housing, crisis services, life skills, job training, childcare and more. The YWCA educates and advocates for women, children, veterans and families in need in the Greater Harrisburg community. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.ywcahbg.org">www.ywcahbg.org</a>.

#### **About the LGBT Center**

The LGBT Center of Central PA creates common ground for the LGBT community and allies in central Pennsylvania by providing services through educational, cultural, and community activities that foster wholeness.

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