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YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Highlights Top Influencers and Business Leaders with its 5th Annual “New Look of Leadership” Fashion Event on March 26th

Chicago, IL (February 13, 2017) – YWCA Metropolitan Chicago’s Ambassadors Council and Future Leaders Council will host its 5th annual New Look of Leadership fashion event on Sunday, March 26, at Macy’s on State Street in the Narcissus Room from 11:30a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The New Look of Leadership event features a fashion show featuring spring and summer styles from Macy’s. More than 250 of Chicago’s best and brightest will gather to raise awareness for the YWCA and its mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. Standard Admission tickets are \$125, Premier tickets are \$150, Runway Tables for 10 guests are \$1250 and Runway Tables for 10 guests are \$1500 with proceeds to benefit the YWCA’s programs and services. Tickets are available for purchase on the YWCA’s website at www.ywcachicago.org/nlol2017.

The New Look of Leadership fashion event showcases our business, civic and community leaders who demonstrate the strength, diversity and style that is positively impacting Chicagoland’s workplaces. The purpose of the event is to provide individuals of all ages, sizes and backgrounds with tools to present themselves as leaders in today’s work environment.

This event - hosted by the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Ambassadors Council and Future Leaders Council and emceed by the dynamic duo of Mika Stambaugh, Vice President of C-Strategies LLC, and Brad Edwards, Investigative Reporter at CBS 2 News Chicago- highlights 25 exceptional leaders who share the YWCA’s values and believe in the empowerment of women. Models include:

Melissa B. Donaldson, VP and Chief Diversity Officer Wintrust Financial Corporation

Lisa Harris, Founder & Creative Director Fashion Meets Poetry, LLC

Chanel Coney, Director of Marketing Chicago Fundamental Investment Partners, LLC

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Spencer Leak Jr., VP/Funeral Director Leak & Sons Funeral Homes
Dima Elissa, Founder & CEO VisMed3D
Duke Alden, Commissioner Illinois Human Rights Commission
Shakila Grigler, Chief Executive Officer Walk this Way Movement Incorporated
Robert Hilliard, Jr. MD, MBA, President, Illinois Harmony / Wellcare
Bridget Gainer, Commissioner - Chairwoman Cook County Land Bank Authority Cook County / AON
Donna Haddad, President, Arab American Bar Association of Illinois – Senior Counsel, IBM Watson
Sam Toia, President & CEO Illinois Restaurant Association
Dr. Suzet McKinney, Executive Director/CEO Illinois Medical District
Fabian Elliott, Founder & CEO Black Tech Mecca
Lakshmi Shenoy, Vice President of Strategy & Business Development 1871
Kendra Chaplin (and daughter, Paloma), Founder Chicago Woman Magazine
Christine Lewandowski, Finance Director Conagra Brands
Ellie Barhmasel, Co-founder RISE Movement
Ann-Marie Rosser, Partner VSA Partners
Val Warner, Co-Host Windy City Live
Tim Cunningham, Vice President Associate Market Manager Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
Dana L. Holmes, Sr. Director, Communications and Positioning Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois
Amber Stocks, General Manager & Head Coach – Chicago Sky WNBA

Major sponsors include ArcelorMittal, Fifth Third Bank, The Revel Group, Macy's, EY, C Strategies LLC and Zella.

For more information about the event, please contact Jacqueline Priego at 312-762-2712 or jacqueline.priego@ywcachicago.org.

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About YWCA Metropolitan Chicago: *YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is the oldest and largest women's organization in the region, with a mission to eliminate racism and empower women. For more than 140 years, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago has been committed to serving the evolving needs of women and families. Today, we help more than 200,000 individuals annually through programs focused around Safety & Wellness, Education & Training, and Economic Sustainability. We are the largest provider of sexual assault support services in the state of Illinois, offering crisis intervention, counseling, prevention education and medical and legal advocacy services. We administer the state's largest Child Care Resource and Referral program offering services to families seeking child care and a variety of support resources for child care providers. We also offer career, financial management, digital literacy and business services to help youth and adult members achieve financial stability and obtain training to enter high-growth fields. To learn more, please visit www.ywcachicago.org and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and You Tube.*