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## **CITY CONTROLLOR SHARES HIS LOVE OF MUSIC WITH YWCA CHILDREN**

York, PA, March 18, 2010- Robert Lambert, City Controller for York City, understands the importance of music education in the classroom. Lambert recently donated a CD player/iPod docking station to YWCA York for use in the Pre-K classroom at their Market Street Early Learning Center. This donation will allow the children to learn through the use of music and books on CD. "Music is structure...and kids thrive on structure", says Molly Griest, certified music therapist. "They can really focus and be attentive to music because it provides its own reward, it provides them with a way to express emotion that they are not developmentally ready to express verbally", says Griest.

Many of the children in the Pre-K classroom speak Mandarin and Spanish as a first language and a few parents have offered to record some books on tape in their native language for use in the classroom. These tools will assist the students in building and improving their language and listening skills. YWCA York is grateful for this donation and looks forward to putting it to good use.

For more information about YWCA's Pre-K program, contact Angie Sparks at 717-845-2631 ext 135 or [asparks@ywcayork.org](mailto:asparks@ywcayork.org) or visit the YWCA York online at [www.ywcayork.org](http://www.ywcayork.org).

Founded in 1858 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., the YWCA is a women's membership movement whose mission is to eliminate racism and empower women. Strengthened by diversity, the YWCA draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people. The YWCA represents approximately 2 million women, girls and their families in the United States and 25 million women worldwide. The YWCA has more than 300 associations throughout the United

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