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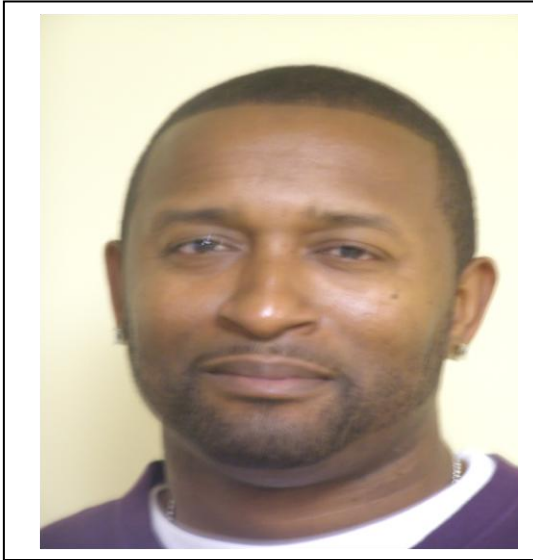
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YWCA YOUTH DIRECTOR MIKE SMITH TO ACCEPT JEFFERSON AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

York, PA, June 9, 2010-Mike Smith, Director of Youth Services, YWCA York, was recently named a recipient of the Jefferson Award for Public Service and will represent York County during a series of formal awards ceremonies in Washington. D.C., Monday, June 21st through Wednesday, June 23rd.

The Jefferson Awards are a prestigious national recognition system honoring community and public service in America. The Jefferson Awards are presented on a national and local level. They began in 1972 to create a Nobel Prize for public service. Today, their primary purpose is to serve as a "Call to Action for Volunteers" in local communities.



"I could not be more proud of Mike Smith and his tireless efforts to make York a better community" said Deb Stock, CEO of YWCA York. Mr. Smith has been recognized for his extensive involvement with youth and in the community. In addition to his work at YWCA York with Temple Guard and the Quantum Opportunities Program (QOP), Smith is also Chapter Leader of York Guardian Angels and the Director of Crossroads Youth Center. Mr. Smith was also recently recognized in Central Pennsylvania Business Journal's 25th Anniversary Issue as one of Central Pennsylvania's Most Influential Minorities.

To learn more, please contact Mike Smith at 717-845-2631ext. 118. Visit the YWCA York online at 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 States. The World YWCA is at work in more than 100 other countries. For information about the YWCA or local YWCA associations, visit our website, www.ywca.org.

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