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### Noted Leader Dr. Anitra Manning Joins YWCA Staff Manning becomes Director of Strategic Partnerships and Development

RALEIGH, N.C. (September 1, 2010) – One of the area’s brightest minds in women’s leadership has joined the staff of the YWCA of the Greater Triangle. The YWCA today announced the addition of Dr. Anitra Manning as the new director of strategic partnerships and development. Manning began her post today.

Her extensive background includes serving as director of the Institute for Women’s Leadership at Meredith College, where she developed strategic partnerships and strong program support across North Carolina and throughout the Southeast. While at Meredith, Manning collaborated with the YWCA on the Women In Connection leadership program, an educational series that unites local women in leadership development.

She also led the design and structuring of executive leadership programs and partnerships at the national headquarters of Girl Scouts of the USA. Manning is a sought-after presenter and expert on topics related to women’s issues, organizational management, and faith.

YWCA Executive Director Folami Bandele said Manning’s experience falls directly in line with the current goals of the organization.

“Anitra Manning has an extraordinary gift for affecting change in our community,” said Bandele. “She has a unique ability to develop coalitions within her wide network and is deeply committed to building awareness of YWCA programs and our mission to eliminate racism and empower women.”

Manning said she is honored to champion the YWCA mission.

“I am thrilled to further the YWCA’s impact through strategic partnerships that allow us to build on our success and innovate toward a future where our mission is fully realized,” she said. “I am honored and ecstatic to work alongside this team. I cherish the opportunity to work with the community of women and supporters in our region who make certain that the YWCA’s legacy and impact is sustained for generations.”

Manning earned her Doctorate of Education in Administrative and Policy Studies from the University of Pittsburgh. She also holds a Master of Science degree in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie-Mellon University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Hampton University.

She serves on the Wake County Community Foundation Board of Directors and the Triangle United Way Women's Leadership Council.

**About the YWCA**

The YWCA unites women and men who strive to improve the social and economic conditions that affect girls, women and their families. Established locally in 1901, YWCA programs address disparities that still exist in health, education, economics and racial justice to make life-changing differences for thousands of area families. As a private, non-profit organization, the YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people. <http://www.ywcatriangle.org>.

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