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**The Women's Y Foundation of Montreal
announces the names of the 2010 Women of Distinction**

Montreal, June 11, 2010 – The Women's Y Foundation of Montreal announced the names of the 2010 Women of Distinction laureates who will be honoured during the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony which will be held on October 4th. Ms. Marie-Huguette Cormier, Executive Vice President, Communications, Desjardins Group, has been named honorary president of this prestigious event which will publicly recognize and honour 10 women who have distinguished themselves in different sectors of activity, and pay special homage to a woman who has been a pioneer in her field.

Each one has taken landmark action, served as a role model and inspiration, blazed a trail for other women and girls, and had an impact in their field of activity and an influence on the national and international scene. They have all, by their concrete actions, promoted the advancement of women.

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Pioneer: The Honorable Claire L'Heureux-Dubé, Retired Justice, Supreme Court of Canada

Advancement of Women: Michèle Stanton-Jean, Guest Scholar at the Centre de Recherche en droit public at the Université de Montréal

Young Woman of Distinction: Léa Clermont-Dion, prime mover behind the Quebec Charter for a Healthy and Diversified Body Image adopted by the Ministère de la Condition féminine du Québec

Business and Professions: Lise Watier, Founder and President of Lise Watier Cosmétiques Inc.

Arts and culture: Nathalie Bondil, CEO and Chief Curator, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

Communications: Djemila Benhabib, Author

Education: Jocelyne Robert, Author and Sexologist

Entrepreneurship: Denise Cornellier, Owner, Chef and CEO of Cornellier Traiteur

Health and Science: Francine Ducharme, Chair of the Desjardins Research Chair in Nursing Care for Seniors and their Families, Centre de recherche de l'institut universitaire de gériatrique de Montréal

Community Service: Ana Maria Seifert, Coordinator and Researcher, CINBIOSE, Université du Québec à Montréal

Sports and Well-being: Joannie Rochette, 2010 Olympic Medalist, Figure Skating

For 135 years, the YWCA Montreal has supported women of all ages and backgrounds in their personal, professional and economic development. Each year, the YWCA reaches 16,000 women and girls through its Literacy, Employment, Housing and Leadership programs. The YWCA Montreal is part of the World YWCA movement, present in 100 countries throughout the world.

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