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YMCA OF GREATER MIAMI RECEIVES MORE THAN \$28,000 IN GRANTS FROM JCPENNEY AND TARGET

The funds will benefit the YMCA's afterschool programs in Miami-Dade County

MIAMI (September 3, 2009)- The YMCA of Greater Miami has received a \$25,188 grant from the JCPenney Afterschool Fund to be used towards providing financial assistance for children enrolling in the YMCA's afterschool programs. The funds will benefit programs in the Upper Keys, Hialeah, Allapattah, Homestead and South Dade areas. Additionally, the YMCA has also received a \$3,000 grant from Target to aid in purchasing KidzLit curriculum, a reading enrichment program aimed towards motivating children to read and build their literary skills, for the Y's afterschool programs.

"We are honored to be the recipients of these generous grants from the JCPenney Afterschool Fund and Target," said Alfred Sanchez, CEO of the YMCA of Greater Miami. "With these funds, we will be able to help more families by providing a quality afterschool program for their children and enhance their literacy skills."

The YMCA of Greater Miami currently serves approximately 4,000 children at its afterschool programs daily. The program provides children with a time to bond with other children in their age group as well to engage in creative play and participate in outdoor games. Most recently, the YMCA incorporated swimming, dancing and youth sports to its afterschool care programs at several locations.

For more information on the YMCA's afterschool programs, including locations, enrollment options and financial assistance availability, please call 305-357-6622 or visit www.ymcamiami.org.

About YMCA of Greater Miami

Founded in 1916, the YMCA of Greater of Miami is one of South Florida's oldest and largest not-for-profit organizations. With branches throughout Miami-Dade and upper Monroe County, the Y is committed to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities. Its scope of services includes youth sports, aquatics, after-school, preschool and child care, summer camp, teen clubs, health and fitness programs, and membership. For more information about the YMCA of Greater Miami, call toll free 1-877-WOW-YMCA or visit www.ymcamiami.org.

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