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YMCA OF GREATER MIAMI AND LEMON CITY CEMETERY CORPORATION HONORED FOR PRESERVING MIAMI'S HISTORIC HERITAGE

MIAMI, Fla. – June 15, 2010 – Dade Heritage Trust, Miami's largest non-profit historic preservation organization, recently honored the YMCA of Greater Miami and the Lemon City Cemetery Community Corporation for its cooperative efforts to recognize and preserve the Lemon City Cemetery.

"On behalf of the YMCA of Greater Miami and all of our volunteers and partners who dedicated time and efforts to securing the Lemon City Cemetery's historic designation, I'm grateful for this honor," said Alfred Sanchez, president and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Miami. "As a community organization, the YMCA is proud to safeguard Miami-Dade County's rich past in order to enlighten future generations."

In April of 2009, human bones and parts of caskets were found during the initial construction phase of Village Carver, a new affordable housing development being built by Biscayne Housing Group and Carlisle Development Group on land owned by the YMCA of Greater Miami. Soon thereafter, a repository of some 500 death records was discovered, which named Lemon City Cemetery as the final resting place for local African-Americans.

As a result, Lemon City Cemetery Community Corporation, YMCA of Greater Miami, Biscayne Housing Group and Carlisle Development Group joined forces to successfully earn designation of Lemon City Cemetery as a historic site. Subsequently, Biscayne Housing Group moved construction plans from the Lemon City Cemetery area to another location on the property and is developing a memorial honoring Miami's local African American pioneers at the site.

"It is only by working together that community organizations such as the Lemon City Cemetery Corporation and the YMCA can preserve South Florida's diverse history and in turn build strong communities," said Enid Pinkney, chair of the African-American Committee of Dade Heritage Trust and chair of the Lemon City Cemetery Community Corporation.

About Lemon City Cemetery Community Corporation

The Lemon City Cemetery Community Corporation started out as the African American Committee of Dade Heritage Trust, which later became the Lemon City Cemetery Task Force and now has been incorporated. The first meeting was held on May 25, 2009 at Jefferson Reaves Park to discuss strategies to deal with the discovery of the Lemon City Cemetery. Finding family members of the deceased, applying for historic designation, inviting elected officials to our meeting and getting the community involved were strategies suggested to deal with the situation. All meetings have been open to the public. The developers, the YMCA and

the LCCC have discussed how to resolve the situation. The LCCC adopted a resolution which was presented to and passed by the Historic Environment Preservation Board of the City of Miami in July. The LCCC prepared and presented a preliminary historic designation report for the September meeting of the HEP Board. That report was accepted unanimously by the Board in October. The LCCC looks forward to working with the developers and the YMCA to memorialize the persons who are buried in the Lemon City Cemetery.

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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