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Tonya Lovelace, CEO Women of Color Network, Inc., Named to 2017 Class of Tribute to Women of Excellence Honorees by YWCA of Greater Harrisburg



Harrisburg, PA – Tonya Lovelace, CEO The Women of Color Network, Inc. has been selected as one of thirty-one honorees comprising the 2017 class of Tribute to Women of Excellence by the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg. The 28th Annual Tribute to Women of Excellence will be held Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Hershey Lodge 5:30pm – 8:30pm. Tonya’s nomination was the culmination of WOCN, INC staff, Board of Directors, and consultants with input from Jamila Lovelace, Tonya’s daughter. The nomination was officially assembled and submitted by Shaashawn S. Dial-Snowden, consultant and Amanda Arbour, Racial Justice Coordinator of the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg.

Tonya Lovelace is a passionate leader who works tirelessly to end violence against women. At the beginning of her career, Tonya worked one-on-one with women who were escaping abusive relationships. Two decades later, she now heads the Women of Color Network, Inc. (WOCN, INC) – a national organization based in Harrisburg. As CEO of WOCN, INC. Tonya seeks to eliminate violence against ALL women by centralizing the voices and promoting leadership of women of color. Her role is both local and national- it is not uncommon for her to have attended a summit at the White House in the morning and then see her at a meeting in Harrisburg later that day! Tonya works to create spaces for communities who have been marginalized. She not only notices who isn’t at the table, she also has great recommendations for empty seats. This showcases one of her strengths, turning exclusion into opportunity. Tonya has raised scholarship money for survivors and advocates to attend important meetings/ trainings and has co-created fundraising programs on both local and national levels (www.mybluelips.com). She is closely involved in the YWCA’s racial justice work, including emceeding a Diversity Forum, serving on the Criminal Justice & Community Relations Taskforce and being a dedicated partner and advocate. Most of all, Tonya creates a place in her heart for every woman of color, survivor, activist, and advocate she encounters. She carries an undying passion and vision for a more equitable world for women and communities of color.

Held annually in March, the Tribute to Women of Excellence (TWE) is an awards dinner hosted by the YWCA Greater Harrisburg to honor extraordinary women for their contributions to the Central Pennsylvania region, both professionally and philanthropically. Since its inception, the Tribute to Women of Excellence (TWE) awards ceremony has honored more than 550 women for their contributions to the workplace and community and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in support of YWCA programs for women, children and men.

If your organization would like to honor Tonya Lovelace, an outstanding woman serving communities locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally; consider purchasing an ad in the event program. Ads range from \$125 for quarter page ad, \$200 half page ad, and full page ad \$400 - \$500. Ad artwork is due by Friday, February 10, 2017, to Kayla Juba, Special Event Coordinator, at kjuba@ywcahbg.org. Checks are payable to YWCA TWE and should be mailed to: YWCA Greater Harrisburg, 1101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103.

About WOCN, Inc:

The Women of Color Network, Inc. (WOCN, Inc.) is a national organization 501 (C) 3 with a 20-year legacy of serving women of color and other marginalized communities. Twenty-seven months ago WOCN, Inc. spun off to stand on its own as an independent nonprofit. Tonya Lovelace, CEO is located in Harrisburg in the Startup building, 922 N. 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102, and additional staff members reside in New York, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and North Carolina.

Donations to support WOCN, Inc. can be made at either www.wocninc.org, or on www.mybluelips.org

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