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Fundraiser Benefits Lawson House

Chicago, IL (August 5, 2009) – The Lawson House YMCA, located at 30 W. Chicago Avenue, held its 2nd annual Floating Fundraiser River Cruise aboard Chicago’s Fair Lady on June 30.

The event, sponsored by Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP, raised more than \$17,000. Money was raised through sponsorships, donations, a silent auction and a raffle. Proceeds from this event help support the YMCA mission.

Since 1931, Lawson House has provided safe, affordable housing for low-income or formerly homeless men and women in transition. Today, it is the largest single-room occupancy supportive housing facility in the Midwest. Lawson House provides an array of free social services, mental health and primary medical care to residents to help them achieve housing stability and be independent, vibrant contributors to the community.

“It was one of our best events yet, with many new faces interested in learning more about the mission of this YMCA and those we serve,” said Gloria Johnson, Lawson House interim executive director. “Lawson House is an important part of the community. It helps its 583 residents achieve their potential, and countless lives are transformed through its social services and programs.”

For more information about Lawson House YMCA, please visit:
<http://www.ymcachgo.org/locations/LawsonHouseYMCA.php>.

Through its 65 locations and more than 100 extension sites, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago helps children learn and grow, teaches young people to lead, brings families closer, and encourages individual health and well-being. The fourth largest non-profit in Chicago and one of the largest human services organizations in the nation, YMCA programs impact hundreds of thousands of lives annually, helping to strengthen neighborhoods and respond to community needs across Chicagoland. To learn more, visit www.ymcachgo.org.

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