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VOICES OF COURAGE AWARDS LUNCHEON 2008

Ending violence against refugee and internally displaced women and girls

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR HONOREES **Deadline for nominations: October 15, 2007**

Each year, the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children holds a luncheon to honor individual refugee women and young people who are working on behalf of other refugees. We are now seeking candidates for the **2008 Voices of Courage Awards** to be bestowed at our May 6, 2008 luncheon. The theme of the luncheon is "Ending Violence against Refugee and Internally Displaced Women and Girls." We will honor individuals in the United States and overseas who have been key players in preventing and responding to violence against women and girls displaced by armed conflict.

Some of the criteria are:

- Candidates should be refugees or internally displaced women or youth who work or have worked to provide innovative, successful programs that address and reduce violence against refugee, internally displaced and/or returnee women and girls.
- Candidates should be passionate advocates against violence against women and girls in all of its forms, including rape, sexual exploitation and abuse, genital mutilation and domestic violence.
- Candidates must be able to travel to New York for a week in May (the luncheon is Tuesday, May 6) to accept their award (all travel and housing expenses will be paid).

To nominate a candidate for a Voices of Courage award, please send a letter of nomination and the curriculum vitae, résumé or biography of the nominee, as well as the names and email/phone/fax of at least three references, by OCTOBER 15, 2007 to:

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Attn: Voices of Courage Nominees
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Or by email to: gracec@womenscommission.org or by fax: +1.212.551.3180.

PLEASE NOTE: We can only consider applications that are in English.

Thank you for your help. For more information on the luncheon, contact us at the above address.

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