



WOMEN'S COMMISSION FOR REFUGEE WOMEN AND CHILDREN

## 2009 Voices of Courage Awards

### Honoring Refugee Women and Youth Leaders Working for Change

#### **ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR HONOREES**

#### **Deadline for nominations: November 1, 2008**

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 to be honored at our May 7, 2009 **Voices of Courage Awards** luncheon. We will be celebrating the Women's Commission's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and will be "Honoring Refugee Women and Youth Working for Change." We will honor a woman or young person who has been an outstanding leader in assisting and advocating for other refugees and displaced persons in conflict settings. The candidate may live in the United States or overseas.

- Candidates should be refugees or internally displaced women or youth who work or have worked to provide innovative, successful programs serving people displaced by conflict.
- Candidates should be passionate advocates for improving the lives and defending the rights of refugee and internally displaced women, children and young people.
- Candidates must be able to travel to New York for a week in May (the luncheon is Thursday, May 7, 2009) to accept their award (all travel and housing expenses will be paid).
- The ability to speak English is preferred.

The 2009 Voices of Courage honoree's organization will receive a \$5,000 grant from the Women's Commission to further his or her critical work to benefit refugee and displaced people in his or her community.

To nominate a candidate for a Voices of Courage award, please send 1) a letter of nomination; 2) the curriculum vitae, résumé or biography of the nominee; and 3) the names and email/phone/fax of three references by **November 1, 2008** to:

Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children  
Attn: Voices of Courage Nominees  
122 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10168-1289  
USA

Or email your nomination to Grace Cheung at [gracec@womenscommission.org](mailto:gracec@womenscommission.org) or fax to +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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