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## Helping Students Fulfill Their Dreams of Going to College

**The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington helps students and adult learners pay for college through College Goal Sunday<sup>SM</sup>**

**Washington, D.C., February 10, 2011** – In the next ten years, 35% of new jobs will require college degrees. College Goal Sunday is a program that provides **free** assistance to students and families who are applying for financial aid for post secondary education. Over the past 14 years, the program has assisted more than 60,000 Indiana residents alone with getting the financial assistance they need for college. College Goal Sunday has since expanded its programming to 40 states in the US, including the District of Columbia, funded by Lumina Foundation for Education and managed by the YMCA of the USA.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington will be administering the College Goal Sunday program on the following dates:

- **Sunday, February 13, 2011**, 2:00pm-4:00pm at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library.
- **Sunday, February 20, 2011**, 2:00pm-4:00pm at H.D. Woodson High School.

The program will bring together financial aid professionals from colleges and universities, along with other volunteers to help college-bound students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans at most colleges in the country.

“College Goal Sunday is a fantastic opportunity for students of all ages attending college in the fall to complete the FAFSA application and have their financial aid questions answered. Completing the FAFSA form puts students one step closer to accomplishing their goal of receiving a postsecondary education,” states Emma Lipscomb, Program Director for the YMCA DC Youth & Government program.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington is committed to supporting the educational growth of today’s youth. They are offering the College Goal Sunday program free-of-charge to the community. All families are welcome!

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### ***About the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington***

*The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington has been providing vital programs and services for local adults, children and families for more than 150 years. The YMCA is one of the largest social service agencies in Washington D.C., suburban Maryland and northern Virginia. Last year, the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington touched the lives of 265,000 people through our 17 branches and program centers. For more information, visit [www.ymcadc.org](http://www.ymcadc.org).*

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