YWCA Mission: Racial Justice Cultural Celebrations

DATES: **March Around the World** **March 25, 2011**
Unity Walk **October 7, 2011**
Holiday Stories from Around the World **December 9, 2011**
LOCATION: YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County

To further our mission of eliminating racism, the YWCA holds events that celebrate the rich diversity of our local community. It is our intent to increase appreciation of diversity by promoting education and exposure to different cultures so that fear and ignorance become understanding and that understanding leads to acceptance.

With a contribution of just **$125 per event or a total of $325 for all**, your business will receive:

- Recognition in all promotional and event advertising materials for each event sponsored
- Your name or company's name listed in our quarterly *YWorks* program guide (distributed to nearly 15,000 readers) for the period in which your sponsored event(s) occur(s)
- Listing in the event program(s)
- Recognition at the actual event, in the form of a poster listing you or your company as an event sponsor
- Recognition at three community days, when YWCA facilities are open to the public free of charge, on the Saturday following each cultural celebration event (March 26, October 8, and December 10)

Event descriptions:
March Around the World: Our first cultural event of 2011 will explore the varied ways in which cultures celebrate the changes of season in March: spring in the northern hemisphere and fall in the southern hemisphere.

Unity Walk: Our fourth annual Unity Walk will take participants through a culturally significant section of Adams County. Past walks have explored Gettysburg's Third Ward, a historically black area and home to a growing Hispanic/Latino population, the Scotch-Irish and German immigrants who were once an ethnic minority here, the effect President Dwight Eisenhower had on the American Civil Rights movement, and the history of prominent symbols in local architecture, like the Confederate flag and the Masonic symbol.

Holiday Stories from Around the World: Our final cultural event of the year will explore how various religions and cultures celebrate the winter holidays. Celebrations will include Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Diwali, Eid al Adha, and others.

Far right: *A performer displays a marionette during our Italian Heritage Celebration in May 2010.*
Near right: *Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith, portrayed by Ross Hetrick and Sheila Supenski, speak to participants during our Fall 2009 Unity Walk.*