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**Inductions to YWCA Delaware Academy of Women Leaders
Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

Wilmington, DE: YWCA Delaware will induct Family Court Judge, the Honorable Barbara D. Crowell and Amira Idris, CEO and Founder TheraV into the Academy of Women Leaders on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 during the Annual Meeting. The meeting will take place at 5 p.m. at the Goodstay Center, University of Delaware Wilmington Campus, 2600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806. Tickets are \$50, which include: a drink and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Purchase tickets online by May 15, at www.ywcade.org/annualmeeting For sponsorship opportunities, call 302-655-0039 ext. 223.

“We are excited to recognize two strong women who exemplify YWCA’s mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. Both of these amazing women took bold action in response to the suffering of others. Judge Crowell and Ms. Idris are true inspirations and it is our pleasure to induct them into the Academy of Women Leaders at our annual meeting,” said Stephanie Staats, CEO, YWCA Delaware.

YWCA Delaware’s annual meeting provides a time for us to reflect on our mission, goals, and achievements. We also celebrate the women who are changing our community for the better. This year we are recognizing two remarkable women for their accomplishments as we induct them into YWCA Delaware’s Academy of Women Leaders.

The Honorable Barbara D. Crowell

The Honorable Barbara D. Crowell, Family Court of Delaware Judge, is this year’s **Trailblazer Award** honoree. Judge Crowell has been a Family Court judge since 1996, following 16 years as an associate and the first female partner at Morris James LLP. She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. Judge Crowell is a longtime advocate for children, especially older children in foster care and people without a voice in society.

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Judge Crowell's inspirational work has been ongoing for decades. In the 1960s she helped facilitate positive interaction between the races in the South. She was a member of the legal team that represented New Castle County Schools and worked to expand alimony awards to provide women with a measure of financial security. Judge Crowell created and maintains the Grace cottage program where prominent women visit incarcerated teenage girls.

Amira Idris

Amira Idris, CEO and Founder of TheraV, is this year's **Genevieve Gore Young Woman's Leadership** honoree. Ms. Idris immigrated from Nigeria 16 years ago and graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in biomedical engineering, thanks to an academic and track scholarship. She followed this with a graduate degree from UD's Horn School of Entrepreneurship.

Idris is one to give back. this social entrepreneur and biomedical engineer came up with the idea for Vibrating Therapeutic Apparel (VTA) after a chance encounter with an above the knee amputee suffering from phantom limb pain when she worked at a prosthetic clinic. The limited pain management options for amputees lead Amira to develop a pain management alternative that does not depend solely on drugs. She connected the problem to the way vibration is used therapeutically for injured athletes.

Please join us for this celebration as we honor Judge Barbara D. Crowell and emerging leader Amira Idris for their contributions to women's advancement.

YWCA Delaware is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families and strengthen communities. We improve the health & safety, economic mobility, family stability and civic participation of women and their families. Learn more at www.ywcade.org. Facebook @ywcadelaware Twitter @ywcade Instagram @ywcade