



Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA

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***Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA
Honors Award Winners Lucinda Florio and Charles Tomaro***

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It is with great excitement that the Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA announces the selection of two prominent and influential community members to receive the Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award and Peter J. Barnes, Jr. Community Champion Award.

Lucinda Florio, former First Lady of New Jersey will be honored with the twentieth *Charles S. Edgar Award* for her outstanding work as a YMCA volunteer where she currently serves on the YMCA Board of Directors.

The *Charles S. Edgar Award* recipient is a person who:

- Demonstrates leadership and is of the highest personal integrity.
- Has greatly served the youth of the community.
- Exemplifies community spirit at its best.
- Has contributed to the community through a variety of organizations and in a variety of roles.
- Is responsive to and interested in the work of the YMCA.
- Has a record of long-term service.
- Is recognized for his or her individual efforts, not on behalf of a group.
- Whose acceptance will enrich the tradition of the Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award.

The *YMCA Peter J. Barnes Jr. Community Champion Award* will be presented to ***Charles Tomaro***, former Edison Township Councilman, for his contribution as a public official to the mission of the YMCA and to the community at large.

The *Peter J. Barnes, Jr Community Champion Award* recipient is a person who:

- Has a legacy of civic service.
- Is an appointed or elected official in city, county, state or federal government.
- Is responsive to and interested in the work of the YMCA as part of a demonstrated long-term commitment to furthering the greater good.

- Serves as an example for others of leadership, integrity, and the four core values of the YMCA: caring, honesty, respect, responsibility.
- Demonstrates a character that is beyond reproach and who consistently exemplifies the highest standards of public service.
- Whose acceptance will enrich the tradition of the YMCA Community Champion Award.

Both Lucinda and Charles will be honored at the 2008 Annual Dinner Meeting of the Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA in celebration of 87 years of community service.

The dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 7th, 2008 at 6:00PM at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Helene Zahn, Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA Development Director at 732-516-9200 x108.