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YMCA CEO JOHN FLYNN NAMES SOUTH PHILADELPHIA RESIDENT  
“CHRISTIAN STREET YMCA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR”

PHILADELPHIA – June 5, 2007 – For her overwhelming generosity and willingness to serve others, South Philadelphia’s own Doerte Smith has been named the “Christian Street YMCA Volunteer of the Year.” YMCA CEO and John Flynn recognized Smith at the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity’s Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2007.

Pictured here (from left) are Smith and John Flynn, President and CEO of the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity.

“Volunteering is a rewarding experience for me and the staff and members at the Christian Street Y have become my family”, says Smith. “Being a part of the Y makes me feel like I belong and I am truly thrilled to receive this honor.”

Involved with the YMCA for more than four years, Smith participated in the planning and execution of the 2006 Christian Street Founder’s Day event and is a positive advocate for YMCA programs and services. In addition to her volunteer efforts at the Y, Smith is also involved in several other community organizations including SOSNA (South of South Neighborhood Association), Citizens for the Restoration of Historical LaMott, Camp William Penn and Gateway Community Development Corporation.

“Doerte’s dedication to the YMCA has been invaluable, says Michele Stevenson, executive director of the Christian Street YMCA. “She has an infectious enthusiasm that touches everyone in her presence and we are privileged to have her at our Y.”

Located at 1724 Christian Street in South Philadelphia, the Christian Street YMCA provides quality programming and resources for youth, teens, adults and individuals with disabilities, including full-day and after-school child care, summer camp, youth sports, teen leadership and adult fitness. For more information about the Christian Street YMCA call 215-735-5800.

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