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MEDIA ADVISORY

AUSTIN CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN THE MOST CHALLENGING ISSUE FACING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN 21ST CENTURY

(Austin, TX), April 26, 2010 — Advancing Community Through Women (ACT Women) says it is holding its 8th Annual conference May 1 at the Radisson in Austin, with a line up of speakers to include such activists and professional women as UT Professor Sarah Buel and award-winning rights attorney Layli Miller-Muro. The speakers will address, upfront, the topic of violence against women while promoting solutions. The non-profit organization, whose primary mission is to educate and encourage women to effect change, using spiritual tools, says that a parallel conference by sister organization ACT Girls will also be held at the same time and location, featuring Workshops.

WHAT: ACT Women 8th Annual Conference & ACT Girls 4th Annual Conference (ages 10-15)

WHEN: Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Radisson Hotel, Town Lake, Austin, 111 East Cesar Chavez @ Congress Ave.

WHO: Speakers Layli Miller-Muro, Sarah Buel and Rebecca Powers

Layli Miller-Muro, Executive Director, Tahirih Justice Center (Washington, DC and Houston, TX). The Tahirih Justice Center protects immigrant women and girls from violence, advocates for their legal rights, supports their courage to seek justice and empowers them to achieve equality.

Miller-Muro is a former attorney-advisor at the U.S. Department of Justice, Board of Immigration Appeals, and winner of a landmark case benefiting asylum seekers in the US.

Topic: Ending an Era of Violence against Women; Building Structures of Peace.

Professor Sarah Buel, Co-Director, University of Texas School of Law Domestic Violence Center. This former assistant district attorney and supervisor of Harvard Law School's battered women's advocacy project now guides students of the UT School of Law's Domestic Violence Center as they represent victims of domestic violence.

Topic: Building the Bridge from Exploitation to Empowerment.

Rebecca Powers, Founder & CEO, Impact Austin, a progressive leader in women's philanthropy, bringing new resources to the community and making philanthropy accessible. They engage, develop and inspire women to effect positive change.

Topic: Women in Leadership; Beyond Competition.

Other Presentations & Interactive Workshops for ACT GIRLS include:

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- Strategies for Greater Success; Working with Mentors
- Relationship Building using Social Media
- Parenting from the Heart
- Personal Power — Reclaim Your Voice & Empower Others

ACT GIRLS Interactive Workshops

- Music
- Theatre
- Women of the World Scavenger Hunt
- Drumming Workshop
- Workshops on Dealing with Social Challenges, including Cyber Bullying

REGISTRATION: ACT GIRLS CONFERENCE \$50 after April 15; ACT WOMEN CONFERENCE \$85 after April 15

Register on-line at www.actwomen.com via PayPal, mail your check to ACT Women, PO Box 28752, Austin, TX 78755

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