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Dear Friends,

As many of you may know, for a few years now I have had the pleasure of being the emcee for the Career Youth Development Image Awards. This year the theme was **“To God Be The Glory”** with a special dedication to Mother Claretta Simpson and Sister Jeanetta Robinson, CEO! **The Woman of the Year was Milwaukee’s very own Community Advocate, Resource Extraordinaire and Mover & Shaker, Martha Love.** **The Man of the Year was J.D. Watts, a legal beagle with the heart of gold!**

It was a fantastic evening full of fellowship, friends and every one there was a VIP! I had the distinct pleasure of co-emceeing with Dr. Renee Settles-Robinson.



**Jeanetta Robinson
and the
CYD
Queen & King Court**

**Queen Chloe'
and
Proud
Mama Beth**



I wanted to share with you a letter I just sent out to County Executive Scott Walker, Chairman Lee Holloway and Mayor Tom Barrett.

OPEN LETTER TO OUR LEADERS:

September 21, 2006

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker
Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 North 9th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway
Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 North 9th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Mayor Tom Barrett
Milwaukee City Hall 200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear County Executive Scott Walker, Chairman Lee Holloway & Mayor Tom Barrett,

I was truly pleased to see all of you at the 2006 Career Youth Development Image Awards and want to express my gratitude for your presence at the program.

Please allow me to share with you the importance of spreading the good news in Milwaukee. So many times the positive messages and images of our youth are not conveyed to the various editorial boards and media talk shows. On that evening we had over 100 positive, talented, creative and constructive young people participate in the Image Awards. These young people have done great things in school, church and the community.

Unfortunately you will not see this on television. All the years that I have emceed the Career Youth Development Image Awards, channel 4, 6, 12, or 58 television crews has ever highlighted the event. That evening not one young person was shot, robbed or killed; therefore our Milwaukee media outlets did not find it newsworthy.

The media continues to pound in and push the negative things in our communities. As people take this to the heart day in and day out, it leaves them depressed, confused and disgusted. If we continue to allow the media to highlight the negative and not challenge them to promote the positive, our youth are going to continue to leave Milwaukee with no intentions of coming back.

In your leadership capacity, please start sharing the good news about our Milwaukee youth! The message has to change, you are often in the presence of the media, please spread the good news. Everything in the central city is not bad; however if your only source of information about the central city is through the media in Milwaukee, "you will never know all the good that is happening in the hood!" **Thank God for Jeanetta Robinson, Earl Hill and the CYD family for the tremendous positive impact they have on all of our children.** Peace and Blessings.

Faith, Hope and Harmony,

Elizabeth Coggs-Jones

Cc: Earl Hill, President of Career Youth Development
Jeanetta Robinson, CEO of Career Youth Development