



YMCA IN THE NEWS

**YMCA OF GREATER HARTFORD
AUGUST 2011**

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT™
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

CIGNA STEPS UP FOR CHAMPIONS

Hartford, CT – YMCA of Greater Hartford is proud to announce Cigna as the top sponsor for the 2011 YMCA Celebrates Champions event on Friday Evening, October 14th at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. Cigna's generous support and leadership provides much needed funding for YMCA Read To Succeed and Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth & Family Center programs for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

That evening, Hartford will welcome Sean & Leigh Anne Tuohy, the inspirational family behind *The Blind Side*, a Hollywood blockbuster movie that starred Oscar-winning Actress Sandra Bullock and tells the story of Baltimore Ravens football player Michael Oher and his journey from homelessness to the NFL. Their story demonstrates commitment to family that brought the Tuohys and Oher together. The Tuohys look forward to sharing the impact of this experience and their philosophy of giving. YMCA Celebrates Champions will be a fun and inspirational evening featuring dynamic speakers, an award presentation and silent and live auctions.

Gianna Jackson, Executive Director of the CIGNA Foundation, shares, "We have seen how the YMCA is helping to develop new young champions every day. CIGNA has been a longtime supporter of the Greater Hartford YMCA – highlighted by our \$100,000 contribution to the wonderful Wilson-Gray Center. In the spirit of building a healthier Hartford, CIGNA celebrates the Hartford 'Y' through our Presenting Sponsorship."

"The YMCA is thrilled to have CIGNA as the presenting sponsor of this year's YMCA Celebrates Champions event. Their support is a tribute to the Champions in our community who are working, in partnership, to build a Greater Hartford through Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility" says James Morton, President and CEO, YMCA of Greater Hartford.



YMCA IN THE NEWS

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT™
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sponsorship and table captain opportunities are available. Please contact Susan Joyse of YMCA at 860-522-9622 X2314 for more information. Tickets for this memorable event are \$200 and for sale online at:

<http://ymcacelebrateschampions.eventbrite.com>

###

*The YMCA of Greater Hartford is a non profit 501 (c) 3 charitable organization established in 1852 and is one of the nation's oldest YMCA's. The YMCA for **Youth Development:** Nurturing the potential of every child and teen, for **Healthy Living:** Improving the nation's health and well-being, for **Social Responsibility:** Giving back and providing support to our neighbors. In 2010 the YMCA of Greater Hartford served more than 111,000 people, including 66,500 children, in 52 towns and cities throughout the Capital Region.*