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PEARLS Executive Director Honored with Three Awards for Leadership!

MILWAUKEE (January 20, 2009) - PEARLS for Teen Girls is proud to announce that PEARLS Executive Director Danae Davis will be the recipient of three local awards for her leadership, achievements and contributions to the Milwaukee community.

The Black Women's Network, Inc. (BWN) of Milwaukee has selected Danae Davis as one of **30 Phenomenal Women** who have contributed significantly to the community. She will be recognized at the BWN 30 year celebration, *"30 Exceptional Years & 30 Phenomenal Women."* The BWN is an organization that supports the goals and activities of professional, business, community, religious and volunteer groups on issues concerning African American women and the African American community. Each year the BWN honors African American women whose personal and professional achievements are considered outstanding and who promote the ideals of leadership and community service. **Event Details:** February, 13, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Danae Davis is one of the **Milwaukee Times' 24th Black Excellence Awards** honorees for 2009. The Black Excellence Awards were started 24 years ago in conjunction with Black History Month as a forum to highlight and honor individuals in our community who are making a positive difference. It is also an occasion for the Milwaukee Times to provide scholarship funds for area college-bound students. **Event Details:** February 27, 2009 at the Italian Community Center at 6 p.m.

The United States Postal Service is honoring Danae Davis with a 2009 **Women Putting their Stamp on Metro Milwaukee Award** in the category of Diversity Champion. She will be recognized along with 14 other women leaders at the US Postal Services' 11th Women's History Month Award Luncheon. **Event Details:** March 20, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at the Italian Community Center

PEARLS for Teen Girls, Inc. is a leadership development organization serving at-risk girls ages 10 to 19 in Milwaukee. PEARLS helps girls overcome the challenges of poverty, achieve in school, take responsibility for their behavior, avoid teen pregnancy, violence and other negative influences, and ultimately, use their personal power to reach their goals and dreams. In 2008 PEARLS served 688 girls citywide. 100% of PEARLS high school seniors graduated in 2006, 2007, 2008. 90% of '07 grads were accepted to college; 88% of '08 grads were accepted. 100% of all PEARLS girls avoided teen pregnancy in 2008.

For more information about PEARLS visit www.pearlsforteengirls.com or call 414-265-7555.