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### **Emerge Scholarships Inc, Awards Twelve Scholarships at Annual Luncheon**

**ATLANTA** –Emerge Scholarships, Inc. gave a dozen deserving women \$5,000 each in scholarships at a sold-out luncheon on February 28, 2012.

Scholarship recipients shared their inspirational stories before 350 luncheon attendees at the Cherokee Town Club in Atlanta. Scholarship recipients are selected based on having overcome hardships while continuing to give back to their communities. For many the struggles they encountered helped to clarify how they plan to use an education to better their own lives and those of their families.

Their emotional and heartfelt stories moved the audience to pull out their checkbooks and donate a record amount to the organization. Over \$60,000 in donations, pledges and commitments were made at the luncheon. Donations and proceeds will go towards scholarships for 13 women in 2013. EmERGE looks forward to educationally empowering a growing number of women each year.

This year's recipients include:

Khadijah Abdur-Rahman - Virginia Carter Memorial Scholarship  
Donated by Primerica in honor of a prominent female executive

Erika Abelard - Association for Corporate Growth Community Service Scholarship  
Grant from the Atlanta Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth

Tiera Briggs - Dave Ferguson Scholarship  
Donated by EmERGE Advisory Board Member Dave Ferguson

Christine Hernandez-DeLaMotte - Women in Primerica Honorary Scholarship  
Donated by Primerica in honor of their female employees

Pamela Larberg - Karen Bates Nursing Scholarship  
Donated by EmERGE Board Member Michele Lloyd Jones and her husband Ian in honor of last year's scholarship recipient Karen Bates

Christina McAdams - Mary Allen Lindsey Brennen Foundation Scholarship  
Donated by the Mary Allen Lindsey Brennen Foundation

Keymia Morrow - Sarah O'Brien Honorary Scholarship  
Named in honor of Advisory Board Chair, Sarah O'Brien, for her dedication to Emerge Scholarships

Maureen Moscoso - Emerge Advisory Board Scholarship  
Named in honor of our appreciation to all of the Emerge Advisory Board Members for their support of Emerge Scholarships

Mallory Patterson - Volunteers of Emerge Scholarship  
Named in honor of all Emerge volunteers for their support for the women of Emerge

Jamie Smith - Barbara Panton Scholarship  
Donated by Advisory Board Member, Dave Panton, in honor of his Mother, Barbara

Amy "Kayte" Thomas - Ann Lauer Kennedy Scholarship  
Donated by the Pannonius Foundation in support of Ann Lauer Kennedy who, like Kayte, pursued a degree in social work

Nicole Wasmuth - Deborah Bryn Lipman Nursing Scholarship  
Donated by Dr. John and Mrs. Jayne Lipman in honor of their daughter, who like Nicole is a nursing student

### **About Emerge**

Emerge was founded in 2001 and was granted 501(c) (3) status in 2002. Through academic scholarships, Emerge supports deserving women who have demonstrated a deep commitment to reaching their educational goals and who are giving back to their communities. Emerge is funded solely through corporate and individual contributions. One hundred percent of those financial contributions are used to directly fund scholarships.

Emerge empowers women to advance professionally and become economically self-sufficient – not only for themselves, but also for the benefit of their families and their communities. To apply for a scholarship, or to make a tax-exempt donation, visit [www.emergescholarships.org](http://www.emergescholarships.org).

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