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Local Non-Profit Celebrates 10 Years of Service to Jacksonville Youth

Jacksonville, FL— Empowerment Resources, Inc. will celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of two graduating seniors at the 10th Annual Journey Into Womanhood™ (JIW) Celebration and Scholarship Banquet. The event will take place on Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m., at the Jacksonville Marriott. Tickets are \$40 each.

The theme of this year's banquet is *Celebrate the 10...Through the Years*. Empowerment Resources is especially excited to announce that this year the keynote address will come from some of the JIW alumni girls! The alumni will return to share about their journey with careers and college. To date, JIW has graduated 26 girls from the program with 92% entering college! The alumni are continuing their journeys with careers in medicine, education, and business, just to name a few. In addition to the alumni address, guests will enjoy talent performances from JIW honorees and a scholarship presentation to the two graduates. Kumasi Aaron Anchor/Reporter for Channel 4/WJXT, will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

"JIW has impacted my life immensely," said a JIW alum. "It has empowered me to make smart goals and decisions on how to meticulously execute the plans I have for my life. Most importantly, JIW has shown me how to carry myself as a young woman and how to make memorable connections with people in the community."

Over the past 10 years, Empowerment Resources has awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarships to local girls. The organization has also served more than 600 youth and families through their three programs.

"This has been a historical year for the Journey Into Womanhood™ Program," said Elexia Coleman-Moss, founding executive director Empowerment Resources. "I am I am especially excited that guests will have the opportunity to hear about our decade of success from the JIW alumni, parents, volunteers, and community partners."

For tickets or more information about the JIW program, please call 904-268-8287 or log onto empowermentresourcesinc.org.

About Empowerment Resources

Since 2002, Empowerment Resources, Inc., a private 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, has empowered more than 500 youth and adults in Duval and surrounding counties through its signature programs, Journey Into Womanhood™, Life Skills Workshops and Parenting Education Seminars and Coaching. Our programs help meet the needs of the community by exposing families to valuable community resources.

Journey Into Womanhood™ is a rites of passage program for girls ages 9-17, that focuses on their healthy transition from girl to young woman. It is facilitated by a dedicated team of experienced leaders and volunteers who help participants cultivate their self-awareness, develop leadership skills and put them on the path to positively impact the communities in which they live. Throughout the program year, participants engage in enrichment field trips, interactive workshops and community service projects.

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