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Greater Akron Chamber and YWCA Greater Cleveland
Present Women's Leadership Mentoring Circles

When successful women are asked what helped them achieve career success, many say having a mentor made a great impact on their career climb. The Greater Akron Chamber's KNOW (Knowledgeable Network of Women) program has partnered with the YWCA of Greater Cleveland to create the Greater Akron area's first formal leadership mentoring circle program designed for women.

The purpose of this program is to offer women mentoring from experienced business leaders, as well as a circle of peers from other organizations, insight and advice on your current business challenges and opportunities to advance your leadership capabilities based on the mentoring you receive.

A leadership mentoring circle consists of a group of 30 to 50 women who meet bi-monthly with a mentor over lunch for a total of four times. Each "circle" consists of 10 to 12 women. In the circle, you will expand your knowledge of and ability to use best practices, shared by a leader at the top. You'll learn strategies to increase your performance and contribution in your organization. Ultimately, you will develop relationships with a powerful and trusted peer network of leaders.

The 2009 Mentors & Topics schedule is:

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| ■ S. Theresa Carter
President - OMNOVA Solutions Foundation
Topic: <i>Balancing Work & Life</i> | ■ Janet Palcko
Partner - NEO Administration Company
Topic: <i>Presentation Skills</i> |
| ■ Barbara Danforth
President & CEO - YWCA Greater Cleveland
Topic: <i>Gender Differences in the Workplace</i> | ■ Kristie Van Auken
Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing &
Communications Officer - Akron-Canton Airport
Topic: <i>Measuring Success</i> |

Dates & Times:

- Tuesday, May 19, 2009; 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 30, 2009; 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 24, 2009; 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 12; 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Plan to be a part of this unique program. All circles will be held at The Martin University Center, 105 Fir Hill, in Akron, Ohio. The cost is \$295 which includes lunch and materials for four sessions. To make a reservation, call Kara Stafford at (216) 881-6878 or visit www.ywcaofcleveland.org. RSVP by noon on Friday, May 15, 2009.

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