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### **Emerge Scholarships Luncheon and Scholarship Recipients**

**ATLANTA** – Emerge Scholarships, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides academic scholarships to women whose educations have been interrupted, who have overcome significant challenges and who give back to their community. The organization has provided more than \$200,000 in academic scholarships to over 50 women throughout the past decade.

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Emerge Scholarships honored 12 deserving women with academic scholarships for 2012 at their annual luncheon. The 2012 Emerge Scholarship recipients include:

- Khadijahn Abdur-Rahman
- Erika Abelard
- Tiera Briggs
- Christine Hernandez-DeLaMotte
- Pamela Larberg
- Christina McAdams
- Keymia Morrow
- Maureen Moscoso
- Mallory Patterson
- Jamie Smith
- Amy Thomas
- Nicole Wasmuth

This annual luncheon sold out with 350 attendees at the Cherokee Town Club in Atlanta, GA. During the luncheon, a few of the 12 recipients shared their inspiring stories of hardship and hope. Preliminary numbers indicate that \$11,200 was contributed in the form of donations and \$20,000 was raised in proceeds at this year's luncheon. The donations and proceeds will go towards the educational success of these empowered 12 women. Emerge looks forward to educationally empowering these women and many more in the years to come.

## **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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