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## **Subject of Made-for-TV Movie Visits Columbus to Share Her Story and Raise Funds for Local Women's Organization**

Columbus, GA, March 3, 2009 – The Christian Women's Job Corps of Greater Columbus (CWJCGC) is hosting a fundraising dinner benefiting the ministry on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the St. Luke Ministry Center located at 301 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Columbus. This year's theme is **"Hope and a Future."** The speaker for the event is Dawn Smith Jordan. Dawn is a former Miss South Carolina and was second Runner-Up for Miss America in 1985. Her remarkable life story, which was the basis of a CBS made-for-TV movie, will renew the spirit of both men and women, alike. Dawn is also an accomplished recording artist with Urgent Records. She has recorded eight albums, written two books and spoken at close to 75 events, annually.

The event speaker, Dawn Smith Jordan, has a heart for the hurting and a word of hope for everyone. Dawn has shared her remarkable story to a countless audience through her books and the CBS made-for-TV feature film "Nightmare in Columbia County" (1991) which continues to air on the Lifetime Network and is available through Netflix. She is also an accomplished singer with eight albums to her credit. Dawn has made countless television appearances on Billy Graham telecasts, In Touch Ministries with Dr. Charles Stanley, the 700 Club, and the ACTS Network. She has also shared the platform as a vocalist/worship leader with many of today's leading speakers, including Beth Moore, Becky Tirabassi, Kay Arthur, Marge Caldwell, Dorie Van Stone and Anne Graham Lotz. Additional information and media photos are available on her website: <http://www.dawnsmithjordan.com>

CWJCGC works to give displaced women hope for a future where their dreams can become reality. They also work with the women on job and life skills that help them live self-sufficiently. CWJCGC uses a holistic approach to their 16-week life and job-training program to offer their participants a hand up, instead of a handout. CWJCGC is a partner with the Columbus Baptist Association's Mission Columbus Central, an organization working to meet the day-to-day needs of the underprivileged citizens in the Columbus area. Media information is available at <http://www.cwjcg.org>.

The dinner begins at 6:30 PM and tickets are \$30.00. Tickets are available through any CWJCGC volunteer or by contacting the CWJCGC office at (706)507-0253. Table and event sponsorships are also available for groups, churches and corporate organizations. Dawn Smith Jordan is available for scheduled telephone interviews. For further information or to schedule an interview with CWJCGC representatives or Dawn Smith Jordan, please contact the CWJCGC Public Relations Director, Francine Foster at (706) 536-6822 or (706)507-0253.