



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 28, 2011**

Media Contact:
Karen Kartes Piatt
YMCA of Greater Seattle
206-382-4368
206-890-2320 mobile
kpiatt@seattleyymca.org

**Still Driven to Serve:
YMCA of Greater Seattle to Honor Phil Smart, Sr.**
28th YMCA A.K. Guy Award for Outstanding Volunteerism, Nov. 1

SEATTLE—As part of its ongoing effort to promote social responsibility and encourage volunteerism in the Northwest and beyond, the YMCA of Greater Seattle will recognize Phil Smart, Sr. at its annual A.K. Guy Award Luncheon on Tuesday, November 1.

Smart has spent 52 years building the reputation for integrity of the Mercedes-Benz dealerships that bear his name in greater Seattle. At the same time, he's been driven to serve as both a volunteer and volunteerism advocate, helping to meet the critical needs of children in our community and to support child-focused organizations with a global reach.

Smart's discipline and commitment to service were forged while on active duty in the U.S. Army during WWII and in the reserve. He volunteered at Seattle Children's for more than 40 years and has held leadership roles with the Boy Scouts of America and Seattle Rotary. He's addressed more than 65,000 people with his philosophy of service and lessons learned from sick and dying children.

At 92, Mr. Smart is more enthusiastic than ever about what he considers his life's purpose: to motivate others to help transform the lives of people in need using their "third eight." We each have 24 hours in a day, says Phil – eight for work, school or retirement, eight for sleep and a third eight for giving back to our community and our world.

The YMCA A.K. Guy Award was established in memory of Albert K. Guy (1892-1983), president of G.O. Guy Drugs, who was a renowned community leader and volunteer for civic organizations, his church, the YMCA of Greater Seattle Board of Directors and YMCA Camp Orkila. First awarded in 1984, the A.K. Guy Award is presented annually to an individual, couple, corporation or organization that exemplifies the ideals of the late A.K. Guy.

About the YMCA of Greater Seattle:

The YMCA of Greater Seattle is the Northwest's leading nonprofit organization strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Founded in 1876, the Y enhance the lives of more than 190,700 people annually through 12 branches, two overnight camps and more than 200 program sites throughout King and south Snohomish counties. Visit seattleyymca.org

#

