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**WIN-WIN RESOLUTIONS ANNOUNCES 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PEACEMAKERS AWARDS BANQUET  
Event Honors Outstanding Middle-School Students Who Promote Understanding & Acceptance**

**GREENSBORO, N.C. – (AUGUST 11, 2011)** – Win-Win Resolutions, a nonprofit organization that reduces violence and prejudice in our schools and communities through conflict resolution, today announced its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Peacemakers Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, September 10 at the Grandover Resort & Conference Center, One Thousand Club Road, at 7pm. The banquet honors middle school students whose words and actions reflect creative and consistent efforts to develop peaceful solutions to peer disputes among individuals, groups, cultures and communities. A special keynote address will be given by Franklin McCain – one of the famed African-American ‘Greensboro Four’ who started the sit-in movements across the U.S. by sitting down at an all white lunch counter in F.W. Woolworth’s.

“We are very grateful to this year’s Peacemakers honorees who have gone the extra mile in standing up for what’s right in a peaceful, inclusive manner,” says Win-Win Resolution Executive Director, Debra Vigliano. “Since its inception in 2002, we have recognized middle school students who serve as young leaders and inspiration to all they come in contact with. We are equally thankful that Franklin McCain has taken time out of his busy schedule to pay tribute to this next generation of Peacemakers.”

“We are thrilled to have numerous Greensboro based corporations act as sponsors of this year’s Peacemakers Awards Banquet as they realize the important role our youth play in creating peaceful solutions to issues surrounding cultural diversity and acceptance,” says Charles Burns, Win-Win Resolutions Board Chair. “The students being honored will become the future of our community and it is incumbent upon us all to support their positive development as adults. Win-Win Resolutions is to be commended for its wonderful work with students of all ages, backgrounds and life experiences.”

A written nomination was submitted between July 1, 2010 and April 1, 2011 by an adult staff member or advisor in the Guilford County School System. Only middle school students were eligible and selection was based upon the student’s sustained efforts to promote peaceful and ethical solutions to conflict and demonstrate to a high degree in words and actions the cultural understanding pre-established for this award. For more information on the Peacemakers Awards Banquet or entry rules, please contact Win-Win Resolutions at 336-230-1232.

Winners will be announced on the night of the banquet. High resolution images of the winners will be distributed, upon request, to the media at that time by emailing [debra@winwinresolutions.org](mailto:debra@winwinresolutions.org).

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**About Win-Win Resolutions:** Win-Win Resolutions, Inc. is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Greensboro, North Carolina. Win-Win Resolutions is dedicated to violence prevention by developing conflict resolution skills using theatre education and mentoring programs. Win-Win reduces violence and prejudice in schools and communities by teaching conflict resolution and positive social skills through interactive drama for youth (Pre-K through High School) and adults.

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