



## **Internationally Renowned Egyptian Actress/UNDP Goodwill Ambassador Yousra to Receive Award at D.C. Gala**

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WASHINGTON, DC, March 29, 2007 —Yousra to be awarded on April 28, 2007 with the Coptic Orphans Leading by Example Award for her philanthropic and humanitarian work. Past recipients include Ms. Liz Cheney, daughter of US Vice President Dick Cheney, and Rev. Kathleen Card, wife of former White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card. The award is presented to acknowledge and honor individuals who are making a difference in the world through their lives and their often unrecognized efforts.

Yousra is a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Development Program, an active advocate of women judges in Egypt, former participant in the Davos World Economic Forum, active supporter of the Cure for Breast Cancer Foundation and one of the first donors to contribute to the building of a children's cancer hospital in Egypt.

For her work in the film industry Yousra has been honored numerous times more recently at the Cairo Film Festival in 2006 and the Valenciennes Film Festival in 2007. Among other things she has served as president of the Carthage Film Festival and as a member of the jury for the 2003 Tribeca Film Festival.

Coptic Orphans is an international non profit that exists to improve the lives of orphans and other vulnerable children in Egypt by providing basic needs, education, and mentoring so that they may realize their potential to become productive members of society. Coptic Orphans also exists to raise awareness about poverty in Egypt and promote cultural understanding.

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