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EMO honors Andrea Williams of Causa with the “Young Visionary Award”

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) will honor Andrea Williams with the “Young Visionary Award” on May 11, 2017, at its *Benefit Dinner & Awards Celebration*.

Andrea Williams is executive director of Causa, Oregon’s immigrant rights organization. She works to improve the lives of Latino immigrants and their families in Oregon through advocacy, coalition building, leadership development and civic engagement. “Immigration is the civil rights issue of our time,” she says. “We are continuing to fight for immigration reform and a path to citizenship.”

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s *Benefit Dinner & Awards Celebration* is the single most important annual fundraiser for our vital ministries to the poor, the vulnerable, the hungry and the sick throughout the state of Oregon. Funds contributed by sponsors and guests enable us to serve those in need and to advocate on their behalf at the Oregon Legislature for a just, equitable and sustainable society. Each year we honor extraordinary individuals and organizations, such as Williams, whose courage, moral vision and commitment to action have contributed profoundly to making Oregon, and the world, a better place.

This year, the event will be held on May 11 at the Portland Hilton, 921 SW Sixth Ave. A reception and silent auction to benefit EMO’s ministries will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m.; dinner, a live auction and the award presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Reservations, available at www.emoregon.org, are \$100 per person or \$1,000 per table of 10. For more information, contact Carla Starrett-Bigg at (503) 221-1054, ext. 275, or csbigg@emoregon.org.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of Christian denominations, congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.