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***Growing Up Baltimore* to be Recognized with National PRNDI Award**

Baltimore – (May 13, 2010) – *Growing Up Baltimore*, an original newsroom series presented by WYPR 88.1 airing last fall, will be recognized by the Public Radio News Directors Incorporated (PRNDI) with a 2010 award. The series explored the challenges facing young people growing up in Baltimore, reported on their real-life issues, and showed how they overcame their circumstances through strength and determination.

“Through *Growing Up Baltimore*, we listened to the voices of young people so we could present them as more than statistics,” said WYPR Senior News Analyst Fraser Smith. “And while they often felt that the deck was stacked against them, most of the young people we spoke with were determined to live honorably in a society that doesn’t always honor them.”

“This is one of the most prestigious awards in the news industry,” said Anthony Brandon, general manager of WYPR. “It is a great honor for the station and our news department to be recognized for their journalistic work and for establishing a series such as *Growing Up Baltimore* that connects us to the community in a unique and meaningful way.”

The award, selected and presented by NPR news directors from across the country, will be presented in June in Louisville, KY.

PRNDI is a non-profit professional association that exists to improve local news and information programming by serving public radio journalists. Each year, PRNDI recognizes the best of local public radio news in a wide array of categories.

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