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**TARGET SUNDAYS AT CAAM SUBMIT AN OFFICIAL ‘THANK YOU’ TO
AMERICA’S TROOPS AND VETERANS**

CAAM Partners with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank for their annual food drive

LOS ANGELES, CA (October 31, 2011) -- In a special tribute to America’s Armed Forces, Target Sundays at CAAM presents *Lifting Our Voices to the Armed Forces*. On Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 1 p.m., co-hosted by Jeffrey Anderson-Gunter and actress Karen Melina White, *Lifting Our Voices* is a small token of appreciation to America’s troops and veterans for enormous deeds. The U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy and all Armed Forces veterans, will be recognized in their roles for helping make America the “land of the free and home of the brave.” Scheduled performers include Art Evans, Kaypri, Yvette Carson, Kadeem Hardison, Toni Malone, Jesse Campbell and Sons of Etta.

As CAAM give thanks to our troops, the community is encouraged to support their efforts as they launch their annual food drive. In partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, CAAM will accept unopened canned goods for needy families during the holiday season starting November 6. As November marks the month to give thanks, it also represents the will to give. According to a study done by Feeding America, the world’s largest food bank, more than 1.7 million LA County residents struggled with hunger in 2009. That is more than any other county in America.

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Co-host Karen Melina White, is best known for her role as the fast-talking, no-nonsense Charmaine from the hit sitcom “The Cosby Show.” White is also credited with appearances on “A Different World,” “Malcolm and Eddie,” “The Proud Family,” and many more including an extensive amount of theatrical credits. Kadeem Hardison, also known for wearing the signature flip-up glasses in his role as Dwayne Wayne on the hit sitcom, “A Different World (1987-1993)” Hardison is currently a part of the dynamic cast of “Blues for an Alabama Sky” at the Pasadena Playhouse.

In a musical treat, Sons of Etta will take the stage giving an electrifying performance by Thelma Jones and Jimmy Z whom have joined forces with Etta James' sons, two-time Grammy award winners Sametto James and Donato James.

Local professional artist and educator Teresa Tolliver will guide a community art project. Children and families are encouraged to attend. There will be a diverse group of arts and crafts vendors and food vendors on the CAAM Plaza where patrons can shop for that special gift or grab a bite to eat.

The spotlight exhibition of the month is “Places of Validation, Art & Progression,” an exhibition highlighting the work of 90 local African American artists during the 1940s through the 1980s. This exhibition is part of the Pacific Standard Time initiative spearheaded by the Getty; a unique, multi-institution art event of 60+ Southern California cultural institutions sponsored by the Getty Foundation and Bank of America. This "Target Sundays at CAAM" public performance event is FREE and made possible through the enormously generous support of the Target Corporation. CAAM is located at 600 State Drive, Exposition Park, 90037.

EXHIBITIONS IN THE CAAM GALLERIES:

“Women: Game Changers, Less Known, Here Celebrated” through December, 2011

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“The African Diaspora in the Art of Miguel Covarrubias” through February 26, 2012

“Places of Validation, Art & Progression” through April 1, 2012

“Gallery of Discovery” (multi-use education exploration space) ongoing

About the California African American Museum

The California African American Museum (CAAM) researches, collects, preserves and interprets for public enrichment the history, art and culture of African Americans. Chartered by the California State Legislature in 1977, CAAM is a state supported institution and a partner with the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization Friends, the Foundation of the California African American Museum. In addition to its permanent collection of over 6,000 objects of art, artifacts and historical documents, CAAM also houses a research library containing more than 20,000 volumes, employs and trains high school students through its Young Docents program, and hosts in-house curated exhibitions and traveling shows on a regular basis. The museum also tours CAAM exhibitions throughout California and the nation.

Located at 600 State Drive in Exposition Park, regular museum public hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sundays 11am-5pm. Museum admission and workshop participation is always free. Parking in the adjacent lot is \$10.00 all day at Figueroa and 39th Streets. For more information on the California African American Museum visit www.caamuseum.org.

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