Jasmine Guy set for Women’s Foundation Tribute Luncheon

Jasmine Guy, whose acting career spans television, theater and film, is headed to Memphis to keynote the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis’ 2014 Annual Tribute Luncheon on April 24th.

"In addition to being a talented dancer and star of the stage and screen, she champions causes that support the safety and rights of women and girls everywhere," said Ruby Bright, executive director/CAO of the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis (WFGM).

Many recognize Guy as Whitley Gilbert on the "Cosby Show" spinoff "A Different World." She won six consecutive NAACP Image Awards for her portrayal of the pretentious but funny southern belle. Guy's most recent role, recurring as Grams on the popular series "Vampire Diaries," can be seen on the CW Network.

With a longstanding penchant for service, Guy is also the spokesperson for the I Am Not Yours! Campaign, a vehicle to assist organizations in the fight against child sex trafficking.

Guy sent word that she knows the WFGM "does great work in helping to fund programs that help make financial stability possible for women and their families living below the poverty level." That, she said, was reason enough to be excited about attending the Tribute Luncheon on April 24th.

The WFGM Annual Tribute Luncheon is one of three events that make up the Annual Tribute Luncheon and Symposium during the month of April. The month begins with the Legends Awards Reception next Thursday (April 17th) at the Columns of One Commerce Square (40 S. Main) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. On April 24th, the Annual Tribute Luncheon with Guy is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and the Youth Leadership Forum will be immediately after from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Memphis Cook Convention Center (255 N. Main).

The Legends Award Reception pays tribute to women whose work embodies the mission of the Women's Foundation and whose visionary and innovative work is paramount in their specialized areas of outreach. The 2014 Legends Awards honorees are Nancy Bogatin, Dr. Erma Clanton, Frances Dancy Hooks, Mary Shainberg and Modeane Thompson.

The Legends Awards recipients will be honored through one-of-a-kind works of art and prose created in their honor and set to be unveiled for the first time at the Legends Award Reception.

All proceeds from the Annual Tribute Luncheon & Symposium benefit the annual grant-making of the Foundation.

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