Announcing Tamron Hall as WFGM’s 2017 Annual Tribute Luncheon Keynote Speaker

MEMPHIS, TN – Award-winning journalist and philanthropist Tamron Hall will serve as the 2017 Annual Tribute Luncheon keynote speaker. Hall has been the host of Deadline: Crime with Tamron Hall on Investigation Discovery since September 2013. She was a part of the NBC News team as a co-host of the third hour of NBC News’ TODAY and the anchor of MSNBC Live with Tamron Hall. Hall’s passion and commitment to “Women Helping Women” reflects the mission and vision of the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis. Most recently, Hall launched The Tamron ❤ Renate Fund with Safe Horizon in honor of her sister to help victims and families affected by domestic violence.

The Annual Tribute Luncheon is Thursday, April 27, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. at the Memphis Cook Convention Center, 255 N. Main St., Memphis, TN 38103. The presenting sponsor is FedEx. The Legends Award Reception is Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at The Columns at One Commerce Square, 40 S. Main St., Memphis, TN 38103. The presenting sponsor is Baptist Memorial Health Care. Tickets to both events can be purchased at www.wfgm.org.

Every year more than 2,000 people gather at the Annual Tribute Luncheon and Legends Award Reception to pay tribute to women who are trend-setters, visionaries and innovators. Nominated by their peers, a select group of women are honored each year through original art and prose. The pieces are created in a collaborative effort between an artist and a writer to represent the honorees’ life. The Legends Award art tours the Mid-South before going on permanent display at The Hall of Legends in the Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women. There are now 63 Legends Award Honorees.

This 2017 Legend Award Honorees are Pat Morgan, Barbara Holden-Nixon, and Edith Kelly Green.

Pat Morgan will receive the Catalyst Award. Morgan, has spent three decades working to break the cycle of homelessness locally, statewide, and nationally. Her Legends Award Artist is Suzy Hendrix. Her Writer is Jae Henderson.

Barbara Holden Nixon, LCSW, will receive the Innovation Award. Nixon has been a passionate, tireless advocate for children and families for more than 30 years. Her Legends Award Artist is Leandra Urrutia. Her Writer is Summer Owens.

Edith Kelly Green, will receive the Philanthropy and Leadership Award. Green is a founding board member of WFGM and the Philanthropic Black Women of Memphis (PBWM). Her Legends Award Artist is Tobacco Brown. Her Writer is Anna Mullins.

Proceeds from the 2017 Annual Tribute Luncheon and Legends Award Reception benefit the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan to reduce poverty by five percent in zip code 38126 by the year 2020. To schedule an interview with the Legends Award honorees, artists, writers, Tamron Hall, or a representative from the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis, contact Erica Horton, WFGM Communication & PR Associate at 901-969-2414 or ericahorton@wfgm.org.

For more than 20 years, The Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis has been uniting women and helping to break the cycle of poverty through our philanthropy, leadership and collaboration. Our mission is to encourage philanthropy, foster leadership among women and support programs that enable women and children to reach their full potential. Our
vision is to be an agent of change committed to a community of wellbeing and prosperity, where women live in sufficiency, strength, and safety, sharing their leadership and empowering their children.