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Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis Names Four Dynamic Women as 2019 Legends Award Honorees

(March 13, 2019 - MEMPHIS, Tenn.) — The Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis is pleased to announce its 2019 Legends Award Honorees. This year’s honorees are Meri Armour, Rev. Cheryl Beard, Claudia Haltom and Dr. Indurani Tejwani. The Honorees will receive unique recognition at the Legends Award Reception on Thursday, April 11, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at The Columns at One Commerce Square, 40 South Main Street.

The Legends Awards pay tribute to women whose visionary and innovative work embodies the mission of the Women’s Foundation. This year marks the 10th anniversary of recognizing legendary women who have made an impact in the community.

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

“We are proud to honor four women who have made it their life’s work to make Memphis a better place,” said Ruby Bright, Executive Director of the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis. “This year we are honoring a trailblazer in education, a champion for social justice, an advocate for children and a committed philanthropist. Each Legend is very deserving of this honor.”

Cheryl Beard will receive a Catalyst Award. Beard is a minister and has been a passionate, tireless advocate for children and families for more than 30 years.

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Claudia Haltom will also receive a Catalyst Award. Retiring after 17 years in the juvenile court system, Haltom founded A Step Ahead Foundation, a non-profit whose mission is to provide safe, long-term, reversible contraceptives to women without the means to afford them.

Meri Armour will receive the Innovation Award. Armour is the President and CEO of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. She has been committed to children, believing that all children deserve a healthy and safe childhood with the promise of a bright future.

Dr. Indurani Tejwani will receive the Philanthropy and Leadership Award. Tejwani has supported women and children in Memphis through over 50 years as a philanthropist, obstetrician and gynecologist. She is also a founding member of the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.wfgm.org.

About the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis
For more than 20 years, The Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis (WFGM) has been uniting women and helping break the cycle of poverty through our philanthropy, leadership and collaboration. The mission of the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis is to encourage philanthropy and foster leadership among women and support programs that enable women and children to reach their full potential.

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