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## **EIGHT BALTIMORE-AREA WOMEN HONORED FOR THEIR COMMUNITY WORKS PROVE THEY'VE STILL GOT IT!**

Baltimore, MD--As the adage goes, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." Scorned by sickness, both physical and emotional, eight phenomenal women are scorching a path through their communities, their ministries, and their non-profit organizations in order to help other women in similar situations. For their passion, their commitment, and their unwavering support of those with debilitating diseases, cancer, and sufferers of unimaginable abuse, *The Women's Challenge, Inc.*, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization is honoring eight "She-ros" at the *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Life: She's Still Got It!* Gala, which will be held on December 13, 2015, from 4P-9P, at the Baltimore Harbor Hotel.

One has survived multiple bouts of late stage breast cancer, without chemotherapy. Another was shot by her husband, twice, before he turned the gun on himself, leaving her partially-paralyzed. One has, horrifically, been sexually assaulted more than once. One, at three years old, undergoes treatments for Sickle Cell Anemia, but is a ray of light for all around her. You know what they have in common? They survived, lived to tell their stories, and are helping others do the same every day.

"This Gala has traditionally honored women surviving life-threatening illnesses," says Lorraine Bailey-Carter, Chief Woman of Vision and Founder of *The Women's Challenge, Inc.* "This year, we've extended our reach to include survivors of domestic and sexual violence."

"My heart breaks and I weep when I hear our honorees' stories," comments Bailey-Carter. "Having suffered abuse as a child, I empathize with our survivors. Having lost my mother-in-law to breast cancer and Parkinson's disease, and seeing what the diseases did to her in such a short period of time, I have nothing but the utmost respect for these women, who are fighting every day to make a difference in their communities. We are truly our Sister's keeper and we need to uplift each other however we can."

This year's honorees include Stayce Bynum, Lupus survivor; Sunshine King, Domestic Violence survivor; Shay Sharpe, Breast Cancer survivor; Damitra Sorden-Viera, Breast Cancer Survivor; Cimone & Nikia Vaughan, Sickle Cell Anemia survivor and Sickle Cell Anemia advocate, respectfully; Angela D. Wharton, Sexual Assault survivor; and Mia Wright, three time Ovarian Cancer survivor, Domestic and Sexual Assault survivor.

Hosted by Chere Cofield, *The Stress Manager*, the *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Life: She's Still Got It!* will be on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at the Baltimore Harbor Hotel (101 W. Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD) from 4-9P. Doors will open at 4P. Tickets for this gala event are \$60 in advance and are available at <http://www.universe.com/shesstillgotit>. Vendors will be onsite.

For more information about The Women's Challenge, Inc., visit [www.womenschallenge.net](http://www.womenschallenge.net) or email [Events@WomensChallenge.net](mailto:Events@WomensChallenge.net).

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### **About The Women's Challenge, Inc.**

TWC is a vision to creatively challenge today's women to be healthy, enriching their lives through interactive seminars and events focused on educating women in specific areas: sexual health; physical activity; diet and nutrition; beauty concepts; financial empowerment and spiritual motivation through Empowerment, Education, Encouragement and Entertainment.

Our muse to aid our mission? Music. Because healthy living is a learned behavior, TWC is a firm believer that one needs to enjoy it in order to succeed. Music gives a voice to the voiceless, is there when one is happy or sad, and pinpoints whatever one may be feeling at any given time. As a cultural art form, music is one thing that, old or young, rich or poor, always tends to bring groups together. At TWC, we bring groups together.

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