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Sheryl Underwood Celebrates Birthday as part of Haitian Fundraiser “Dining with the Divine Nine”

October 21, 2010, Washington, DC - On October 27 Sheryl Underwood, entertainer, entrepreneur, philanthropist and International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will have a very special birthday celebration as part of the national “Dining with the Divine Nine” celebration of service fundraiser. The event, held at Hollywood Casino’s Studio Seven, River Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) to raise funds to support the restoration of Haiti.

“Dining with the Divine Nine” unites representatives of the nine member organizations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, along with members of the Greek and local communities, for an evening of fundraising.

“Dining with the Divine Nine” reinforces the NPHC’s commitment to rebuilding Haiti after the devastating earthquake in January 2010. Coordinated by the NPHC, the evening will be filled with food, fun, a silent auction, photos and celebration. One of the highlights of the evening is the birthday celebration of entertainer Sheryl P. Underwood.

Underwood is the 23rd International Grand Basileus for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., one of the nine founding organizations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, known collectively as the “Divine Nine.”

Not only will this evening be special to Underwood because of her birthday, it will be special because of her commitment to honoring the people of Haiti by providing aid and assistance in their time of greatest need.

Immediately following the earthquake in January 2010, Underwood issued a call to action to the members of Zeta Phi Beta dubbed **OPERATION SISTERLY LOVE: Relief For**



The People Of Haiti. As a show of support for the people of Haiti, The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority National Educational Foundation, Inc., the 501-c3 Stork's Nest Charity Fund and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. worked together under **Operation Sisterly Love** to support the Haitian people. Through a strategic partnership with UNICEF the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority worldwide made a significant donation to UNICEF to provide babies, affected by the Haitian crisis, with formula, diapers, clean water and other needed care.

According to Underwood "It is our responsibility as citizens of the world to step forward when a people are in need. For over 90 years Zeta Phi Beta, as an international organization, has held firmly to our founding principles, one of which is the call to serve. We also hold precious our higher calling which is to help others in need. Our over 100,000 members mobilized to share love and resources with the people of Haiti. We knew rebuilding the people and the physical structures of Haiti would require a long-term commitment. This activity, "Dining with the Divine Nine," and my birthday celebration, which is part of the evening, represent our on-going commitment to the people of Haiti, reassuring them that they are not forgotten. We care and we are continuing to show our caring in tangible ways."

"Dining with the Divine Nine" is the brainchild of Dwayne M. Murray, Esq., Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Murray, who is also chair of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, along with Cynthia Butler-McIntyre, National President of Delta Sigma Theta and Vice Chair of the National Pan-Hellenic Council will be on hand for the event. In attendance with International President Underwood will be Zeta Phi Beta Southern Regional Director Anitra Furlow from Shreveport, Louisiana.

For more information or to purchase tickets for "Dining With the Divine Nine," including the Sheryl Underwood Birthday Celebration contact Beverly Burks, Executive Director of the National Pan-Hellenic Council at execdirector@nphchq.org or Stacye Montez, Executive Director of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority at executivedirectorsm@zetaphibetasororityhq.org or by phone at (202) 387-3103.

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About Sheryl P. Underwood

Sheryl P. Underwood is a multi-faceted entrepreneur, currently balancing the roles of in-demand Entertainer, Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Pack Rat Productions and International President of her beloved Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Sheryl Underwood, one of the world's brightest contemporary humorists, is a weekly contributor on the **Steve Harvey Morning Show** which is nationally syndicated and airs in over 64 markets and has over 7 million listeners. She is also the host of ***The Sheryl Underwood Show*** on Jamie Foxx's The Foxxhole, airing on Sirius 106/XM 149, where she provides a mix of political satire, comedy and music to Foxxhole listeners. Underwood is one of the most articulate, well-informed women of our time. She is one of modern culture's brightest talents and her influence and insight cross cultural and political boundaries.

About Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

Founded in 1920, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was established for the purposes of promoting the cause of education by encouraging the highest standards of scholarship through scientific, literary, cultural and educational programs; promoting charitable projects on college campuses and within the community; fostering the spirit of sisterly love, and promoting the idea of Finer Womanhood.

About the National Pan-Hellenic Council

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated (NPHC) founded on May 10, 1930 is currently composed of nine (9) International Greek letter Sororities and Fraternities: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. NPHC promotes interaction through forums, meetings and other mediums for the exchange of information and engages in cooperative programming and initiatives through various activities and functions.