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## Dear Friends,

We write this letter with heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of The George H.W. Bush Points of Light Awards Celebration. It's our honor to serve as co-chairs for the third annual celebration of the Awards alongside honorary chairs, Presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

The George H.W. Bush Points of Light Awards honor the legacy of our grandfather, uncle and friend by celebrating those who exemplify the very values he lived each day of his life. He so clearly understood that people are the driving force that transforms our world.

We are proud to recognize four outstanding individuals who embody those values and who are deeply committed to changing the world, including Hugh Evans, co-founder and CEO, Global Citizen; Francine A. LeFrak, founder, Francine A. LeFrak Foundation and the Same Sky Foundation Fund; Dr. Ala Stanford, founder, Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium; and Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director, Equal Justice Initiative.

During the Awards Celebration, we will also recognize Points of Light Inspiration Spotlights. These individuals are taking action, in both large and small ways, to improve the lives of others. Their acts of kindness, leadership and service demonstrate the light that individuals bring to their communities around the world, exemplifying what it means to lead a civic life.

Whether you are joining the awards celebration with us in New York City or from home, we hope that you are as inspired as we are by these amazing individuals. It takes all of us, united in action, for this new civic century to take root and grow, a belief that Points of Light holds true. How are you living a civic life? We'd love to hear from you.

We are honored to share this special evening with you as we celebrate the legacy of our 41st president and further Points of Light's mission to inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world.

In service,

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## LINSEY DAVIS

Linsey Davis is currently an anchor for "ABC News Live Prime," which is ABC News Live's first-ever streaming evening newscast, and weekend "World News Tonight" on Sundays. She is a correspondent filing reports for "World News Tonight," "Good Morning America," "20/20" and "Nightline."

Davis has conducted interviews with major influential figures, politicians and health officials including Hillary Clinton, Mike Pence, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Bill Gates and a powerful exclusive interview with Myon Burrell, a Minneapolis inmate who said he was wrongfully convicted for murder. In June, 2020, as the racial divide in America and the protests against police brutality were growing, Davis led the first roundtable discussion with Black female mayors of Atlanta, Georgia, Washington, D.C., Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Tacoma, Washington. Davis also anchored the documentary "Homegrown Hate: The War Among Us," which shed a spotlight on the issue of domestic terrorism and hate inspired violence in the United States.

## "AIN'T TOO PROUD – THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE TEMPTATIONS"

Five guys. One dream. And a sound that would make music history.

"Ain't Too Proud" is the electrifying new musical that follows The Temptations' extraordinary journey from the streets of Detroit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. With their signature dance moves and unmistakable harmonies, they rose to the top of the charts creating an amazing 42 Top Ten Hits with 14 reaching number one. The rest is history — how they met, the groundbreaking heights they hit and how personal and political

conflicts threatened to tear the group apart as the United States fell into civil unrest. This thrilling story of brotherhood, family, loyalty and betrayal is set to the beat of the group's treasured hits, including "My Girl," "Just My Imagination," "Get Ready," "Papa Was a Rolling Stone" and so many more.

After breaking house records at both Berkeley Rep and The Kennedy Center, "Ain't Too Proud," written by three-time Obie Award winner Dominique Morisseau, directed by twotime Tony Award<sup>®</sup> winner Des McAnuff (Jersey Boys), and featuring choreography by Tony Award winner Sergio Trujillo (Jersey Boys, On Your Feet), now brings the untold story of this legendary quintet to irresistible life on Broadway. Get ready — 'cause here they come!



## MARK RIVERA AND FRIENDS

Mark Rivera and fellow musicians – John Conte, Jeff Kazee, Rich Pagano, and Andy York – are bringing a New York State of Mind to The George H.W. Bush Points of Light Awards Celebration, playing their favorite classics in a special performance.

## Mark Rivera

Billy Joel's saxophonist for the last 39 years, Mark Rivera has performed before millions of fans with a 'who's who' of music's elite, including John Lennon, Sir Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, Elton John, Bruce Springsteen, Simon & Garfunkel and Tony Bennett. Mark also cares deeply about giving back. He serves on the boards of directors for Give An Hour and Scott Shannon CBSFM at The Blytehdale Children's Hospital. Most recently, he began working with The Summit Speech School.

## John Conte

A third-generation musician and a top call New York session bassist, John Conte first appeared on the New York City scene in the late 80's with the Hudson River Rats and Company of Wolves in the 90's. His versatility enabled him to feel at home whether backing country's Roseanne Cash or the re-formed New York Dolls. In 2013, John joined Billy Joel's UK tour. John continues to tour the U.S. and Europe with the Jukes, delivering high-energy shows for legions of dedicated fans.

## Jeff Kazee

Best known for his bandleader role with Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes, Jeff's keyboard, vocal and arranging skills have led him through an eclectic career touring and recording with rock icons Bon Jovi, folk/pop singer-songwriter Dar Williams, cross-country tripping with G.E. Smith, Roger Waters and The Blues Brothers. Jeff is also a music director, arranger and producer and contributing writer for Keyboard Magazine.

## Andy York

Andy York is a guitarist, arranger and producer, most notable for his work in the John Mellencamp Band for the past 27 years. He has also co-produced and played on the last five albums by Ian Hunter. His other playing credits include Patti Smith, David Johansen, Robert Plant and Donovan. He has recently signed on as musical director for the stage production of Small Town, scheduled to open in the Fall of 2022.

## **Rich Pagano**

For the last 25 years, Rich Pagano has made a living as a New York City live and studio drummer, singer/songwriter and Producer/Engineer. His credits include Patti Smith, Rosanne Cash, Robbie Robertson, Ray Davies, Marie Knight, Levon Helm, Roger Waters, Marshall Crenshaw, and he is a founding member of the premier Beatles band, The Fab Faux. He is currently an adjunct teacher for The Clive Davis Institute of Music at NYU and is recording his second solo release with his band the sugarCane cups.



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Hugh Evans is an internationally renowned development advocate, humanitarian and the co-founder and CEO of Global Citizen. In 2009, with grants from the United Nations, Australian government and British government, Hugh built his impact in the aid and development sector, co-founding Global Citizen, an international advocacy organization committed to increasing the number and effectiveness of individuals taking action to end extreme poverty. In August 2012, Hugh launched the annual Global Citizen Festival – a free ticketed music event in New York City that coincides with the UN General Assembly meeting in September. Over the last ten years, Global Citizens have taken over 24 million actions in the fight against extreme poverty, driving financial commitments of \$48 billion that have impacted the lives of 880 million people around the world.

"I am honored to accept this award on behalf of the millions of global citizens who have taken action to hold our world leaders accountable to the promises they've made to ending extreme poverty," said Hugh Evans. "Thank you to Points of Light for this incredible recognition. By working together, we can create life-saving impact around the world."



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Francine A. LeFrak is president of the Francine A. LeFrak Foundation and the Same Sky Foundation Fund. A successful philanthropist, women's rights advocate and social entrepreneur, Francine founded a trade initiative, Same Sky, to help women who were invisible become visible through the dignity of work. She began her employment and training programs with survivors of the Rwandan genocide and continued in the U.S. with women who were recently released from prison needing a second chance. As a philanthropist, she has helped thousands of women and girls use their talents to find opportunities for success and rise out of poverty. By providing access to training, education and financial fluency programs Francine LeFrak is helping women be economically secure and flourish. She believes that introducing women to the tools they need for financial courage, enables them to face life's challenges with strength and transform their lives with dignity. Through the Foundation's numerous programs, Francine has impacted more than one million people.

"The late President Bush was an inspiration in the way he approached service and addressed societal issues through encouraging volunteerism," said Francine A. LeFrak. "During his life, President Bush encouraged each of us to make a difference, and it is an honor to be considered one of our country's points of light."

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Dr. Ala Stanford, a practicing physician for over 20 years, is board certified by the American Board of Surgery in both pediatric and adult general surgery and a health care advocate. She is the founder of the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium. The consortium was formed in response to the disproportionate number of African Americans being diagnosed and dying from coronavirus in Philadelphia and the lack of swift intervention to mitigate disease spread. The mission of the consortium is to educate, provide advocacy and offer barrier-free coronavirus testing and vaccination in an effort to decrease the morbidity and mortality associated with the disease. Her research in basic science. clinical research and public health have been published in peer reviewed medical journals. Dr. Stanford also serves as a medical correspondent for local and national news outlets. She serves on the CDC Philadelphia Department of Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee.

"When I heard the numbers of people of color dying from coronavirus at rates greater than all others: health care workers, children, rich, poor, with chronic health conditions and without, in that moment I realized I was no longer a novice student, but I had the infrastructure, knowledge and passion to change the narrative," said Dr. Ala Stanford. "We, the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium, are improving health outcomes locally and nationally. Points of Light, thank you for acknowledging our work. It is truly a labor of love."



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Bryan Stevenson is the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a human rights organization in Montgomery, Alabama. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults. Mr. Stevenson has argued and won multiple cases at the United States Supreme Court, including a 2019 ruling protecting condemned prisoners who suffer from dementia and a landmark 2012 ruling that banned mandatory life-imprisonmentwithout-parole sentences for all children 17 or younger. Mr. Stevenson and his staff have won reversals, relief, or release from prison for over 135 wrongly condemned prisoners on death row and won relief for hundreds of others wrongly convicted or unfairly sentenced.

"I'm very honored to accept this award and recognition, which is a testament to the incredible work of our team at the Equal Justice Initiative," said Bryan Stevenson. "We must all play a role in fighting for those who suffer inequality and injustice, and I hope to inspire others to act and meet the needs of the most vulnerable in their own communities around the world."

> BRYAN STEVENSON FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

## THE 2021 POINTS OF LIGHT INSPIRATION SPOTLIGHTS

Points of Light is proud to highlight the work and dedication of these incredible individuals who will be recognized as Points of Light Inspiration Spotlights during The George H.W. Bush Points of Light Awards Celebration.

#### Scott Beale • Washington, D.C.



Scott is a lifelong champion for international volunteerism. Currently he is the associate director of the Peace Corps leading the agency's global operations. Passionate about supporting leaders from diverse backgrounds in the U.S. and around the world, Scott founded and led Atlas Corps, a leadership development program for the world's best social change professionals. Sometimes called a "reverse Peace Corps," Atlas Corps brings leaders from around the world to serve in the U.S. Throughout his career, Scott has served in various international and governmental roles, supporting leadership and volunteerism.

#### Daniel Bissonnette • Flagstaff, AZ

Daniel is an AmeriCorps VISTA serving at St. Mary's Food Bank with a focus on data analysis and dissemination. Using platforms like ArcGIS, his department of data intelligence works to streamline information throughout the supply chain leading to more efficiency in distribution, beginning from St. Mary's warehouse to clients across Arizona. Daniel strives to fight food insecurity, believing our understanding often falls short of the true lived experience. As a part of his work, he has helped facilitate more than 1000 distributions to Native American communities in Northern Arizona. He continues to develop platforms and processes to improve the outreach to clients statewide.

## THE 2021 POINTS OF LIGHT INSPIRATION SPOTLIGHTS



#### Danielle Boyer • Troy, MI

At just 18 years old, armed with a desire to make the technical space an equitable one, Indigenous (Ojibwe) and Queer robotics inventor, Danielle, created The STEAM Connection, a nonprofit that has helped reach hundreds of thousands of children worldwide with life-changing education. Through The STEAM Connection, Danielle mentors 35 robotics teams, holds school lectures, hosts events, runs a blog and distributes hundreds of her robots and books to children. By empowering underserved youth with technical skills and free resources, Danielle is helping them take back power in their lives, paving the way for a more sustainable, diverse and innovative future.



#### William Cabaniss • Knoxville, TN

William is not your typical 15-year-old high school honors student and track athlete. When he learned his local food banks were experiencing high demand due to COVID-19, he was inspired to help. Already having a soft spot for people experiencing food insecurity, he founded the nonprofit Vanilla Feeds Tomorrow, where he is making, bottling and selling homemade vanilla extract, and donating all profits to Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee. He also volunteers there. Vanilla Feeds Tomorrow has currently donated \$100,000 which has provided 300,000 meals to East Tennessee residents in need.



#### Dionisio Cucuta • Teaneck, NJ

In 2010, Dion, a US Marine Veteran turned NYC executive chef, founded the Disabled Combat Veterans Youth Program (DCVYP), aiming to support both local families and youth. Families can receive delicious hot dinner via delivery or curbside pickup. DCVYP also provides mentorship programs and an after-school culinary arts program for local youth. In March 2020, partnering with worship houses and local nonprofits, Dion expanded his food insecurity initiative to meet a greater need caused by COVID-19. He created Table To Table Tuesdays, a program distributing organic produce to over 3,000 families weekly. Dion has a long-term vision to establish a sustainable agriculture program to reach even more families in need.

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#### SreyRam Kuy • Houston, TX

SreyRam was barely two when she was injured during a bombing as her family fled Cambodia. Luckily, a volunteer Red Cross surgeon saved her life and she made it safely to the U.S. Inspired by this experience, she pursued a career in medicine and eventually became the first female Cambodian refugee to work as a surgeon in the U.S. Today, she is passionate about serving vulnerable communities and proud to support the efforts of organizations serving veterans, such as Dog Tag Bakery. She volunteers tirelessly, raising funds to support her community to help wounded veterans learn business skills, fund a traumatic brain injury center for veterans, combat human trafficking of women and girls and build a rural community center. In 2017 SreyRam was recognized by L'Oréal Paris and Points of Light as a Women of Worth honoree for her extraordinary efforts in serving military veterans and their families.



#### Anna Mantell • Whitstable, Kent, England

Anna, a former nurse, was inspired by her friendship with June, a neighbor aged in her 80s, to connect people in her community with one another through food. In 2019 Anna launched Food Friends, an intergenerational project matching people who love cooking with a neighbor who would benefit from a home-cooked meal and doorstep chat, as a means of tackling loneliness, social isolation and food waste. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Food Friends volunteers have delivered over 3,500 home cooked meals and in addition, working in partnership with The Umbrella Cafe CIC, distributed over 4,000 meals to families in Whitstable facing disproportionate challenges due to the pandemic.



#### Alyssa Rambert • Greenville, NC

Alyssa's story begins with her family's nightly gatherings, where she learned about African-American history. She soon became aware of the contrast in her school's history curriculum. Much of what she studied forced her to examine herself through the prism of persecution, contradictory to the stories she had learned at home that showed Black people through the prism of strength. This led her to found WE STAND, an initiative promoting inclusivity in education through diversifying curriculas' narratives. Alyssa hopes to establish culturally relevant curricula for youth through her initiative.

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#### Shalabh Sahai • Mumbai, India

Shalabh co-founded iVolunteer in 2001 to bring volunteers and organizations together to share time, skills and passion to promote India's social development. iVolunteer is the largest and most trusted volunteering service in India, engaging 20,000+ volunteers each year through seven regional hubs and partnering with a network of 500+ credible nonprofits on all social causes to offer hands-on, skills based and pro bono programs with iVolunteer centers in seven leading Indian cities. Shalabh was instrumental in founding India Fellow, a social leadership program for youth and iVolunteer Awards, India's only recognition for volunteers. Shalabh also co-founded JobsForGood, a boutique consultancy on HR Advisory and Recruitment for social enterprises, NGOs and company CSR portfolios.



#### Dynasty Taylor • Los Angeles, CA

Inspired by her own upbringing in an underserved community, Dynasty founded the nonprofit Dynasty's United Youth Association (DUYA) in 2014. Specifically tailored to the minority population, DUYA aims to help break the cycle of poverty by closing the gap in educational inequalities and ensuring access to quality programs that promote character. In partnership with the Los Angeles Public Library and The Los Angeles Unified School District, DUYA provides free tutoring, homework assistance, job-readiness workshops, college and career advisement, and social-emotional support to youth ages 5-18 in urban communities. Over the past seven years, DUYA has helped over 800 students stay in school and advance to the next grade.

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# THE DAWN OF A CIVIC CENTURY



## POINTS OF LIGHT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At Points of Light, we believe that we are at the dawn of a "Civic Century," an age when people become more of the driving force that transforms our world. We believe when future generations look back on this time, they will see it was an era of sustained, meaningful civic engagement, fueled by a global community of people ready and willing to do good. It will take all of us, united in action, for this new century to take root and grow.

## OUR APPROACH

Points of Light must be a cultural catalyst working in partnership with organizations and individuals to build a society where it is impossible to sit on the sidelines of change – where it is easier to do good than to do nothing. We will define a new kind of volunteerism for the 21st century, one that calls on people to give their time, talents, voice and resources in service to build a brighter future for all. This will occur in three different ways:

## STRENGTHENING EXISTING NETWORKS

At Points of Light, we are creating connections between nonprofits, corporations and individuals, so that together we can address the world's changing needs.

## CREATING PERVASIVE CALLS TO ACT

Our global community is providing more invitations to act, so that civic life can be activated at work, online, in stores, on the ground and via donations.

## ADVOCATING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

We must advocate for more policies and infrastructure that support each individual's ability to do good.

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## THE POINTS OF LIGHT INSPIRATION HONOR ROLL

Celebrating outstanding individuals who help brighten communities.

The Points of Light Inspiration Honor Roll was created to celebrate acts of service, kindness and civic engagement by individuals who create change in communities around the world. It recognizes the people who take action, in both large and small ways, to improve the lives of others. This year, we continue to see individuals step up like never before. More people are volunteering, using their voices, giving back through work and taking action when they see a need. We are excited to uplift these stories and show how in communities worldwide, the power of people continue to drive us forward.

To meet all of the everyday heroes recogized on the 2021 Points of Light Inspiration Honor Roll, visit www.pointsoflight.org/inspirationhonorroll2021.



## **ABOUT POINTS OF LIGHT**

Points of Light is a nonpartisan, global nonprofit organization that inspires, equips and mobilizes millions of people to take action that changes the world. We envision a world in which every individual discovers the power to make a difference, creating healthy communities in vibrant, participatory societies. Through 177 affiliates across 38 countries, and in partnership with thousands of nonprofits and corporations, Points of Light engages 5 million volunteers in 16 million hours of service each year. We bring the power of people to bear where it's needed most. For more information, visit www.pointsoflight.org.

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