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NYC Mission Society to Honor TV One & Radio One Founder Cathy Hughes, Basketball Hall of Famer Mannie Jackson, at Annual “Champions for Children” Benefit on April 24, 2018

*–Awards also to be presented to LTC Francis W. Kairson, Jr., BNY Mellon, and
International Flavors & Fragrances–*

*–Katrina & Don Peebles, Leah & Stanley Rumbough, and Jean & Martin Shafiroff
Serve as 2018 Gala Co-Chairs –*

New York, N.Y. – The New York City Mission Society will hold its annual Champions for Children Gala on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 to support educational programs and supportive services that help youth and families in New York City’s underserved communities break the cycle of poverty and achieve success.

The Gala will be held at the Mandarin Oriental at 80 Columbus Circle in Manhattan, with cocktails at 6:30 PM followed by an 8:00 dinner. This year’s Gala will feature music, dance, and a ceremony with awards being presented to:

- Cathy Hughes, Founder and Chairperson, Urban One, Inc. (which includes TV One and Radio One)
- Mannie Jackson, 2017 Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer and President, Mannie Jackson for the Humanities Foundation
- LTC Francis W. Kairson, Jr., Ret., Director Emeritus, NYC Mission Society
- BNY Mellon
- International Flavors & Fragrances

WABC News Anchor Bill Ritter, a longtime supporter of the Mission Society, will emcee the event, C. Hugh Hildesley, Vice Chairman of Sotheby’s, will serve as auctioneer, and Alex Donner and his Orchestra and students from Mission’ Society’s free afterschool GRIOT music program, will perform. The Gift Bag Sponsor is Molton Brown.

To purchase tickets to the event and learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit:
<http://www.nycmissionsociety.org/events/2018-champions-for-children-gala/>

This year's Gala **Co-Chairs** are: Katrina & Don Peebles, Leah & Stanley H. Rumbough, and Jean & Martin Shafiroff. Gala **Champions** are: International Flavors & Fragrances; Katrina & Don Peebles; Leah & Stanley Rumbough; and Jean & Martin Shafiroff. **Visionaries** are: BNY Mellon; Fiona & Stanley Druckenmiller; and, Yemi & Patrick Vatel. **Advocates** are: Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP' MacFarlane Partners; and, Stifel Financial Corporation.

About the New York City Mission Society

The New York City Mission Society has been on the frontlines of the war on poverty for more than 200 years. Today, our progressive portfolio of educational, workforce development, cultural enrichment, and community-building programs, make a positive, long-term impact on the City's most underserved communities by promoting academic achievement, and providing career opportunities and cultural enrichment. Each year, we serve more than 10,000 children and families throughout New York City with our programs, supportive services, and community events. <http://www.nycmissionsociety.org>.

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