Her Excellency Jewel Howard-Taylor appointed Global Patron

of World Orphans Day by Founder

The former Vice President and First Lady of Liberia, Her Excellency Jewel Howard Taylor has generously accepted the role of Global Patron for World Orphans Day. As the newly appointed Secretary- General of the African Fist ladies Peace Mission, Madam Taylor's passion and commitment to unity, peace and well-being of children is well recognized and revered across Africa.

Her Excellency will join in Co -Hosting the First Ladies Summit for Orphans and Vulnerable Children as a media and fundraising event for the orphans in Nashville, TN September 27 -28, 2024.

This will be the initial event for building peace and unity among nations, working to bring better living conditions for those most deprived and suffering in Africa. The Stars Foundation and the African First Ladies Peace Mission have initiated a 5-year commitment to work together for these symbiotic goals and to promote World Orphans Day each year.

Founder, Cheryl Robeson Piggott, met Madam Taylor on a trip to Monrovia, Liberia in December of 2023. Piggott visited the Jewel Starfish Foundation while in the city for the Destined for Greatness Conference organized by Bishop Robert Bimba.

Piggott was impressed with the strong educational program of the school, which includes vocational training and computer classes for empowering young women.

In her tenure as Former First Lady and Former Vice President of Liberia, Her Excellency has helped build and train over 50,000 young girls and women across Liberia through 16 schools. Her passion for the women to raise strong spiritually as well as academically, has contributed to the positive uplifting of the Liberia culture among its young people.

Former First Lady Taylor and Piggott announce the confirmation of 3 more First Ladies and their Ambassadors and dignitary entourages joining in the Summit. First Lady Monica Chakwera of Malawi will be attending as well as First Lady Kartumu Yarta Boakai of Liberia. First Lady Janet Museveni of Uganda has graciously sponsored her representative Dr. Jolly Kaguhangire.

The Stars Foundation and Nashville welcome the delegation from the African First Ladies Peace Mission for the First Ladies Summit on September 27, at a private undisclosed facility of a celebrity supporter.

The event will be followed by a fundraising gala for the First Ladies called the Rhinestone Gala. Manuel, the distinguished fashion designer, known for the glitter and sparkle of Nashville fashion wear by the Stars, will be awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award at the event. One of the top featured items of the Silent and Live Auction will be the beautiful quilt that The Stars Foundation received from Her Excellency Jewel Howard -Taylor that was made at the School of the Jewel Starfish Foundation. It is signed by Madam Taylor. Also available for Auction are signed Guitars by Dolly Parton and Vince Gill, Big Machine's Riley Green and several guitars signed by many of the top stars of Nashville.

For Tickets, please go to the link here for more information on how to help the orphans and foster children we support. The Stars Foundation's Rhinestone Gala tickets can be purchased at <u>www.thestarsfoundation.net</u>

Media sponsors include NRB TV, leveNews of the Cayman Islands, LNTV, and expected in attendance to interview Manuel will be Telemundo, Univision, and BBC.

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