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CELEBRATION OF COURAGE

FORTLAUDERDALE, FL— April 28th, 2017—Word and Action, Inc. (W&A) presents the 5th Annual "UnMasked" Celebration event at Nova Southeastern University, Terry Administration Building, 5th Floor - 3200 South University Drive, Davie, Florida 33328 on Friday, April, 28th, 2017 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

This annual event is to celebrate the survivors of child sexual abuse. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and Wine. Special live performances by renown artists, writers, and poets. This year's UnMasked Celebration will feature Celebrity and Executive Chefs, Pierre B. Moise & Cynthia Verna.

W&A will be addressing Child Sexual Abuse, which has been more apparent cases in our community and in the news media that have been unsolved here in the United States to foreign countries. During the evening of celebration of courage, we come together to help educate, bring awareness, and to have a prevention and healing through our supporters to help launch a public awareness campaigns, speaking engagement to networking with fellow agency about Child Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking.

W&A plans to take proactive efforts to make sure here in Florida is a safer place through advocacy for state laws that will protect children from child abuse and provide support for survivors of sexual violence. It's estimated that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18. In fact, the clear majority of reported sexual assaults in this country (approximately 70 percent) involve children who are 17 and younger. There has also been increasing concern regarding the levels of child abuse in the Caribbean islands, which has led to long-term psychological consequences, poor school achievement, anti-social behavior and aggression, whether the child are direct victims, observers of violence or its aftermath, or have family or friends who are victims.

W&A, will be working with our local law enforcement, government/affiliate agencies to help enforce laws locally and in Haiti to mandate; Elimination of statute of limitations for sex crimes committed against children under the age of 16. Increased penalties for cyber-sex crimes. Established child safety zones. Increased penalties for those who sexually assault individuals with developmental delays or disabilities and mandatory reporting/protection of vulnerable persons. promotes a culturally-based approach to child sexual abuse prevention and treatment while expanding its partnership and network nationally and internationally. For more information on Word and Action, Inc., please visit; www.wordandaction.org

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