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THE CORDISH COMPANIES', LIVE! CASINO & HOTEL MARYLAND, AND THE MD. WASHINGTON MINORITY COMPANIES ASSOCIATION CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY HEROES' AWARDS

A Celebration of Black History Month at The HALL at Live!, Honoring Maryland/DC Business and Community Leaders for their Contributions and Accomplishments

Hanover, MD (February 23, 2023) – In celebration of Black History Month, The Cordish Companies, Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland and the Md. Washington Minority Companies Association (MWMCA) celebrated the **10th Annual Black History Heroes Awards Celebration** on Thursday, February 23, 2023. The honorees recognized as Black History Heroes are chosen for their positive influence and significant contributions made to their communities and fellow citizens.

The ceremony was hosted at The HALL at Live! and included a keynote speech from Anne Arundel County civil rights activist Carl Snowden.

“Supporting the communities of our guests and Team Members is at the core of the Live! brand,” shared Zed Smith, Chief Operating Officer, The Cordish Companies. “This year’s Black History Heroes honorees are individuals who share this mindset and conduct work that supports positive impact to their communities, both now and in the future.”

The 2023 honorees include:

- **Carl Snowden**, Civil Rights Activist, Anne Arundel County
- **Sam Davis**, Managing Editor, Baltimore Sun
- **Wayne R. Frazier, Sr.**, Md. Washington Minority Companies Association
- **Vincent O. Leggett**, “Admiral of the Chesapeake,” Founder and President, Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation
- **Dr. Barbara Palmer**, Owner and CEO, Kingdom Kare, Inc.
- **Shelonda Stokes**, President, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, Inc
- **Gloria Dent**, Owner and CEO, Genergi, LLC
- **Danita Tolson**, President, Baltimore County NAACP
- **Allison Lawrence**, President, eCommerce, Stanley Black and Decker
- **Damon Wilson**, Head Coach Football, Morgan State University

“It is so important to honor the contributions made by black business-owners, community leaders, and activists to the communities in which they live and work,” said Wayne Frazier, President, MWMCA. “In our 10th year hosting the Black History Heroes event at Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland, we are proud to say the event has continued to grow with so many incredible successes occurring within the community that are worth spotlighting.”

The event featured a live performance by King Street Sax and a dinner served for guests.

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About MWMCA

In 2002, Md. Washington Minority Contractors Association, Inc. (MWMCA) originated to advocate for minority and women construction trade contractors because so much work was being completed without the utilization of said firms. 11 years later, in 2013, MWMCA evolved into Md. Washington Minority Companies Association and expanded its scope of work to include all types of companies: trade contractors, suppliers, and service providers. MWMCA has a unique offering of services with one mission in mind, “Connecting Large & Small Businesses to Work Together.”

About Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland

The four-time AAA Four Diamond rated Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland opened in 2012 and is one of the largest and most luxurious commercial casinos in the country. Offering guests a range of activities including gaming, entertainment, world-class dining and hotel accommodations, Live! Casino & Hotel is consistently ranked the top tourist attraction in the state and was named one of the top 10 hotels in Maryland by U.S. News & World Report. Located between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, and adjacent to the popular Arundel Mills Mall with free garage parking, the property features one of the area’s biggest entertainment venues, The HALL at Live!, along with Maryland’s #1 Sportsbook with partner FanDuel at Sports & Social Maryland. Other amenities include nearly 200 live action table games and 4,000 slot machines, a large Poker Room, two High Limit Rooms featuring onsite masseuse, and the Orchid Gaming & Smoking Patio. The award-winning hotel features 310 luxury guest rooms and The Cordish Art Collection complete with more than 40 pieces of contemporary art from world-renowned artists including Andy Warhol. Multiple dining options, including Zagat-rated The Prime Rib, and guest services round out the experience at Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland. Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland is owned and operated by a company that is affiliated with The Cordish Companies. More information can be found at LiveCasinoHotel.com.

About The Cordish Companies

The Cordish Companies’ origins date back to 1910 and encompass four generations of privately held, family ownership. During the past ten decades, The Cordish Companies has grown into a global leader in Commercial Real Estate; Entertainment Districts; Sports-Anchored Developments; Gaming; Hotels; Residential Properties; Restaurants; International Development; Coworking Spaces; and Private Equity. One of the largest and most respected developers in the world, The Cordish Companies has been awarded an unprecedented seven Urban Land Institute Awards for Excellence for public-private developments that are of unique significance to the cities in which they are located. The Cordish Companies has developed and operates highly acclaimed

dining, entertainment, and hospitality destinations through the United States, many falling under The Cordish Companies' Live! Brand, highly regarded as one of the premier entertainment brands in the country. In gaming, The Cordish Companies has developed among the most successful casino hotel resorts in the world, including the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa, and Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland. Welcoming over 50 million visitors per year, these developments are among the highest profile dining, entertainment, gaming, hotel and sports-anchored destinations in the country. Over the generations, The Cordish Companies has remained true to the family's core values of quality, entrepreneurial spirit, long-term personal relationships, and integrity. As a testimony to the long-term vision of its family leadership, The Cordish Companies still owns and manages virtually every business it has created. For more information visit www.cordish.com or follow us on [Twitter](#).

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