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WHAT:

19th Annual Celebration Gala

Our salute to youth literacy and its enormous influence on our society's future will celebrate our children, mentors, community leaders and corporate partners through a remarkable evening of celebrity readings, award presentations and auctions. This annual fundraiser is a cornerstone in the financial framework that has made Everybody Wins! DC the largest children's literacy and mentoring program in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Please join us in support of our efforts to reach out to underserved youth and transform their lives through the power of reading and the inspiration of caring mentors. Their future – our future – depends on our commitment to offer all children the tools necessary to fully and successfully participate in society.

WHEN:

Tuesday, March 11, 2014
5.30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE:

The Capital Hilton
16 & K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

EVENT SCHEDULE:

- Chapter I:** Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction
- Chapter II:** Program and Live Auction
- Chapter III:** Dessert and Coffee

Reception will include:

- Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
- Musical Entertainment
- Silent Auction

Program will include:

- 📖 **Keynote:** BET Chairman & CEO **Debra Lee**
- 📖 **Emcee:** CNN Senior White House Correspondent **Brianna Keilar**
- 📖 **Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA)** will receive the Pioneer Award
- 📖 Students are scheduled to perform
- 📖 Corporate Leadership Awards
- 📖 The Minnon Friedman Award, Mentor of the Year

WHY:

In Metropolitan Washington, as across the country, thousands of students leave schools barely literate. Everybody Wins! DC pairs students with mentors, stimulating a love of reading and self-esteem. Our goal is to serve every child who could benefit from our unique programs. We currently serve more than 4,500 low-income public elementary school children, but eager students remain on waiting lists to receive the one-on-one attention that Everybody Wins! DC programs provide. Your generosity will help us continue our successful programs and expand to reach more children in need.

Students in Everybody Wins! DC programs show improved academic performance, more interest in school and better classroom behavior. Our programs enhance the regular curriculum by encouraging students to read for pleasure, providing Reading Mentors as positive role models, and helping students build their personal libraries through our book distributions during the school year.

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