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Shirley Caesar, Kennedy Center Host and Major Corporations Support Concert for Nation's 105 Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Choir, 105 Voices from the Community 105 HBCUs: A national legend Shirley Caesar: 11 Grammy Awards, 18 Dove Awards, 14 Stellar Awards and Most Visible Gospel Singer in the World. "Lifting Voices for Health, Leadership, Diversity and Economic Empowerment" Singing as One to Create a National Voice.

The Nation's 1st Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Choir., THE 105 VOICES OF HISTORY, will host A World Class 3rd Annual Performance for the Arts, in celebration of Legends and Legacies of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The choir will feature selected 105 Voices from the community of 105 HBCUs. In song with the 105 Voices: Event 2010 Host Dr. Shirley Caesar and Guest Artist Kim Burrell - Gospel / Jazz Artist, BET Sunday Best, known as today's Ella Fitzgerald. This electrifying event will showcase some of the most talented singers from the HBCUs presenting an American legacy grounded in African-American culture. To complement the choir performances, there will be stunning featured solos. Event is by ticket only. 105 Voices of History: www.hbcuchoirs-105.org or The John F. Kennedy Center, Washington D.C. Concert Hall. Tickets purchase at the Kennedy Center Box Office or Charge by Phone (202) 467-4600 Online at Kennedy-Center.org / TTY (202) 416-8524 Groups Sales Call (202) 416-8400

This unprecedented partnership with The Kennedy Center launched in 2008 brings together the historical, cultural and inspirational Voices of the Nation's Historically Black College and Universities (HBCUs) led by some of the most prolific HBCU choir conductors. The performance will be comprised of various music genres led by four nationally recognized HBCU conductors and 105 newly selected talented voices representing HBCUs throughout the country. The 2010 Kennedy Center Concert Featured Conductors are: Dr. Wayne Barr-Tuskegee University - European Classical, Dr. Curtis Powell- Delaware State University - Spirituals, Professor D'Walla Burke Winston Salem State University - African American Composers and Professor Jeremy Winston-Wilberforce College - Gospel/Jazz. This diversity initiative will provide a once in a lifetime experience for the 105 HBCU students and conductors; an opportunity to perform on the Kennedy Center stage.

2010 HBCU - Kennedy Center National Honorary Chairs, - Honorable Rodney Slater, Former Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation & Patton and Boggs, Mr. Ernest Green, Principal, Madison Group have been involved since the inception of program at the Kennedy Center. Dr. Louis Sullivan, Founder, President Emeritus Morehouse School of Medicine, Ms. Phylcia Rashad, Renowned Actress and Howard University Graduate, Ms. Jessye Norman, renowned opera singer - Howard University Graduate, Ms. Cathy Hughes- Ms. Cathy Hughes, Honorary Chair Founder /CEO Radio-TV One and Honorable Joan Pratt- Baltimore City Comptroller. 2010 Kennedy Center HBCU Event Chair; Mr. Floyd Green, Director of Community Relations Aetna Inc

It is truly rewarding major corporations have provided contributions for Colleges and Universities 105 selected student voices to train and celebrate the joy of singing in support of social concerns. The goal is to increase diversity and inclusion, thereby creating opportunities, resources and partnerships that ensure national recognition and support of HBCU legacies. Strategic partnerships will support the long-standing tradition for present and future generations of America's young students of color. These donors have blended their support to prepare the whole student and enjoy an opportunity to showcase their talent on a world renowned stage in song with Shirley Caesar. **Concert Host: John F. Kennedy** Center for the Performing Arts, **National Partners:** Aetna Foundation, Delta Air Lines and Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., **Significant Partners:** Northrop Grumman, Wells Fargo, U.S. Navy, Charlotte Elizabeth Yancey Eights Charitable Trust, National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, The Coca-Cola Company, Equals Three Communications, Xerox Foundation, SunTrust, Sodexo, The Men's Warehouse, Marriott International, First Priority Trailways, OSI-Outback Restaurants, Aramark Ashley Stewart, Verizon, Thompson Hospitality, Van McCoy Music, Inc., **Supporters:** Best Buy, Wegmans, Giant Foods and Qwest Government Services, Inc. .

The concert will be preceded by a National Health Walk on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from the Nation's Capital to the Lincoln Memorial with the participation of Alumni, Organizations and Ministries. The walk will close with the 105 Voices in song at the Lincoln Memorial and scholarship presentations. "Walk for "105 Ways to Healthy HBCUs, Scholars and Campuses" www.hbcuchoirs-105voh.org