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## **The DPW Foundation Honors Fredericksburg Legends for Pioneering Service to Community**

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The phenomenal power, impact and legacy of twelve distinguished and longstanding pioneers of the Fredericksburg community was honored and recognized front and center in an elegant room filled with family, friends and supporters at the **Inaugural 2013 Fredericksburg Legends Luncheon** hosted by **The DPW Foundation** on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Hospitality House.

The visionary of the celebratory Luncheon is Fredericksburg's very own, Deirdre Powell White, CEO of DPW Training and Associates and Founder and Executive Director of The DPW Foundation. Host of the Luncheon, she stated, "I was so inspired by the Legends Ball held by Oprah Winfrey that I felt led to honor the men and women of our community that have so greatly impacted my life and that of countless others for decades. Our family is so committed to service and each of these Legends has served



*Standing L-R: Xavier R. Richardson, Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd, Deirdre Powell White  
2013 LEGENDS Seated L-R: William Stephens, Jr. (for His Father, Colonel William Stephens), Ms. Ellen Noel, Dr. Richard Garnett, Jr., Ms. Barbara Weston, Ms. Marguerite Young, Ms. Janice Davies, Ms. Cleo Lewis, Mr. Johnny Johnson, Reverend Lawrence Davies, Dr. Gilbert Coleman & Ms. Gladys Todd (Inset)*

as stellar examples of humanitarianism and compassion to our community. They are well deserving of this and so much more."

The Legends were introduced individually by Ms. White and her co-host and lifelong friend, Xavier R. Richardson, Founder and Executive Director of the Partnership for Academic Excellence. As each Legend entered the cheering assembly, they were flanked and greeted by excited students from the Delta GEMS of the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Emerging Leaders Program of the Xi Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Kappa League of the Fredericksburg Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. It was a symbol of passing the torch down to the "young'uns" as Ms. White stated.

The 2013 Inaugural Fredericksburg Legends honored included **Ms. Gladys Todd** lovingly known as "Mother Todd," a centenarian who received the **2013 Lifetime Achievement Award**. She was not able to be present but her grandson, Juno Pitchford accepted the Award on her behalf with tearful joy. **Reverend Lawrence Davies, Ms. Janice Davies, Ms. Cleo Lewis, Mr. Johnny Johnson, Ms. Marguerite Young, Ms. Ellen Noel, Dr. Richard Garnett, Jr., Colonel William Stephens, Mr. Weldon Bailey, Ms. Barbara Weston** and **Dr. Gilbert Coleman** rounded out the excited slate of Legends. Each Legend was given a beautiful crystal clock that referenced their humanitarianism as "timeless." Profoundly, each Legend referenced the tremendous impact that Ms. Todd had on their lives and professed their true love of the Fredericksburg community. Mayor Katherine Greenlaw gave special greetings.

A wonderful video presentation highlighted each Legend to warm applause and they were serenaded in tribute by songstress, Shay Lassiter. A tireless servant in her own right, Reverend Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd, 22<sup>nd</sup> National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was the Keynote Speaker. She stated, "We thank you for your kindness, greatness, motivation and for helping us know how to succeed. We must be as determined as these Legends are as we can do and must do what is required. To the students here, never give up on your dreams. We must celebrate and hold high those who make a difference in our community."

Indeed, the community of Fredericksburg holds these Legendary icons high and deep in their hearts with great pride and gratitude.