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Experience the Magic of Opportunity and the Miracle of the Human Spirit at the 4th Annual “Magic & Miracles,” an Evening Benefiting Ready, Willing & Working

Ready, Willing, and Working (RWW), a 501c3 organization aimed at ending the cycles of homelessness, welfare dependency, and substance abuse in Washington, D.C., will be hosting the **4th Annual Magic and Miracles, on November 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Ritz-Carlton located at 1150 22nd Street, NW in Washington, D.C.** WAMU Talk Radio Host **Kojo Nnamdi** will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Nancy Squires of *The Squires Group* will be honored at the event for her continued support and dedication to the mission of RWW. **George McDonald**, Founder and President of The Doe Fund, and **Harriet McDonald**, Executive Vice President of The Doe Fund and “Ready Willing & Able,” will speak at the event. **A silent auction will be held** featuring items from numerous Capitol Hill businesses and The Ritz-Carlton, and **Master Magician Aedryan Methyus** will be on hand to amaze and amuse guests! Cocktails and a full dinner are included in the ticket price.

With support from the honorary host committee, which includes members of the United States Congress, The Mayor of the District of Columbia, and members of the DC Council, *Magic & Miracles* aims to raise money and awareness for the RWW program. Its goal is to expand the program to include all interested and eligible applicants. Tickets are \$150 per individual, \$275 per couple and can be purchased online at <http://magicandmiracles4.eventbrite.com>.

All proceeds from the reception benefit Ready, Willing, and Working.

Ready, Willing & Working empowers men to break the cycles of homelessness, welfare dependency and criminal recidivism through a residential, paid-work rehabilitation program offering holistic programs and supportive services that allow individuals to achieve permanent self-sufficiency. Modeled after The Doe Fund’s hugely successful “Ready, Willing & Able” (RWA) program in New York, RWW provides opportunities to the hardest to serve homeless population -- single, able-bodied adults, the majority of whom have histories of incarceration and substance addiction. Over 67% of graduates from the RWA program remain employed, independently housed and drug-free. RWW is seeing similar successes for the District of Columbia's homeless and formerly incarcerated.

“In the four years since we started Ready, Willing & Working, we’ve helped dozens of men become productive, taxpaying citizens, and fathers to their children, through paid work opportunities,” says Patty Brosmer, President of Ready, Willing and Working. “Most of our participants will never see a shelter or be incarcerated again.”

“This is great progress but so many more are seeking the same chance – we have literally hundreds of applicants that we cannot serve until we can expand our program.” Brosmer adds.

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