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**THE MOST FAMOUS FACE IN DAYTIME TELEVISION HISTORY, SUSAN LUCCI,
TO BE HONORED AT THE 2017 WOMEN OF INFLUENCE AWARDS IN NEW YORK
ON FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017**

**Lucci Will Join Five Other Outstanding Women at Event to Benefit Breast and
Ovarian Cancer Research**

New York, New York – May 1, 2017 – The T.J. Martell Foundation for Leukemia, Cancer and AIDs research will honor Emmy Award winning actress Susan Lucci at this year's "Women of Influence" Awards to be held at The Plaza Hotel, Grand Ballroom on Friday, May 12, 2017 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The awards celebration honors six outstanding women who have achieved tremendous goals in both in their business and personal life and benefits Ovarian and Breast cancer research. Susan Lucci will join five other exceptional women in accepting their awards at the 5th annual event and will be available for press interviews at the reception.



Susan Lucci has held audiences spellbound for years as the sexy, sassy, beautiful "woman you love to hate," Erica Kane on ABC-TV's *All My Children*. In May 1999 she won the Emmy Award for "Best Actress," which was a historic moment not only for Lucci, but for all of television. Lucci recently finished Season 4 of the hit Lifetime series *Devious Maids* as the wealthy and effervescent socialite Genevieve Delatour and played the role of Danica in the 2015 Academy Award nominated film, *Joy*. She was also the host and narrator of Investigation Discovery's highly rated series *Deadly Affairs*. She received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on January 28, 2005. In October of 2016, Lucci was inducted as a Giant of Broadcasting and Electronic Arts, and in 2006 was an inductee into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame. She was honored with the Disney Legends Award for her contribution to Disney's reputation for creative excellence. Lucci was named one of E! Entertainment's "Top Entertainers of the Year" as well as one of Barbara Walters' "Ten Most Fascinating People." VH-1 has also named Lucci one of its "200 Top Icons of all Time."

In 2011, Lucci appeared in the highly rated season finale of TV Land's *Hot in Cleveland* and returned for another episode in February 2012 entitled, "I Love Lucci" and also guest-starred in a recurring role on Lifetime's *Army Wives*. Lucci competed on ABC's primetime reality show, *Dancing with the Stars*, hosted *Saturday Night Live*, and guest-starred in many successful television series and numerous movies for television throughout her career. In March 2011 Lucci released her *New York Times* bestselling autobiography *All My Life* with Harper Collins.

Lucci's artistic excellence afforded her the opportunity to take on many theater and cabaret performances, with solo concerts and nightclub performances opening for Regis Philbin across the country. In her 1999 Broadway debut, Lucci starred as Annie Oakley in the revival of Irving Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun*, to glowing review. Michael Logan of *TV Guide* said, "Susan Lucci didn't just take the Great White Way by storm: she took it by tornado, hurricane and tsunami, too."

Acting and singing are only two of Lucci's many passions. She is also a successful entrepreneur, launching a Susan Lucci Collection of hair care products, two fragrances, jewelry, shoes, and accessory lines, and a lingerie line for "beauty of all ages." Her head-to-toe collection was a constant sell-out on the Home Shopping Network (HSN). In 2002, Lucci introduced a personal microdermabrasion system with Guthy-Renker-- Youthful Essence® by Susan Lucci that has sold over 8 million kits worldwide since its debut. Lucci later expanded her line with Guthy-Renker, also presenting "Malibu Pilates," the widely popular Pilates chair fitness program. She is currently on QVC with the "Pilates PRO Chair" created by the co-inventor of Malibu Pilates. She was recognized by the Electronic Retailing Association for her achievements in direct response marketing with the DR Icon Award at the 2014 Moxie Awards Gala.

Lucci's commitment to her work with children has taken her to Africa in support of Feed the Children, appearing in an Emmy-award winning documentary. She and her husband have been ongoing champions of Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York and have been the spokespersons for the National AFib Campaign. Susan currently hosts United Cerebral Palsy of NYC Women Who Care Luncheon, and is the second woman in the history of the Columbus Day Parade to serve as Grand Marshal – the first was Sophia Loren. She is proud to serve as an Ambassador for the newly established National Women's Museum in Washington, DC. Her past charity work includes the March of Dimes, AMDeC (Academic Medicine Development Company), The New York Cancer Project, and Broadway Cares Equity Fights Aids. Susan is the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the prestigious New York City Gracie Award and the Muse Award for Women in Film & Television. She was inducted into the American Academy of Achievement Awards and presented with the Italian Board of Guardians Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ms. Lucci was awarded a B.A. in Drama from Marymount College in Tarrytown, NY and subsequently studied acting with Wynn Handman, the founder and director of The American Place Theatre in New York City. Additionally, she studied acting with the late legendary Harold Clurman. Lucci's accomplishments and contributions to the world of television and the performing arts have made her an icon to millions.

The 2017 Women of Influence Awards & Luncheon tickets can be obtained by going to the website's Events Page. Ticket purchase link at tjmfwomenofinfluence.org

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