



The T.J. Martell Foundation Honors Seven Distinguished Women Named at the 2016 *Women of Influence* Awards and Luncheon

New York Awards will honor Ariane Duarte, Debra Joester, Kristine Johnson, Dalia Lamming-Tilly, M.B.A., Nancy Lieberman, Ruby Marchand and Sue Phillips.

***Hosted by Radio Host and Actress Robin Quivers
Friday, May 13, 2016 – The Plaza Hotel
Presented by Warner Music Group***

New York, New York – April 18, 2016 - The T.J. Martell Foundation for leukemia, cancer and AIDS research has announced its 2016 *Women of Influence Awards* which will be held Friday, May 13, 2016 at The Plaza Hotel, Terrace Room located at 768 5th Avenue in New York. The awards and luncheon will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a reception and silent auction beginning earlier at 11:30 a.m. The awards celebration will honor seven outstanding women who have achieved tremendous goals in business and inspire other women around the globe to live their dreams while balancing work, family, home and health.



The seven honorees continue to leave profound impressions on their fields and in the lives of others. This year's honorees include Ariane Duarte, Executive Chef and Owner at Ariane Kitchen and Bar; Debra Joester, President and Owner of The Joester Loria Group; Kristine Johnson, CBS 2 Co-Anchor 5pm and 11pm Newscasts; Dalia-Lamming Tilly, M.B.A., Comptroller for the Transport Workers Union Local 100; Nancy Lieberman, NBA Assistant Coach, Sacramento Kings and Hall of Famer; Ruby Marchand, Vice President of International Repertoire Development at Warner Music Group and Vice Chair of the Recording Academy and Sue Phillips, President and CEO of Scenterprises. Popular radio host and actress Robin Quivers will host the event for the third year in a row.

"I am extremely excited about our fourth Women of Influence Awards in New York. The event brings together such amazing women to bond and learn about healthy living, breast cancer, awareness and prevention and to celebrate women's achievements," said Laura Heatherly, CEO of the T.J. Martell Foundation. "This event will raise vital funds for the T.J. Martell Foundation's breast cancer and ovarian cancer research programs."

The 2016 Women of Influence Awards & Luncheon tickets, table sponsors and journal ads can be reviewed by going to the website's Events Page. Ticket purchase link: tjmfwomenofinfluence.org

The Women of Influence Awards & Luncheon reception and silent auction will begin at 11:30 a.m. and last until 12:30 p.m. when the luncheon begins and the award presentations take place. Honorees will be available for press interviews during the reception. Press should RSVP to the contact below for press attendance for coverage purposes.

ABOUT THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION:

The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry's largest foundation that funds innovative medical research focused on finding cures for leukemia, cancer and AIDS. The Foundation, headquartered in New York, is a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was founded in 1975 by music industry executive Tony Martell and his colleagues in loving memory of his son T.J., who died of leukemia. The Foundation has provided more than \$270 million dollars for research that supports top hospitals in the United States. For more information click on the T.J. Martell Foundation go to www.tjmartell.org

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