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Cedella Marley to be Honored at the 2022 Hummingbird Gala, NYC

New York, NY June 30, 2022 – AFJ announced the 2022 Hummingbird Gala to be held in New York City, NY on Friday, September 23rd at the incredible Plaza Hotel. This year's Gala will celebrate honoree Cedella Marley with the International Humanitarian Award.

As the first born of Bob and Rita Marley, Cedella Marley is a descendant of reggae royalty. As an accomplished singer, an inspiring author, fashion designer and visionary entrepreneur, Cedella oversees Marley Holdings, a Marley family entity that manages all aspects of the Bob Marley rights, including the rights to Bob's name and likeness. In addition, she oversees all the Marley related businesses in Jamaica and is the Director of the Bob Marley Foundation, the Marley family's charitable organization whose mission is to carry on the life and legacy of Bob Marley. Cedella is also the ambassador to the Reggae Girlz, Jamaica's national women's football team.

The Gala dinner, silent auction and entertainment makes for one of New York's premier fundraising events to support initiatives in Jamaica. The Gala will feature an intriguing silent auction collection, three course cuisine, exquisite wines and other glimmering touches to create a night that our supporters won't soon forget. A performance by Grammy Award winning artists Steel Pulse and music by Max Glazer will top off the evening.

The Gala will celebrate the AFJ's 40th years of service. Over the years, the AFJ has provided well needed support in education, healthcare, and economic development. Programs such as disaster relief "A Thousand Roofs of Love", combatting HIV/AIDS, the Jamaica School for the Blind, and Mustard Seed.

All proceeds from the 2022 Hummingbird Gala will bring vital funds to support programs that advance the mission of the AFJ for Jamaica.

"After two years of virtual events, we look forward to reemerging and reengaging with our supporters at the Hummingbird Gala in New York. It will be a fun evening to support shared goals for Jamaica." - Caron Chung, Executive Director

2022 Hummingbird Gala tickets are now available. Individual tickets or tables of ten can be purchased on the AFJ website or on the link below. To become a sponsor please contact events@theafj.org or 212-265-2550.

About the AFJ

The AFJ is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit built on the principles of service and philanthropy. For nearly 40 years, the organization has been rendering assistance in the areas of Education, Healthcare, and Economic Development. The AFJ Grant Cycle begins at the end of each year and grants are disbursed in April of the following year. For information on how to purchase tickets or become a sponsor to support our mission for Jamaica, email info@theafj.org or visit www.theafj.org.