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Donelson Hermitage Chamber of Commerce Honors Local Leaders at Influencing Women Awards Gala

Donelson, TN — On Friday, June 13, 2025, the Donelson Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with its Women in Business Committee, proudly hosted the **7th Annual Influencing Women Awards Gala** in the Tennessee Ballroom at Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. This elegant evening celebrated the remarkable achievements of local women who are making a lasting impact on our community and beyond.

This year's award recipients embody leadership, vision, compassion, and the spirit of service:

- Beyond the Glass Ceiling Award: Dr. Adrienne Battle
- Champion of Women Award: Ten Thirty-Five
- Woman to Watch: Audrey McGrady
- Heart of Donelson Hermitage: Sherri Forrest
- Woman-Owned Workplace: Bagelshop / Kayla Palmer
- Lifetime Legacy Award: **BJ Keener**
- Chamber Choice Award: Stephanie Ponder Randolph

"These inspiring women represent the heart, strength, and future of the Donelson Hermitage community," said Executive Director, Terri Williams Nutter. "Because of leaders like them, our community continues to grow and thrive."

A portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit our nonprofit partner, **After Breast Cancer (ABC) at the Donelson Hermitage YMCA**. This impactful program provides vital support, wellness services, and a path to healing for breast cancer survivors in our community. We are honored to support their mission of strength, resilience, and recovery.

We extend our warmest congratulations to this year's Jeannie Seely Standing Ovation Award honorees, **Hillary Scott and Linda Davis**. These celebrated artists were recognized for their contributions to the community, music, mentorship, and uplifting women through their work and example.

The Chamber would also like to offer thanks to our generous sponsors, whose support made this memorable evening possible: Gus Arrendale & Springer Mountain Farms, BNA Nashville International Airport, High Caliber Weaponry & Training / APPS, Pinnacle Financial Partners, Titans One Community, TriStar Summit Medical Center, HJL Properties, Randolph Business Resources, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Old Hickory Credit Union, Wilson Bank & Trust, Donelson Hermitage YMCA, Mrs. Dorothy Ewin, Grand Ole Opry, MPD Community Credit Union, Sir Speedy BNA, and Empire Distributors.

The Donelson Hermitage Chamber of Commerce is honored to celebrate the award recipients, and the sponsors, community members, and businesses who uplift and support women leaders across our region. Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant community for all.

For more information about the Chamber, future events, or how to get involved, visit <u>www.d-hchamber.com</u>.

ABOUT DONELSON-HERMITAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce – Gateway to Music City was founded in February 1977 by area business leaders with a mission to promote and grow memberships and to ensure the communities of Donelson and Hermitage remain a great place to live and work. The Chamber has a membership of nearly 500 local businesses, individuals and organizations and is one of the largest and most active organizations in the Greater Nashville, Tennessee area. www.donelsonhermitagechamber.com