

Boston Marathon bombing survivor and inspirational speaker Adrienne Haslet to Speak at 10th Annual Women's Leadership Conference

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Sponsored by The MGM Resorts Foundation, the conference is designed to inspire women to seek their highest level of personal and professional growth by presenting participants with role models, varying perspectives and strategies for development

LAS VEGAS, May 25, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The MGM Resorts Foundation is proud to announce Adrienne Haslet as a keynote speaker at the 10th annual Women's Leadership Conference. Hosted by MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM), the 2016 conference will be held Aug. 8 & 9 at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

Haslet, a professional ballroom dancer, was at the finish line at the 2013 Boston Marathon when bombs planted near the finish line exploded, causing her to lose part of her left leg. Despite unimaginable hardship, she returned to the dance floor within a year, even appearing on this season's "Dancing with the Stars" television program. Now a motivational speaker known for her personal resiliency, Haslet hopes her emotional honesty serves as an example to those looking to overcome adversity. She speaks to audiences all over the world about how she used strength, determination and a positive attitude to move beyond tragedy.

"It takes an exceptionally strong individual to transform such a painful incident into an inspiring lesson for others," said Dawn Christensen, the conference's organizer and director of National Diversity Relations for MGM Resorts. "I think conference attendees will benefit greatly from hearing the stories she plans to share with us."

The two-day conference will offer a wide range of learning opportunities, career guidance and personal growth tools, including:

- Exposure to diverse, nationally recognized speakers and accomplished women role models
- Career-oriented workshops that will give participants hands-on opportunities to develop skills based on their career needs

- Three distinct learning tracks for participants who are Emerging Leaders, Emerging Executives and Executives

"I am really honored to be a part of the 10th Annual Women's Leadership Conference," said Haslet. "I'm humbled to be speaking to a room of up-and-coming leaders and executives."

Haslet recently competed in the 2016 Boston Marathon and, along with members of #AdrienneStrong team, raised over \$45,000 for Limbs for Life, an Oklahoma City-based nonprofit organization that provides fully-functional prosthetic care for those who cannot afford it.

In 2013, Haslet was honored with the Med Star Gala Victory Award. That same year, she was also named one of the Most Powerful Women by Cosmopolitan Magazine. A CNN documentary detailing her first year after the marathon bombing, "The Survivor Diaries," with Anderson Cooper, was nominated for an Emmy Award in 2015.

Conference background:

The Women's Leadership Conference is open to women of all ethnicities, professions and social backgrounds, locally and nationally, and the men who support them. The MGM Resorts Foundation is the conference's presenting sponsor.

Each year, proceeds from the conference after costs are donated to one or more local nonprofit agencies devoted to the welfare and development of women and children. Southern Nevada Children First, a nonprofit organization that provides support to homeless and pregnant youth, recently received a \$30,000 gift from the 2015 conference proceeds.

The registration fee for participants is \$450 and includes the full conference and all workshops and lectures; a networking reception, and meals catered by MGM Grand. Time for networking is also allotted for attendees to build relationships with other conference participants.

Participating sponsorships are available to organizations or companies who share the vision and goals of this conference. Current sponsors include: CBS – Radio, The Coca-Cola Company, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Millennium Staffing Solutions, R&R Partners, Cirque Du Soleil, Cashman Photo Enterprises, Large Vision Business Network Mixer and Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce. Conference supporters include Caesars Entertainment Corporation, Deloitte & Touche LLP and Global Gaming Women.

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