



Amaka Ubaka of WHDH-TV 7News will MC at Project Hope Rise & Shine Gala

Event will also feature personal stories from Project Hope Ambassadors, and honor longtime board member Bob Spellman



(From Left to right: Amaka Ubaka, Project Hope Executive Director Linda Wood-Boyle, Project Hope Ambassador Njiba Mbuyi)

(Boston) April 12, 2017- Project Hope, a nonprofit organization at the forefront of efforts in Boston to move families up and out of poverty, today announced that Amaka Ubaka of WHDH-TV 7News will be the Mistress of Ceremonies at the 14th annual Rise & Shine breakfast to be held on Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 a.m. at the Boston Harbor Hotel.

Ubaka, a news reporter, says she is looking forward to helping raise awareness about Project Hope and about the Rise & Shine event. "I am truly honored to be a part of the Rise & Shine event to highlight the work that Project Hope does in empowering women," said Ubaka.

The event will feature current and former Project Hope Ambassadors who will share their personal stories of transformation. They will be seated at each table to allow attendees to hear their stories, learn about their accomplishments and witness first-hand the level of self-respect and self-confidence Project Hope helps to foster among the women in the communities it serves.

Linda Wood-Boyle, Project Hope Executive Director, says the reason that women who receive Project Hope's services are successful is because the organization is not just a nonprofit offering services, it is a committed partner in their accomplishments. "We have a holistic approach that really works and is evident when you see and hear the Ambassadors and learn about their journeys and how Project Hope helped them," said Wood-Boyle.

The event will also honor longtime board member and Project Hope supporter Bob Spellman for his unwavering commitment to the Project Hope mission, team and all the women, children and communities it serves. Spellman, an accomplished businessman and community leader, says there are many people who deserve to be honored for their commitment to Project Hope, and the stars of the show are the women whom the organization has helped.

"They are the ones who make it real. When you talk to the women and hear their stories and the positive impact that Project Hope has had on them and their families, it's remarkable and very moving," said Spellman. Spellman also says that Project Hope provides economic opportunity for women to improve their lives and he hopes that more businesses and corporations will look toward Project Hope for employee and staff development.

"Boston is booming and we want Project Hope to be part of that success by opening doors for women in Dorchester, Roxbury and beyond, for job opportunities and career paths that lead to even more success," he said.

About Amaka Ubaka

Amaka Ubaka joined 7News in May 2016 as a reporter. Before working at 7News, Amaka worked as a reporter at WKMG-News 6 in Orlando, Florida. Amaka has also worked as a reporter at WOWT NBC 6 in Omaha, Nebraska and KRCR ABC 7 in Redding, California. Amaka received her Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Miami.

About Project Hope

Project Hope was founded in 1981 when the Little Sisters of the Assumption opened the doors of their Magnolia Street convent so homeless women and children could live with them. Over the years, Project Hope's mission expanded beyond sheltering families and providing childcare; to a multi-service agency at the forefront of efforts in Boston to move families up and out of poverty. Project Hope assists low-income women with children access to education, jobs, housing, and emergency services; fosters their personal transformation; and works for broader systems change. www.prohope.org

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