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**LEGACY ASSOCIATES FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THEME AND SPONSORS FOR ITS
8TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER**

DETROIT: February 20, 2006 – Legacy Associates Foundation (LAF), one of Detroit’s leading nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping youth, will host its 8th Annual Scholarship Dinner titled **“Real Solutions for Real Empowerment”** on March 18, 2006. The dinner, created to increase awareness in the community about LAF’s services and programs, will be held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History located in Detroit at 315 East Warren and will feature Kwame Jackson from the reality television show “The Apprentice” as the keynote speaker and Karen Dumas from the popular radio show, Upfront With Karen Dumas as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

With the help of dedicated sponsors including **Comerica Bank, State Farm Insurance, Skillman Foundation, New Detroit Coalition, Beaumont Hospital, Strather & Associates, Greektown Casino, Radio One, Hour Detroit and WKBD-UPN 50**, the dinner is expected to raise more than \$50,000 that will be used to support the organization’s year round initiatives and annual scholarships awarded in summer 2006 to deserving high school seniors attending a 4-year accredited institution of higher learning.

“For the last eight years, the scholarship dinner has helped over 50 students with the financial support needed for their college education,” said Caleb Rutledge, vice president of Legacy Associates Foundation. “It takes a village to raise a child and LAF is proud to be a part of a community that realizes the value of supporting our organization and helping Detroit youth.”

The cost of the scholarship dinner is \$75 per ticket and is open to the public. To purchase tickets or obtain more information about Legacy Associates Foundation call 313-438-0819 or visit www.legacyassociates.org.

The Legacy Associates Foundation is an organization whose mission is to help students exemplify scholastic achievement, community involvement, and economic empowerment on a local, national, and global front. Since its establishment in 1997, L.A.F continues to improve the quality of life throughout their communities via promotion of and involvement in philanthropic activities. This strong exemplar of leadership is an essential part in preparing individuals, minority youth in particular, to endure the many social and economical obstacles that confront them in our society.

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