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**MARYLAND WOMEN'S HERITAGE CENTER FUNDRAISING
LUNCHEON WITH COKIE ROBERTS CELEBRATES AND HONORS
ALL MARYLAND MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS**

**“We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters” Luncheon is Wednesday, April 29, noon – 2 p.m., at
Morton’s The Steakhouse in Baltimore**

Cost is \$100 per person or \$150 per person for VIP tickets. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.MDWomensHeritageCenter.org.

BALTIMORE – Cokie Roberts, acclaimed author, political commentator, and a member of the honorary board of the Maryland Women’s Heritage Center, discusses her latest book, “We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters: Revised and Expanded Edition” at a fundraising luncheon to benefit the Maryland Women’s Heritage Center on **Wednesday, April 29**. The luncheon takes place from noon – 2 p.m., with a pre-event VIP reception at 11:30 a.m., at Morton’s The Steakhouse in Baltimore at 300 S. Charles Street. (Morton’s is providing complimentary valet parking.)

The cost for the event is \$100 per person, which includes a gourmet luncheon and signed copy of “We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters: Revised and Expanded Edition.” A limited number of VIP tickets are available at \$150 per person, which includes a pre-event reception with one-on-one opportunity with Cokie Roberts, a gourmet luncheon, personalized signed copy of “We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters: Revised and Expanded Edition,” and a photograph with Cokie Roberts. Tables of 6 are also available for purchase (cost is \$600 or \$900 for VIP table). To purchase tickets, visit www.MDWomensHeritageCenter.org.

The event also celebrates and honors all Maryland mothers and daughters who together set examples for the future. Event honorees include Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Baltimore City Council President, and her mother Dr. Nina Rawlings, a retired pediatrician; Betty Buck, president of Buck Distributing Co., Inc., and her daughters Kelly Ingbretson and Erin Fitzgerald; Shoshana Cardin, former chair of the Maryland Commission for Women, and her daughters Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin and Ilene Vogelstein; Lucille Clifton, former Poet Laureate of Maryland, and her daughters Gillian Clifton-Monell and Alexia Clifton; Judge Sherrie Krauser, Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, and her mother Retired Judge Bess B. Lavine, District Court of Maryland; and Joyce J. Scott, internationally renowned artist, and her mother, Elizabeth Talford Scott, a celebrated fiber artist.

Sponsors of the event include WYPR-FM, Maryland Public Television (MPT), WMAR-TV, WomanTalk Live, *On Purpose Woman Magazine*, *Focus on Women Magazine*, MyCity4her.com, Harford Cable Network, and Morton’s The Steakhouse.

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Editor's Note: To arrange an interview with Cokie Roberts either in advance or on the day of the event, please contact Cheryl Knauer at cknauer@nevinspr.com or 410-568-8808.

Images of Cokie Roberts and the “We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters: Revised and Expanded Edition” book jacket are available upon request.

The Maryland Women’s Heritage Center was established to preserve the past, understand the present, and shape the future by recognizing, respecting, and transmitting the experiences and contributions of Maryland women of diverse backgrounds and from all regions of the state. The first comprehensive state-based effort of its kind in the nation, it provides a place to learn and teach about the contributions of Maryland women through the State’s history, to develop leadership by girls and women, and to hold forums to address issues impacting girls, women and their families. The Center is an outgrowth of the Maryland Women’s History Project that began in 1980 as a collaborative venture between the Maryland Commission for Women and the Maryland State Department of Education. It will provide a home to the Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame, which has inducted outstanding women since 1985, coordinated by the Women Legislators of Maryland and the Maryland Commission for Women.

COKIE ROBERTS:

Bestselling author Cokie Roberts has penned two *New York Times* bestsellers, “We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters,” and “From This Day Forward,” which she co-wrote with her husband. She has also written “Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation” and “Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation.”

She is a political commentator for ABC News and serves as senior news analyst for National Public Radio. From 1996 to 2002, she and Sam Donaldson co-anchored the weekly ABC interview program *This Week*. In addition to broadcasting, Roberts, along with her husband Steven V. Roberts, writes a weekly column syndicated in newspapers across the country by United Media. She has been inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame, and was cited by the American Women in Radio and Television as one of the 50 greatest women in the history of broadcasting. In 2008, the Library of Congress named her a “Living Legend.”

Cokie Roberts is member of the honorary board of the Maryland Women’s Heritage Center. A mother of two and grandmother of six, she lives with her husband in Bethesda, Md.

“WE ARE OUR MOTHERS’ DAUGHTERS: REVISED AND EXPANDED EDITION”:

The 10th anniversary edition of “We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters” being released in April 2009, once again examines the nature of women’s roles through Cokie Roberts’s personal experiences. From mother to mechanic, sister to soldier, Roberts reveals how much progress has now been made—and how much further we have to go. Updated and expanded to include a diverse new cast of women, this collection of essays offers tremendous insight into the opportunities and challenges that women encounter today. Profiles of some of the famous and fascinating women she has encountered during the course of her reporting career become a springboard for more extensive and pointed discussions of women’s issues, such as women’s positions in politics, business, motherhood, and marriage.

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