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**MUSIC LEGENDS DIONNE WARWICK, PAUL SIMON AND NYMEX CHAIRMAN,  
RICHARD SCHAEFFER TO BE HONORED AT THE WE ARE FAMILY  
FOUNDATION'S FIFTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION ON  
APRIL 23, 2007 IN NEW YORK CITY**

***HOSTED BY DESIGNER TOMMY HILFIGER, LIVE AUCTION HOSTED BY  
ACTOR/COMEDIAN ORLANDO JONES WITH SPECIAL CONCERT FEATURING PAUL  
SIMON, DIONNE WARWICK, NILE RODGERS & CHIC  
AND SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCES***

(March 14, 2007 – New York, NY) Designer **Tommy Hilfiger** will host and co-chair the **Fifth Annual We Are Family Foundation Celebration** with **Gibson Guitar Corp. Chairman & CEO Henry Juskiewicz** to honor music legends **Dionne Warwick** presented by **Clive Davis, Paul Simon** and **NYMEX (New York Mercantile Exchange) Chairman, Richard Schaeffer** at **The Manhattan Center's Hammerstein Ballroom** on **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** in New York City. The expected 800 VIP guests attending the high profile fundraising awards gala to benefit the **We Are Family Foundation** will be presented with an unforgettable evening beginning with a VIP reception hosted by the **Gibson Foundation**, cocktails, dinner, a special awards presentation and a live auction hosted by Actor/Comedian **Orlando Jones**, followed by a musical concert featuring **Paul Simon, Dionne Warwick, Nile Rodgers & Chic**, performer **Sarah Jones** and special guest performances to be announced.

In addition, the foundation along with **Tiffany & Co.** will present **Keys for a Cause™**, a special opportunity for guests to support the charity and win gifts through the purchase of \$100 keys that will be sold that evening. Winning keys will unlock vitrines displaying **Tiffany Blue™** boxes filled with opulent treasures.

"We are looking forward to a memorable evening of celebration with our generous supporters to commemorate our night's deserving award recipients, Dionne Warwick, Paul Simon and Richard Schaeffer, while raising money to support the We Are Family Foundation's mission. WAFF is dedicated to promoting a universal message of hope. In a world where conflict and misunderstanding between cultures, religious groups and countries dominate the landscape, WAFF is marshalling new resources to promote our common humanity. By producing educational tools and using media innovatively, we are giving young people a fresh chance at building a global family," says **Nile Rodgers**, legendary songwriter/producer and Founder & Chairman of the We Are Family Foundation.

Ever since its inception, the We Are Family Foundation proudly acknowledges and honors extraordinary individuals and corporations who contribute to the betterment of the world. At this year's highly anticipated gala, Dionne Warwick will be honored with the prestigious **Humanitarian Award** for her outstanding

global efforts to make the human condition better. Paul Simon will receive the **Mattie J.T. Stepanek Peacemaker Award** for his significant contribution toward promoting a peaceful society and NYMEX Chairman Richard Schaeffer will be presented with the **Visionary Award** for his extraordinary personal philanthropic efforts.

The We Are Family Foundation Board of Directors & Governors have underwritten the event, therefore guests' entire donation will go towards the vital work of the We Are Family Foundation and its programs. For information regarding tickets, kindly contact **Devin Cox** at **212-397-4333 ext. 304** by **April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

### **About We Are Family Foundation**

The "We Are Family Project" began in response to the tragic events of September 11th. Legendary songwriter/producer Nile Rodgers and Tommy Boy Music president, Tom Silverman gathered 200 celebrities on the weekend of September 22<sup>nd</sup> to re-record Nile's world renowned hit song "We Are Family" to commence the healing process. The recording sessions that weekend again proved the song's power to give hope and allow people to feel better through an uplifting beat and a message of unity. The event was captured on film as a documentary by director Danny Schechter entitled *The Making and Meaning of We Are Family* and a music video by director Spike Lee. Nile had no idea that the hit song he and his late music partner Bernard Edwards wrote for Sister Sledge in 1979 would be a part of history again by helping to bring people together and give hope that we can live together in a peaceful world. The We Are Family Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization was formed in 2002 to promote diversity, understanding, respect and the vision of a global family. For more information on the foundation, visit [www.wearefamilyfoundation.org](http://www.wearefamilyfoundation.org).

### **About Nile Rodgers**

As a songwriter, producer, and musician, the career of Nile Rodgers is one of the most enduring and prolific in music. His signature is scrawled across an amazing array of music - from Madonna to Eric Clapton. Nile and his late music partner, Bernard Edwards, introduced the world to their band CHIC in 1977, and their No. 1 hit song "Le Freak" remains Warner Bros. biggest-selling single of all time. As a four-time Grammy nominee, Nile has written for, produced and/or played for artists such as Diana Ross, Mick Jagger, David Bowie, Sister Sledge, Duran Duran, Britney Spears, Sting, The B-52's, Jeff Beck, INXS, Steve Vai, Maroon 5 and many more.

As an entrepreneur, Nile has founded multiple entertainment/media-based companies including Beehive Global and Sumthing Distribution. Beehive Global manages a stable of composers. Sumthing Distribution is the only African-American owned national music distribution company and specializes in video game music soundtracks.

Over the years Nile has served as a Trustee and Governor for the National Association of Recording Arts & Sciences (NARAS), participating in various capacities with the P & E Wing, TV Committee for the Grammy Awards Show, Grammy in the Schools and the Law Initiative. Nile also serves on the board of Connecticut Public Broadcasting Inc.