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INDIANA BLACK EXPO'S OPPORTUNINDY ANNOUNCED AS PRESENTING SPONSOR OF THE FATHER FORUM MEN'S CONFERENCE

Dr. Marvin L. Sapp Tapped as Keynote Speaker

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Indiana Black Expo, Inc. and T. Tate Ministries International announced today that IBE's OpportunIndy will serve as the presenting sponsor of The Father Forum Men's Conference. The conference will take place on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 8:00 AM at Westside MB Church located at 6321 La Pas Trail in Indianapolis. Dr. Marvin L Sapp, single father of three, Pastor, Preacher, Business Man, Grammy and Dove Award Winning International Gospel Artist will serve as the keynote.

"IBE is excited to partner with Dr. Tuesday Tate, CEO of T. Tate Ministries International on The Father Forum Men's Conference that is designed to address in depth issues impacting men and fathers," said IBE President & CEO Tanya Bell. "In order to build our families and communities, we realize that many of us must first heal from painful experiences, free ourselves from guilt and affirm our expectations and success in our homes and community. I have witnessed Minister Tate's works with hurting men and women and I am moved by Minister Tate's selfless dedication, passion and purpose with hosting this conference for five years. I consider it an honor and blessing for IBE to come onboard this year as a supporting partner," added Bell.

"What a privilege and opportunity to partner with IBE on this much needed and purposeful mission to build our community by imparting into our men and teen boys. I am humbled and grateful that IBE's OpportunIndy has chosen to be the presenting sponsor of The Father Forum Men's Conference," stated Dr. Tuesday Tate.

The day will consist of continental breakfast, lunch, and workshops such as *Life After Incarceration*, *PTSD is Not Just for Soldiers*, *The Meaning of Marriage*, *Forgive him for What*, *Millennial Manhood*, *From the Street Corner to the Corner Office*, *Why Mentorship*. The cost for men is \$35 and for teens is \$10. The early portion of the conference is for men only. At 2:00 PM, there will be a separate private ceremony for women. All attendees must register at <https://fatherforumconference2018.eventbrite.com>

For more information about OpportunIndy presents The Father Forum Conference, please visit www.drtuesday.net or contact the office at 1.888.991.0979 or via email at ttateministries@hotmail.com.

About Dr. Tuesday Tate?

Dr. Tuesday Tate, the CEO of T. Tate Ministries International is an ordained minister, certified coach and trainer, author, publisher, dynamic speaker, and consultant. She effectively speaks on many topics and empowers her audience to achieve greater with unlimited success. In 2011, Dr. Tuesday Tate hosted her first of many Father Loss Forums. During this time, over 300 men and 100 women were served. In gender specific separate setting, The Forum addressed the impact of children; now adults who were raised without their father in the home or he was there but not Presence, Involved or Engaged.

About IBE's OpportunIndy?

IBE has served as the backbone support organization for OpportunIndy, a collective impact model that focuses on the elimination of systematic barriers that exist for African-American males and young adults between the ages 14 – 24. OpportunIndy uses a collective impact model that emerged from a community commitment to improve key outcomes for young African American men in Marion County, ages 14-24. OpportunIndy focuses on four critical areas: education, justice/re-entry, physical/mental health, and teen/young adult employment. OpportunIndy works across industries and fields and provides a neutral space for convening, risk-taking and trust-building. Over the last two years, IBE and its OpportunIndy partners achieved 80% of those tasks set forth in the Plan of Action.

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"When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid." - Audre Lorde