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Mothers to Daughters/M2D Announces the Inaugural Ball of Wisdom Gala, the Most Important Evening of the Night in New York City: A Victorian-Inspired Evening Where Legacy Meets the Future of Entrepreneurship

NEW YORK, NY - Mothers to Daughters/M2D, a premier 501(c)(3) organization operating at the intersection of capital, culture, and community, is proud to announce the first-anniversary celebration of its New York City presence with the **Ball of Wisdom**. This Victorian-inspired, black-tie gala will take place on Thursday **May 14, 2026**, in New York City, serving as a high-impact gathering for the women shaping the global landscape of leadership and innovation.

Held just days after Mother's Day, the **Ball of Wisdom** is a curated, intentional experience designed to move beyond traditional networking. The evening serves as a critical fundraising milestone for its ambitious pledge: to launch and support **100,000 women entrepreneurs by 2035** through mentorship, leadership development, and strategic access to opportunity.

This is not just a moment; it is an investment to support the cause networks to grow their ecosystems shaping what comes next. says **Francine Mbvumbo**, Chair, Founder and President of **Mothers to Daughters/M2D**.

An Evening of Brilliance and Intentional Proximity The **Ball of Wisdom** will host an exclusive guest list of industry leaders, including founders, capital allocators, C-suite executives, and cultural icons across technology, fashion, media, and policy.

Highlights of the Gala include:

- **The Ball of Wisdom Awards:** Recognizing trailblazers: *Mother of the Year*, *Excellence in Partnership*, and the *Legacy Award*.
- **High-Touch Programming:** A private cocktail reception, keynote moments and mother-daughter storytelling.
- **Curated Auction:** A live and silent auction featuring rare art, collectible pieces, and exclusive high-value experiences. <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ball-of-wisdom-silent-auction-by-mothers-to-daughters>
- **Cultural Performances:** Immersive entertainment celebrating ourselves and to those who guided us.
- **Legacy Award Recipient Jacqueline Corbelli** Socrates Founder & CEO, BrightLine & SustainChain.

Featured Key Note Speakers

Three voices. One mission: To lead with purpose:

- **Manisha Beriwal:** Founder & CEO, The Corporate Diwali. Redefines inclusive leadership through *Find Your Inner Light* philosophy.
- **Kendra Bracken-Ferguson:** Founder, KBF Ventures & BrainTrust. Four-time founder who has built and scaled over 200 brands.
- **Satie Narain-Simon:** Bestselling Author & Global Peace Ambassador. Empowers through self-love and personal growth.

Honoring Our Wisdom: Ladies Women whose lives are a testament to legacy in action.

- **Donna Moore-Stewart H.E.:** Executive Director, The Pollyanna Project, Inc. Dedicated to uplifting underserved communities.
- **Magdaline Delany:** President and Co-Founder of EPN Magazine and Fashion Week. Unparalleled zeal and entrepreneurial spirit.

Medal Champions: Men Elevating Daughters as Leaders/MEDAL, because legacy is a shared responsibility.

- **Karl G. Schlegel III:** Managing Partner, Renovatio Global. A VC and M&A expert. Raising daughters to lead with strength and values
- **Ron Dyce:** Founder, RON DYCE Luxury Fashion House. Committed to uplifting the next generation of women through design.

Event Details:

- **Date & Time:** May 14, 2026 | 5:30 pm Red Carpet | 6:00 pm VIP Reception | 6:30 pm General Entry
- **Location:** Renaissance New York Chelsea Hotel, 112 W 25th St, New York, NY 10001; Between 6th & 7th Avenues
- **Attire:** Black Tie
- **Tickets:** luma.com/ga27baq8

Please contact **Francine Mbvumbo** at hello@francinembvumbo.com or +1 (646) 302-6676 for more information about **Mothers to Daughters (M2D)** and future events. **Donate** at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-change-lives-1765>

Mothers to Daughters/M2D is a 501(c)(3) organization bridging the gap between generations of women leaders by fostering intentional proximity. Through its 2035 pledge, the organization is creating a sustainable pipeline for 100,000 women entrepreneurs to thrive.
