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Gender Equality and A Life Free of Violence for All

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ESRF Issues A Call To Men

The Estella Scott-Roberts Foundation (ESRF) is pleased to announce that its Chairperson, Mr. Rayle Roberts, will be attending the Stand Up and Speak Out Conference in New York, New York from May 21-22, 2009. This is the 4th annual national conference organised by A Call to Men, The National Association of Men and Women Committed To Ending Violence Against Women in the United States.

The event is reported to be an unprecedented gathering of men and women coming together for the purpose of increasing their knowledge while strategising and organising as a collective effort to end domestic violence, sexual violence and all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls. In an effort to increase male involvement locally with these issues, the ESRF is proud to announce that it is offering a successful applicant one full sponsorship to attend this conference. The ESRF sponsorship to this conference includes airfare, 3-nights accommodations, conference fees, and a per diem to cover the cost of meals and transportation.

A Call to Men (www.acalltomen.com) believes that ending violence against women is primarily the responsibility of men. They state that historically it has been almost entirely women who have been at the forefront addressing this issue, and they think it is essential that men play a primary role in the solution to end it.

"We realise that the majority of men are well-meaning and do not engage in acts of violence against women; however it is precisely these men that don't see themselves as a part of the problem who are a critical part of the solution," stated Mr. Roberts. With one of its objectives as a life free of violence for all, the ESRF aims to be an active

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change agent to engage men in addressing the issue of ending violence against women in the Cayman Islands.

Men who work directly with boys and/or men in the Cayman Islands are encouraged to learn more about the criteria for the sponsorship by downloading the application form at www.esrfoundation.org.ky. The deadline for submitting the application for the Stand Up and Speak Out Conference Sponsorship is Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 5:00pm.

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In response to the tragic death of his wife, Mr. Rayle Roberts envisioned creating an organisation that would continue to address the social issues that she passionately supported. On 31st October 2008, the Estella Scott-Roberts Foundation, a licensed non-profit company in the Cayman Islands, became the reality of this vision. The Board of Directors of the Estella Scott-Roberts Foundation are: Rayle Roberts –Chairperson; Marilyn Conolly – Vice-Chairperson; Novelette Ebanks – Treasurer; Tammy Ebanks Bishop – Secretary; Andrea Bryan, MBE, JP – Director; Sara Collins –Director and Melanie McLaughlin – Director. For more information on the Estella Scott-Roberts Foundation please visit www.esrfoundation.org.ky or email esrfoundation@gmail.com .