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**DIAMOND IN THE RAW FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2015 ACTION ICON AWARDS
HONORARY COMMITTEE**

CULVER CITY, Calif., August 24, 2015 -- Diamond in the Raw will host the 8th annual Action Icon Awards on October 18 to honor some of today's most impactful stunt women and action stars, and to show appreciation for the supporters of the international stunt community. Entertainment and studio executives, top actors/actresses, dignitaries and officials are joining forces to celebrate and recognize the invaluable contributions stunt professionals make to the film and television industry. Emmy award winning actor and stunt performer Jeff Wolfe is serving as the award gala chair, and the Honorary Committee includes Andy Armstrong, Jennifer Badger, Eliza Coleman, Lori Copeland, Donald Dean, Dr. Smile, Darrell Miller Esq., Conrad Palmisano, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Larnell Stovall, Jim Vickers TJ White, and Grahame Woods.

"We are honored to have such a well-respected group of people from the private and public sector serve as honorary committee members for the Action Icon Awards," said LaFaye Baker, founder of Diamond in the Raw and the Action Icon Awards. "We strive to give stunt women the recognition they truly deserve as they risk their bodies every day to entertain audiences worldwide."

The Action Icon Awards is a fundraiser benefiting the Diamond in the RAW Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization that transforms the lives of foster care at-risk teen girls by exposing them to the wide array of career opportunities in and outside of the entertainment industry. The girls in the Diamond in the Raw program have been inspired by past Action Icon Award honorees including Jamie Lee Curtis, Gabby Douglas, Vivica A. Fox, Pam Grier, Linda Hamilton, Kelly Hu, Amy Purdy, Maggie Q., Shaun Robinson, Daniela Ruah, Holly Robinson Peete, Lindsay Wagner and many more dynamic women.

2015 Action Icon Award sponsors include Mixed Chicks, CBS - TV, Marika, Arbonne, iStunts, Supervisor Mark Ridley -Thomas, Stone Cold Action, McGrath & J.J. Abrams Family Foundation SAG – AFTRA and Honorable Councilmember Bernard Parks.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities and tickets, please visit www.actioniconawards.com or contact info@diamondintheraw.com

About Diamond in the Raw

The Diamond in the RAW Foundation, founded in 2005 is a non-profit 501C3 organization that transforms and empowers the lives of foster care at-risk girls between the ages of 12-18. The Foundation is devoted to inspiring and educating the young girls about careers in and outside of the entertainment industry. In addition, the organization focuses on health and wellness, and the development of vocational, cognitive and social skills.

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