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**SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON FOUR CELEBRITY PRESENTERS FOR THE 29TH AMERICAN HOME
FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION INDUCTION CELEBRATION:
RACHAEL RAY JOINS JANE SEYMOUR, KATHY IRELAND AND DONNY OSMOND**

HIGH POINT, N.C., Sept. 25, 2017 — The 29th annual American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation Induction Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 15 will be headlined by Rachael Ray, Jane Seymour, Kathy Ireland and Donny Osmond. The celebrity presenters of the coveted Affie Award to this year's four inductees join General Colin Powell and the 5th Dimension.

"As a fashion industry, we have come to know many celebrities from our other fields as partners and as contributors. We are grateful to Jane Seymour, Kathy Ireland and Donny Osmond for generously sharing their time and talents with us," says Bob Maricich, Board president of the Hall of Fame. "This year we're excited to also welcome Rachael Ray, an American television personality with a syndicated daily talk and lifestyle program *Rachael Ray* and three Food Network series, a businesswoman, and author."

In addition to her culinary and television success, **Rachael Ray** recently partnered with Legacy Classic and Craftmaster Furniture to channel her passion and aesthetic vision for design and interiors into the home furnishings industry with the launch of the Rachael Ray Home Collection. Since its introduction in 2016, the brand has released seven collections consisting of bedroom, dining and occasional pieces, youth, and more. Ray also plans to step into new categories in the near future.

Jane Seymour launched her lifestyle furnishings brand in 2004, partnering with AICO as the Michael Amini & Jane Seymour, A Design Collaboration. Her other home furnishings products include licensed lighting for StyleCraft Home, custom framing for Fotiou, and the Jane Seymour line of fine art with Coral Canyon Publishings, along with an art program with Prestige Arts and botanicals with Winward Silks.

Also presenting will be **Kathy Ireland**, Chairman, CEO and Chief Designer of kathy ireland® Worldwide (kiWW®). kiWW® is listed as one of the most powerful brands in the world by License Global Magazine. According to Fairchild Publications, *Kathy Ireland*® is one of the 50 most influential people in fashion. *Kathy* graces the cover of *Forbes* magazine twice (2012, 2016). kiWW® is responsible for billions of dollars in retail sales. kiWW® is the recipient of multiple awards including several Good Housekeeping Seals.

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After delivering an amazing performance at last year's celebration, entertainment icon **Donny Osmond** returns as a presenter. Osmond has launched licensed collections as the Donny Osmond Home by Donny and Debbie Osmond brand with Coaster Fine Furniture, and others.

The Oct. 15 event, which will be held at the Sheraton Greensboro Four Seasons, marks the formal induction of four industry leaders into the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame. Joining the current 108 Hall of Fame members are **Donald H. Flanders Sr.**, Lloyd Flanders, Inc.; **Bernard D. Moray**, Gorman's Home Furnishings & Interior Design; **Samuel Kuo**, Samson Holding International; **Vladimir Kagan**, The Vladimir Kagan Design Group. Tickets may be purchased at www.aspiretolead2017.com.

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Tickets for this year's American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Induction Celebration are priced at \$250 per ticket for members (\$2,500 for a table of 10) and \$300 per ticket for non-members (\$3,000 for a table of 10). For more information about the celebration, to purchase tickets or to become a sponsor, visit the event's website at www.AspireToLead2017.com.

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