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René Syler Joins Speaker Lineup at Women of Color Conference

Former CBS News anchor will share her family's struggle with breast cancer

LAS VEGAS – August 1, 2008 – René Syler, former co-anchor of CBS News' "The Early Show," will speak during the 2nd Annual Women of Color Conference taking place August 10-11, 2008 at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino. An office Ambassador for Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, Syler will share her personal family struggle during a workshop that will educate attendees in the risks of breast cancer.

"The goal of the Women of Color Conference is to create a forum by which all women can have meaningful discussion about topics that affect their everyday lives," said Debra Nelson, Chair of the Women of Color Conference Planning Committee. "We are extremely honored that René and all our other speakers will share their unique insight and experiences with us. It is an amazing opportunity for all who attend."

During her tenure at CBS, Syler interviewed countless leaders and celebrities including First Lady Laura Bush and Senator John McCain. In 2007, she became an official Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Ambassador after years of volunteering for the organization and supporting various events as an emcee, activist and educator. She has traveled the country attending Komen Community Challenge events and the 2007 Komen National Race for the Cure in Washington, D.C. This October, Syler will don her pink as the Chief "Passionista" for Komen for the Cure's Passionately Pink for the Cure Celebrity Board.

Syler has personal experience with breast cancer with both her mother and father being breast cancer survivors. After numerous false alarms, she underwent a bilateral prophylactic mastectomy (the removal of both breasts) to help reduce her risk. She is an active member of the National Association of Black Journalists and is a recipient of the 2004 Gracie Allen Award for Individual Achievement in the National Best Anchor category for her breast cancer series. In addition to being a breast cancer activist, Syler is the author of "Good Enough Mother," published in March 2007.

The Women of Color Conference is sponsored by MGM MIRAGE, American Family Insurance and Nevada Power. Conference registration is \$150. Interested attendees can visit www.lvwomenofcolor.com for more information and to register.

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