Dear Georgia WAND family,

Welcome to our special 35th Anniversary Celebration! We’re excited you’ve joined us in honoring our past and celebrating our future as we look towards complex days ahead while standing on strong shoulders; those of our parents and mother-figures, our ancestors, our loving friends and family, those of our partners, and all those working towards justice around the world. Although there are daily attacks on our sense of safety and security in our communities, schools, places of employment, public places and political systems, we stand together and continue envisioning a better future. I have come to believe that we must have the same audacity as those who believe they can continue acting in their inhumane ways by believing that everyone can have enough to thrive. We are women leading community efforts to hold accountable industries in our backyards, stop contamination, demand transparency from industry and government agencies, and working for peace, justice, community safety from state violence, and economic security. We’re proud to celebrate Dr. Helen Caldicott, a woman who has spent more than 40 years on an international campaign to educate the public about the hazards of the nuclear age and the necessary changes in human behavior to stop environmental destruction. Women like Dr. Caldicott help to pave the way for today’s leaders to pick up the torch and continue this important and necessary work. A huge congratulations to our award honorees: Shannan Reaze, Dr. Jocelyn Dorsey, Tracee McDaniel, Daniel Blackman, and Dwayne Patterson. These individuals and organizations make defending justice their lives’ work, and truly model the brilliance and kindness that we need in the world. Please read more about their accomplishments in the program. We are honored to have the continued support and friendship of The Txlips Band. And last but not least, we’d like to thank the 35th Anniversary Host Committee members!

Georgia WAND is part of a larger intersectional movement building power in frontline communities. And we are only able to do this work with the help of our donors! So, thank you to the Host Committee and to all attendees and donors – Georgia WAND is successful thanks to the support of fierce advocates and squad members like everyone in this room. Thank you and we hope you enjoy the event!

Lindsay Harper
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Today's Program

Welcome
Dianne Valentin, President, Board of Directors, Georgia WAND

Acknowledgements and Introductions

Musical Performance
The Txlips Band

PRESENTATION OF 2019 MD4P AWARDS
Lindsay Harper, Executive Director

Political Empowerment Award
Shannan Reaze

Peace and Justice Award
Tracee McDaniel

Faithful Service Award
Dr. Jocelyn Dorsey

Ed Arnold Environmental Justice Award
Daniel Blackman

Community Legacy Award
Dwayne Patterson

Musical Performance
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ONE TO ONE CONVERSATION WITH DR. HELEN CALDICOTT
Dr. Helen Caldicott, National WAND Founder and Lindsay Harper

Call to Action and Closing Remarks

The Txlips Band
Taking over the music industry one step at a time. The Txlips Band is a dynamic group of 4 Black Women whose mission is to represent for women of color in the music industry and inspire young girls and women everywhere to follow their dreams. These 4 women have contributed to pushing the boundaries on what the world says women can do and they continue to pursue their dreams and are determined to motivate people everywhere by being themselves. From the stages of Afropunk Brooklyn and Atlanta, to the stages of One Music Fest and their own tour, The Txlips Band has been a constant reminder that Women Rock!

Guitar Gabby - Lead Guitar, lead vocals
Armani - Bassist, background vocals
Dara Carter - Keys, background vocals
Mo Williams - Drums

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Dr. Helen Caldicott, has devoted the last forty two years to an international campaign to educate the public about the medical hazards of the nuclear age and the necessary changes in human behavior to stop environmental destruction. Born in Melbourne, Australia, Dr. Caldicott received her medical degree from the University of Adelaide Medical School.

While living in the United States, she played a major role in re-invigorating as President, Physicians for Social Responsibility, an organization of 23,000 doctors committed to educating their colleagues about the dangers of nuclear power, nuclear weapons and nuclear war. She also founded the Women’s Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND) in the US in 1980.

She was personally nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Linus Pauling – himself a Nobel Laureate. The Smithsonian has named Dr Caldicott as one of the most influential women of the 20th Century. She has written for numerous publications and has authored seven books. She also has been the subject of several films, including Eight Minutes to Midnight, nominated for an Academy Award in 1981.

Dr Caldicott currently divides her time between Australia and the US where she lectures widely. In 2001, she founded the US-based Nuclear Policy Research Institute (NPRI), which became Beyond Nuclear. Currently, Dr Caldicott is President of The Helen Caldicott Foundation/NuclearFreePlanet.org, which initiates symposiums and other educational projects to inform the public and the media of the dangers of nuclear power and weapons.

Dr. Caldicott founded WAND in 1978.

2019 HONOREES

Georgia WAND Political Empowerment Award - Shannan Reaze
Shannan direces Atlanta Jobs With Justice’s grassroots efforts to enact economic and social justice in the workplace, as well as in communities across Georgia. She has been organizing working people and communities across the South for the past 15 years. Most recently, Shannan worked to pass ban the box policies in nine municipalities across Georgia. She also has been a driving force behind the Fight for $15 in Atlanta, securing a 2017 wage victory that is helping pull many who work for the city out of poverty.

Georgia WAND Faithful Service Award - Dr. Joycelyn Dorsey
Forty something years of dedication, tireless hours of personal commitment, tender concern for the less than fortunate, that is only the minimal manner in which to describe Joyce J. Dorsey. In her present capacity as President/CEO of FACAA, she promotes this organization as an Academy For Life, motivating adults to get their GED, acquire effective skills in problem-solving, and finding jobs. She has implemented programs such as Youth Build, services for probationers and “returning citizens” (or ex-offenders), and Affordable Housing Development. Annually, FACAA serves over 25,000 individuals and families per year.

Georgia WAND Peace and Justice Award - Tracee McDaniel
Trans Human Rights Advocate and published author Tracee McDaniel is motivated by a strong desire to ensure that all Trans and Gender Non-Conforming people also receive Equity, Justice, Civil and Human Rights protections. Tracee was born and raised in South Carolina and credits her strength and determination to her family’s unconditional love and support. She stepped knee-deep into advocacy by becoming the first Trans person invited in 2007 to deliver a key-note speech at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration march.

Ed Arnold Environmental Justice Award - Daniel Blackman
Daniel Blackman is a renowned Human Rights Advocate, Policymaker, and Venture-Philanthropist who has committed his life to resource equity and political empowerment with the hope of uplifting and revitalizing America’s most vulnerable communities. In 2016, he became the first African-American to run for office in Forsyth County, Georgia and was the 2014 Democratic Nominee for Georgia’s Public Service Commission.

Georgia WAND Community Legacy Award - Dwayne Patterson
Dwayne brings over twenty-two years of experience working directly with community leaders across the nation. As the Vice President of Strategy and Engagement for The Partnership for Southern Equity, he focuses on growing the equity movement with a focus on developing community-based outcomes to achieve equity and inclusion in the American South. He has maintained a stellar track record in developing strategy, leading community engagement activities, organizational change initiatives and serving as management within the corporate, non-profit and philanthropic sectors.

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MOTHER’S DAY PROCLAMATION

Arise then...women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be that of water or of tears!

Say firmly: “We will not have great questions answered by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.” From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says: “Disarm! Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice!”

Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of council.

Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them solemnly take council with each other as the means whereby the great human family can live in peace. Each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women, without limit of nationality, may be appointed and held someplace deemed most convenient, and the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, and the great and general interest of peace.

Julia Ward Howe, 1870