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Living Legends Gala attracts widespread attention and support

The sold out Living Legends Gala, a fundraising event to support the Museum of African American History, was held Sunday, December 8, 2019 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston. “Black-ish” star, Anthony Anderson returned as host to honor women making history. Four-time Grammy winner, Esperanza Spalding and Oscar winner for costume design, Ruth E. Carter, both received the coveted, historic silver cup. Co-chairs, Mark C. Touhey of Liberty Mutual and Paul Francisco of State Street Corporation, led the efforts that contributed to the gala raising a record-breaking [close to] \$500k for the Museum. Anderson had the audience laughing during the program as he roamed the room to take selfies with attendees while shaking their African instruments. About 350 sponsors, supporters, young and old, multi-cultured and well-heeled attended the Gala that featured a JOSH Wine Reception, a live auction, a dinner reception featuring Afro-Caribbean cuisine and live entertainment. The evening was not only entertaining, it was educational highlighting the Museum’s history.

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1. Anthony Anderson, AJ Williams, Esperanza Spalding, Joe Carr 2. Commissioner William Gross, Sylvia Stevens-Edouard, Chelinde Edouard 3. Couple at the Living Legends Gala 4. Anthony Anderson Presents co-chairs Collection Box 5. Guests laughing and enjoying the presentation 6. Paul Francisco and Collette Phillips with Commissioner Gross (far right) and gala guests 7. Anthony Anderson with co-chairs 8. Ruth Carter with Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley 9. Anthony Anderson with Sr. Execs. from Liberty Mutual and their wives 10. Anthony Anderson rallies the crowd.

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