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**OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS COME TO TULSA FOR AN EVENING OF THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 19 AT
THE MABEE CENTER**

The greatest collection of American Olympic champions ever gathered for one event will join Gold Medalist and Tulsa resident Madeline Manning for “An Evening Of Thanksgiving With Madeline And Friends,” Thursday, November 19, 7 pm, at The Mabee Center. The evening will feature inspirational music, patriotic tributes, and a “Parade Of Olympic Champions” including five-time Olympian and nine-time gold medalist, Carl Lewis and music from gospel legend Andrae Crouch.

“This will be an amazing evening of praise, music, and paying tribute to our troops,” said the host, Madeline Manning. Known as the “Fastest Woman On The Planet” after winning the Olympic Gold Medal at 800 meters in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, Manning also competed and medaled at the 1972 and 1976 Olympic Games. “This will be a once in a lifetime chance for Tulsa to be inspired by this incredible collection of champions. At one point during the evening they will be on stage in the greatest Parade Of Olympic Champions ever assembled.”

In addition to Manning and Lewis, gold medalists and world record holders such as Ralph Boston, Wyomia Tyus, John Carlos, Tommie Smith, Chandra Cheesborough, Edith McGuire-Duvall, Josh Davis, Kenny Monday, John Smith and more are scheduled to attend and participate in the Parade Of Olympic Champions.

Other highlights of the evening include Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter Andrae Crouch, internationally-acclaimed pianist and composer Alfred Lee, Jazz Hall Of Famers Ernestine Dillard and Sara Jordan Powell, the Souls Of Fire Choir, the T-Town All-Star drum line, and more.

“An Evening Of Thanksgiving With Madeline And Friends” will benefit the United States Council For Sports Chaplaincy (USCSC), a 501C3 organization providing chaplains and chaplaincy services to local, national, and international athletes. Sponsorship opportunities are still available by contacting Tamera Neal with the USCSC at (918) 200-8000. Sponsorship includes dinner with the Olympic champions prior to the show and special seating at the event.

Tickets for “An Evening Of Thanksgiving With Madeline And Friends” go on sale Friday, September 18, at 10:00 am. Tickets available in person at The Mabee Center box office, by telephone at (918) 495-6000 and online at www.mabeecenter.com. Ticket prices range from \$10 - \$75: High School students - \$10, College Students - \$20, Middle/High Level seating - \$25, Lower Level seating - \$50 and Floor seating - \$75. Group tickets are available at (918) 495-7289.

For more information about “An Evening Of Thanksgiving With Madeline And Friends,” please contact Tamera Neal of Creative Business & Design at (918) 200-8000 or go to www.madelineandfriends.com. Media inquiries please contact Dave Barber, StrategyWorks, Inc., (918) 520-2098.

