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**URBAN LEAGUE HONORS THE PHILADELPHIA BOYS CHOIR AND CHORALE
AT THE SONG OF EQUALITY GALA ON JUNE 7th IN PHILADELPHIA
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY STEPHANIE MILLS**

All Proceeds to Benefit the mission of the Urban League of Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA – At the 6th Annual Song of Equality Gala, the Urban League of Philadelphia (ULP) will pay tribute to one of Philadelphia's most treasured music institutions that use their combined voices to demonstrate the type of unity that serves as an example for us all – both on stage and in the community. Join us on Saturday, June 7th at 5:30pm at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th & Arch Streets as we honor the 2008 Harmony Award recipient - The Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale – and enjoy an electrifying performance by stellar R&B singer, Stephanie Mills. Tickets on sale now!

The theme of this year's gala is *leadership* as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Urban Leadership Forum (ULF) which remains as Philadelphia's premier leadership development program for African Americans and other minority leaders. The program has over 500 graduates including influential alumni Mayor Michael Nutter, Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds-Brown and Senator Vincent Hughes to name a few. To celebrate this milestone, we have added two special activities to the gala – The Affinity Affair and the ULF Anniversary Reception, each for **\$55 per person**.

The Affinity Affair is a fundraiser hosted by the ULP's affinity groups -- Urban League Guild and the Urban League Young Professionals. These affinity groups are extensions of the Urban League, made up of volunteers who dedicate their time and talent to help build alliances and create opportunities that foster economic advancement and educational achievement for African Americans. The ULF Anniversary Reception will give alumni a chance to reconnect with friends. Attendees of each activity will enjoy food, dancing and Stephanie Mills in concert.

With a career that spans over 25 years, **Stephanie Mills** has distinguished herself as an actress and performer who is as at home on the Broadway stage as she is in the recording studio. From her chill-inducing performance of "Home" in the four-time Tony Award-winning production of "The Wiz" to her soul classics "I Feel Good All Over," "Whatcha Gonna Do With My Lovin?," and "I Have Learned to Respect the Power of Love," Stephanie Mills – a Grammy Award winning recording artist - has earned her place as one of the most memorable voices of our time.

Founded in 1968 by Director Emeritus Dr. Robert G. Hamilton, the **Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale** provides the finest musical training to talented boys and men from the Greater Philadelphia area, regardless of their ethnic, religious or economic backgrounds. Their mission is for each boy to achieve artistic excellence, strength of character, and self-discipline through the rehearsal and

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performance of music. For 40 years, the Choir has represented Philadelphia throughout the world as *America's Ambassadors of Song*. This commitment to American youth and international cooperation has firmly established the Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale as one of the world's premier organizations of its kind.

The Urban League of Philadelphia (ULP) is a non-profit, nonpartisan, civil rights and community-based movement that provides direct services, research and policy advocacy to help individuals and communities reach their fullest potential. Primarily working with African-Americans and other emerging ethnic communities, the ULP is an affiliate of the National Urban League. The National Urban League serves over 2 million people through professionally staffed affiliates located in 105 urban areas across the U.S., working to close equality gaps for people at all economic levels and stages of life, and giving residents a chance to give back as volunteers. Visit us at www.urbanleaguephila.org.

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