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KISS Humanitarian Award-2016



Ms. Ashley Judd
Hollywood Actor, Activist &
Global Goodwill Ambassador, UNFPA

Revered Madam,

Stardom and service are two opposite worlds, but you displayed rare passion to use your stardom to reach out to those who need help the most, to give a strong voice to the voiceless. Your concern for AIDS-affected people provided hope to millions, even in the distant lands like Cambodia, Kenya, Rwanda, etc. Poverty, suffering, inequality and discrimination moved you so much that you took it as your spiritual duty to make a difference. Only a true humanitarian can pronounce - "My responsibility to support and advance human rights, social justice, and gender equality comes from the fact that I am a human being". Gender equality has been a common theme of all your work - you have been a tireless ambassador of women's right and a vocal critic of our biased social system. Your work to protect vulnerable women and girls from sex trafficking and empower young women has attracted global admiration. Honours like 'Kentucky Colonel' and Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Union College, Kentucky and association with UNFPA as Global Goodwill Ambassador and numerous charities and foundations stand testimony to your dedication, courage and conviction. Just as your acting, filled with feeling, is most compelling; your service, coming directly from your heart, has been touching lives most profoundly. No wonder, you are a source of hope and inspiration to millions - both in reel and real life.

In admiration of your qualities, concern for the poor and vulnerable and contributions in the field of health, poverty eradication and human rights, the management of KISS unanimously resolves to confer on you the 'KISS Humanitarian Award - 2016' on this day, the 9th February 2017.

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