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ACE Announces Award Categories for Its 2024 Annual Awards Fundraiser

ATLANTA, GA (August 12, 2024) – <u>ACE | Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Inc.</u> is pleased to announce the categories for its 2024 Annual Awards Event taking place on September 19th from 4 PM – 7 PM at the magnificent <u>Savanna Hall at Zoo</u> <u>Atlanta</u>, as we fundraise for our mission. This special evening is dedicated to celebrating the extraordinary achievements of entrepreneurs and partners who have made significant contributions to the Georgia business community. <u>Crystal</u> <u>Edmonson</u>, Broadcast Editor of the Atlanta Business Chronicle will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

The ACE Awards Event program will recognize business owners who exemplify excellence in small business and their industries in the following categories:

- Commercial Impact Award
- Small Business Impact Award
- The Ripple Effect Award

New this year is our **Founder's Award**, in honor of ACE's Founder, <u>Grace Covington Fricks</u>. This honor goes to an ACE past or present business owner, partner, or volunteer who has had an exceptional impact on building entrepreneurship and impacting communities by providing and supporting others beyond themselves.

Additionally, one of ACE's funding partners is selected to receive the J. Alton Wingate Economic Partnership Award. The Wingate Award is presented to a partner who plays a significant role in ACE's impact story.

Event Sponsors Include:

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Tickets are available for purchase now! Secure your spot and join us for an evening filled with inspiration, celebration, and connection.

Purchase your ticket here: https://accesstocapital.ticketspice.com/ace-annual-awards

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About ACE | Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Inc.

ACE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and community development financial institution (CDFI) that provides loans and business development resources to help its borrowers create and grow sustainable businesses. For over 24 years, ACE has been the resource of choice for those who are typically not financed fully by traditional lenders. Since 2000, ACE has loaned more than \$200 million to 2,600 + entrepreneurs, who have created or saved more than 21,000 jobs in Georgia. With a focus on underserved people and places, ACE connects small businesses owned by women, people of color and low to moderate income borrowers in metro Atlanta and North and Coastal Georgia with capital and coaching to sustain their businesses, retain their employees, and thereby support their local communities. ACE has offices across Georgia in Atlanta, Cleveland, Dalton, and Tifton, and ACE Women's Business Centers locations in Norcross, and Savannah. For more information, visit <u>https://aceloans.org/</u>.

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