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ACE Celebrates Their 24-Year Legacy of Funding Georgia Small Business Owners at Its 2024 Annual Awards Fundraiser

ATLANTA, GA (July 29, 2024) – Recognizing small businesses and the communities they serve is not only a duty of ACE | Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Inc. – it is truly an honor. ACE is pleased to announce its Fundraiser for the 2024 Annual Awards Event taking place on September 19th from 4 PM – 7 PM at the magnificent Savanna Hall at Zoo Atlanta. This special evening is dedicated to celebrating the extraordinary achievements of entrepreneurs and partners who have made significant contributions to Georgia business communities.

<u>Crystal Edmonson</u>, Broadcast Editor of the Atlanta Business Chronicle will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Edmonson is the editor of Community Engagement and Live Journalism, host of the 'On Leadership with Atlanta Business Chronicle' podcast and covers philanthropy. Along with the many accolades Crystal has received over the course of her notable and award-winning career, she also provides regional leadership for the American City Business Journals' summer internship program. This program places dozens of college students in newspaper internships across the country to promote diversity and inclusion in community and regional reporting.

Why Attend?

Celebrate Excellence: The ACE Annual Awards is an opportunity to pay tribute to the legacy of exceptional entrepreneurs and partners who have demonstrated innovation, perseverance, and success. Come witness their inspiring stories and celebrate their remarkable accomplishments.

Network with Notable Guests: The Awards Event will allow attendees to interact with industry leaders, influencers, and fellow business enthusiasts, expanding their professional networks and creating valuable connections in a vibrant and supportive environment.

Enjoy Tasty Eats & Drinks: Of course, all will be able to enjoy delicious food and drinks amidst the beautiful setting of Savanna Hall at Zoo Atlanta – the perfect blend of great company and a stunning venue.

Support a Great Cause: This is not just an awards ceremony; it's a fundraising event that helps support ACE's mission to empower and uplift small businesses, contributing to a brighter future for entrepreneurs in more than 100 counties across Georgia.

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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 https://aceloans.org/.

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