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ACTOR CLIFTON DAVIS
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LEGACY AWARDS BANQUET

EVENT HONORS DAYTON AREA WOMEN VOLUNTEERS



(Dayton, OH) Clifton Davis, lead actor in the NBC television series, "Amen," has been announced as the featured speaker at Mary Scott Nursing Center's Thirteenth Annual Legacy Awards Banquet. Mary Scott Nursing Center, at 3109 Campus Drive, is Dayton's oldest nursing home. The event will be held Thursday, April 25, at 6:00 pm, at the Mandalay Banquet Center, 2700 East River Road in Dayton. Open to the public, the evening honors and recognizes Miami Valley women, age 55 years and older, who exemplify the spirit of Christian service to persons who are elderly, homeless or disabled.

In making the announcement, Sophia Gordon, Mary Scott's Executive Director, said, "We are delighted to have Clifton Davis as our keynote speaker. He is an inspiring and motivational speaker who has served the community as a board member of The Children's Defense Fund and has received a number of awards for his ardent support and service to the United Negro College Fund, the N.A.A.C.P., and the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Our founder, "Mother" Mary Scott had a strong faith joined with caring and compassion. During this evening we honor Dayton area women leaders who exemplify this same tradition as our founder Mary Scott."

Clifton Davis is a multi-dimensional "Renaissance Man." As an actor, producer, composer, author, activist, humanitarian, and minister, he has entertained, enriched and affected the lives of millions of persons.

His television credits extend over a period of more than 25 years. In addition to his role as the Reverend Rueben Gregory on the hit series, "Amen," he starred in CBS-TV's "The Melba Moore & Clifton Davis Show," and ABC-TV's "That's My Mama." Over the years he has guest starred in made-for-TV movies such as "Dream Date," "Little Ladies of the Night," "Murder at the Superdome," "Scott Joplin," "Don't Look Back," and "The Night the City Screamed." Other television credits include "The Love Boat," "Police Story," and almost every major talk show including "The Tonight Show," "Oprah," and "The Arsenio Hall Show."

Davis began his illustrious career in the theatre. On Broadway he appeared in such hits as "Hello Dolly!" starring Pearl Bailey, and "Jimmy Shined" starring Dustin Hoffman. As one of the leads in the Tony Award-winning hit musical, "Two Gentlemen of Verona," Davis received a Tony nomination for Best Actor in a Musical.

Davis is an accomplished composer and, in 1971, received a Grammy nomination for his number one song "Never Can Say Goodbye." As a singer and a recording artist himself, Davis has enjoyed success with his own Gospel album, "Say Amen."

Davis served as Honorary Membership Chairperson of the National PTA and is a board member of a local Ronald McDonald House. Davis has hosted numerous telethons and is a celebrated MC and public speaker on drug abuse and civic issues.

Davis received his B.A. in Theology from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He has also received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

Banquet tickets are \$40 each, \$400 per table (10 tickets), and are available by calling

(937) 278-0761 or (937) 436-5082.

The Mary Scott Nursing Center is in its 88th year of service to the Dayton Community. Guided by its, "Caring Comes From Inside," theme, Mary Scott Nursing Center is licensed for 120 beds and offers highly skilled, long-term, respite and rehabilitative health care services.

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