

## Media Advisory

### Tavis Smiley Hosts Town Hall Meeting on Ending Poverty

#### What:

The city of Houston is among the most disaster prone areas of the world, according to FEMA. The severity of these disasters depends largely on what policies are in place to fund emergency services and how easily accessible those services are to the impacted community. Coupled with its increasing poverty rate, this has created the perfect storm for the one quarter of the city's population who are living in poverty.

Tavis Smiley, in conversation with a multidisciplinary panel of local and national experts, will examine what natural disaster public policies and resources are in place in Houston, how the 250,000 New Orleanians who relocated to Houston after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina are moving forward and how Houston is building resilient communities in the wake of poverty and natural disasters.

#### Who:

- ❖ Brian Greene, President & CEO, Houston Food Bank
- ❖ Tory Gunsolley, President & CEO, Houston Housing Authority
- ❖ Dr. Jonita Reynolds, CEO, Gulf Coast Community Services Association
- ❖ Dr. Stephen L. Klineberg, Professor, Rice University

(Partial Listing)

#### When/Where:

Saturday, November 14, 2015  
Houston Food Bank  
535 Portwall Street  
Houston, Texas 77029  
Website: <http://www.houstonfoodbank.org/>

#### Program:

12:00pm – Press Opportunity  
12:00pm – Opportunity Marketplace  
1:00pm – Panel Begins  
2:00pm – Audience Q&A Session  
2:30pm – Event Concludes  
*Check-in begins at 12:00 p.m.*

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