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Against all Odds says it all! We are excited to feature women who have strived to be uncommon!

These women dared to dream and have built very successful businesses. They have given new meaning to the concept of taking the bull by the horn, made it their own and never looked back! They are coming from everywhere to converge at one of Detroit's most historic cultural centers- the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

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On September 22, 2007, the ALLIANCE shall host these women of elegance, the unsung heroes of the world-the international women financial **Moguls!** They are unsung heroes because they do not grace the cover of fancy magazines or the focus of any television shows. What they have is business savvy and philanthropic passion. They are an economic force with awesome buying power born of hard work and sweat. They will tell their stories and you will learn from their triumph, and be inspired. They have overcome immense obstacles to build their fortunes.

These women have fought sexism, racism and financial challenges to achieve the impossible dream. Through sheer determination and formidable spirits, they are an inspiration to women everywhere. Their stories would warm your hearts and inspire you to dive into life and realize your own dreams. These executives, attorneys, physicians, engineers, educators, social workers, artists and more, support many altruistic causes that raise our collective consciousness. Find out how they do it...see how you can too!

This exciting event will benefit the ALLIANCE Resource Center for disadvantaged children.



Jerell Watkins and his girlfriend
 Kailey Goit, pictured on Prom night.

About Courage Jerell's fight for life.

Jerell is a handsome twenty-year-old African American young man with a bright smile and huge heart. He is the very loving son of a close-knit family in Pontiac Michigan. When most young men tattoo the names of their girlfriends on their bodies, this fine son has Michelle, his mother's name tattooed on his arm.

He is a hero to his 10-year-old brother who now wonders when he would have another opportunity to skate with his brother... an activity he shared faithfully with Jerell every weekend.

Jerell is a good son, who stayed close to home and never got into any trouble with the law. He aspired to go into the construction business with his Dad Jerome Watkins. He adored his 19-year-old girlfriend Kailey, who calls him "My Knight in shiny armor". Jerell's very bright future ended at the hands of a man who did not even know him or what he means to his family and the community. On August 6, 2006, Jerell was a victim of a violent crime. A white man with a long history of criminal behavior stabbed him four times, as he exited his lovely girlfriend's car at the Glengarry apartments in Pontiac Michigan. He was stabbed once in the face,

arm, shoulder and chest, puncturing his lung and heart. Due to the stab wound in his chest, Jerell had a lack of oxygen, which has left him in a coma for the past four months. Because of the injuries, he has many medical devices helping him live, such as a tracheotomy, feeding tube, and a Foley catheter.

Next week, more about Jerell. If you wish to contact the family and find out how you can help Jerell, call 248-841-5110 or send your prayers to their address- 493 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac Michigan, 48341