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ARIZONA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY to Honor Derrick Hall, President & CEO of the ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS with the 2016 Heritage Award.

The Heritage Award is given to individuals who have made an exceptional impact on our community through outstanding leadership, service and dedication.

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 12, 2016

Food and Cocktail Reception begins at 5:30PM Award Ceremony and Performance at 8:00PM

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM

4725 E. Mayo Boulevard Phoenix, AZ 85050

TICKETS: \$180 per person

Includes cocktail reception, award program, and original performance by members of Phoenix Theatre. Sponsorships and Advertising Opportunities also available.

Call (602) 241- 7870 or visit <u>www.azjhs.org</u> for information and reservations. People of all faiths welcome!

Please join us in honoring Derrick Hall, President and CEO of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Considered by many to be among the leaders of the game of baseball, Derrick has turned the organization into a model franchise in the sports industry and throughout the business world.

In the D-backs organization, Derrick has put on emphasis on volunteering. In its short history, the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation and organization have provided \$40 million in charitable giving, including more than \$19 million during Derrick's ten years of leadership.

On a personal level, Derrick is a force in his own right. He serves on 25 boards, including the Arizona Mexico Commission, Great Hearts Academies, Arizona Chamber of Commerce, Greater Phoenix Convention & Visitors Bureau, Muscular Dystrophy Association (national vice president), National Advisory Council for Pancreatic Cancer, Make-A-Wish America, Positive Coaching Alliance, and the Phoenix Thunderbirds. He is a past recipient of the Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award and is a member of Temple Solel.

Proceeds from this gala event go towards the ongoing restoration of the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center. Originally built in 1921, this historical Phoenix landmark served as Phoenix, Arizona's first synagogue and later became a Chinese-speaking and then a Spanish-speaking Baptist Church. Purchased by the Arizona Jewish Historical Society in 2002, the center now serves as a museum and event venue open to people of all faiths. Exhibitions and programs educate the public about Jewish heritage as well as the diverse history of Arizona. The center is a Phoenix Point of Pride and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.