



MEDIA ALERT

POET FROM LOS ANGELES NONPROFIT TO TAKE STAGE AT SHRIVER REPORT LIVE ***WriteGirl Representative to Contribute Her Voice in Verse***

What: The Shriver Report LIVE, presented by *The Atlantic*, will feature an array of speakers discussing issues affecting women on the brink of poverty. The full-day forum of panel discussions, speaker interviews and case studies will address the wide range of factors causing American women to face financial vulnerability.

Who: Lovely Umayam, who found her creative and courageous voice during her five years in WriteGirl's Core Mentorship Program, will read a poem she specifically wrote for the event. First in her family to go to college, she received a full scholarship to Reed College, and is currently studying at the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

Featured speakers at The Shriver Report LIVE will include Maria Shriver, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY).

Why: In partnership with the Center for American Progress, Maria Shriver is launching *The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink*. The report explores the reasons behind the fact that one in three American women lives on or over the brink of poverty.

Where: The Newseum, Knight Conference Center, 7th Floor (Enter via 6th Street, Freedom Forum), 555 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

When: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST
Guest arrival, registration and breakfast at 8:30 a.m. EST
Lovely Umayam's reading is scheduled for 10:38 a.m. EST or 7:38 a.m. PST

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Additional Info:

For event information, including a full program agenda, visit <http://events.theatlantic.com>.

For more information about The Shriver Report, visit <http://shriverreport.org>.

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WriteGirl is a creative writing and mentoring organization in Los Angeles that helps teen girls discover and express their creative voices. WriteGirl was honored by First Lady Michelle Obama with the 2013 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, the highest national honor awarded to out-of-school and after-school programs. For more information, visit www.writegirl.org.