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**ROYAL CARIBBEAN LOOKS TO SOUTH FLORIDA'S COMMUNITY FOR A HOMETOWN HERO
IN EDUCATION TO HONOR AS GODMOTHER OF *HARMONY OF THE SEAS***

Search is on for an Inspirational Woman Making a Positive Impact on Area's Youth

MIAMI, Sept. 7, 2016 – The world's largest and most innovative cruise ship, Royal Caribbean's *Harmony of the Seas*, may boast seven distinct neighborhoods, unparalleled dining and entertainment, and thrilling features like the Ultimate Abyss, the tallest slide at sea, but there is one thing she is missing... her godmother. *Harmony of the Seas* will make her U.S. debut this November when she arrives into her new homeport of Port Everglades in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., introducing a new era of vacationing that will thrill guests of all ages. To celebrate, the South Florida-based cruise line is partnering with South Florida ABC affiliate Local 10 to look in their own backyard for a woman who is inspiring the next generation to dream big, think differently and challenge the status quo, and has launched a contest to honor this hometown hero by naming her godmother of *Harmony of the Seas*.

South Florida residents are encouraged to visit www.local10.com/godmother and nominate a mentor, educator or teacher whose passion for education and a better tomorrow inspires students to make a positive impact on the world. The winner will not only be honored as godmother of *Harmony of the Seas* during the ship's official naming ceremony on November 10, 2016, but a \$25,000 grant will also be awarded to her school or non-profit organization to fund education initiatives that will further her mission to inspire South Florida's youth. In addition, the godmother will have the opportunity to host a "field trip" for those whose lives she has influenced to be her guests at the *Harmony of the Seas* naming ceremony, and will set sail later that evening with three guests on a two-night pre-inaugural cruise. She will also receive a future seven-night cruise for two onboard the ship. The contest is open to volunteers, full- and part-time employees at of a school or educational organization in Miami-Dade County, Broward County or Palm Beach County. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominees must be legal residents of Florida and 21 years of age or older at time of nomination and nominators must be 13 years of age or older as of date of entry. Official Rules can be read by visiting www.local10.com/godmother. The Entry Period for nominations ends on September 23, 2016.

"Royal Caribbean's legacy is built on a dream that began in a small trailer on Biscayne Boulevard," said Michael Bayley, President and CEO, Royal Caribbean International. "That's why when we thought about the godmother for *Harmony of the Seas*, a ship that is not just the world's largest, but the ultimate expression of our history and future, we knew that we wanted to pay tribute to our roots and community with this designation. Who better to welcome *Harmony* home than an outstanding woman who is inspiring the dreamers and innovators of South Florida's next generation."

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A maritime tradition and honor historically reserved for heads of state, politicians and celebrities, godmothers not only break a bottle to christen a ship, but also serve as guiding spirits to its guests and crew. Royal Caribbean looks to capture the essence of the role by choosing women whose life lessons and achievements illustrate the kind of courage, dedication and determination that are an inspiration to all. For more information on the maritime tradition of ship godmothers, visit www.royalhometownhero.com.

Harmony of the Seas will arrive at her homeport of Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in November 2016, and will offer seven-night Eastern and Western Caribbean sailings. The newest member of the fleet will join sister ships *Oasis of the Seas* and *Allure of the Seas*, homeported in Port Canaveral and Port Everglades respectively, on the east coast of Florida.

Harmony of the Seas is the world's largest cruise ship with a bold and unexpected lineup of thrilling experiences found nowhere else on land or at sea. *Harmony* combines the distinct seven-neighborhood concept that sister ships *Oasis of the Seas* and *Allure of the Seas* are known for, with some of the most modern and groundbreaking amenities including imaginative dining, unparalleled entertainment and the latest technology, including VOOM, the fastest internet at sea. From the Ultimate Abyss, a thrilling 10-story tall slide, to unparalleled entertainment including Broadway's hit musical *Grease* and high-diving, acrobatic performances in the ship's iconic AquaTheater, world-class dining in venues ranging from Jamie's Italian Cuisine by celebrity chef Jamie Oliver to Wonderland, a unique whimsical culinary adventure for the senses; and robot bartenders, there is an adventure for guests of all ages onboard *Harmony*.

Harmony of the Seas spans 16 guest decks, encompasses 227,000 gross registered tons, carries 5,497 guests at double occupancy, and features 2,747 staterooms. For more information about *Harmony of the Seas*, please visit RoyalCaribbean.com/HarmonyoftheSeas.

For additional information or to make reservations, vacationers should call their travel agent; visit RoyalCaribbean.com; or call (800) ROYAL-CARIBBEAN.

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