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On The Red Carpet

“As always I am excited to write about the truly wonderful experiences I encounter interviewing glamorous celebrities on the red carpet”

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Hello Darlings,

Welcome to Cognac's Comer. On Tuesday, April 25, 2006 I was thrilled to be invited to We Are Family Foundation to Honor Sir Elton John, Quincy Jones, Tommy Hilfiger, The Comcast Family of Companies and Creation Band at the Manhattan Center Hammerstein Ballroom. We Are Family Foundation better known as (WAFF) hosted this star studded red carpet event to pay tribute to the highly respected, esteemed musician and icon Sir Elton John with the Humanitarian Award in recognition of his extraordinary accomplishments through his Elton John AIDS Foundation. The Mattie J. T. Stepanek Peacemaker Award was also presented to music impresario Quincy Jones in honor of his lifetime of philanthropic achievements. The Visionary Award was presented to famous fashion designer and innovator Tommy Hilfiger in recognition of his work to promote educational opportunities for diverse populations in the U.S.A. through the Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation. And last but not least the Corporate Visionary Award was presented to The Comcast Family of Companies in recognition of their strong commitment to diversity. The band Creation made up of six 12 and 13 year-old students for their extraordinary effort on behalf of WAFF by donating all proceeds from the debut album, World Without Windows to WAFF was presented with a special recognition award.



Other celebrities that attended this star studded event were Recording Artist Taylor Dayne, 70's super group Chic, Steven Van Zandt, Actor Robert Funaro, Debra DiMaggio, Kate Pierson of the B-52's, Khalia Ali and Nancy Hunt, President of We Are Family Foundation.

WAFF continues to promote the vision of a global family by bringing people together and giving hope that we can live together in a peaceful world through the development and distribution of a media-based educational tools that reach out to our worlds youth. WAFF celebrates a common humanity and the vision of a global family by creating and supporting programs that inspire and educate individuals of all ages about diversity, understanding and multiculturalism.

I was privileged to interview the host of the Evening Television Personality and member of the WAFF Board of Directors Mr. Montel Williams. Mr. Williams revealed to me how his dear friend songwriter Nile Rodgers approached him on becoming a member of WAFF. In my interview with Mr. Nile Rodgers he explained to me what this extraordinary organization is really all about.



We Are Family Foundation (WAFF), a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization was founded by legendary producer/songwriter Nile Rodgers in 2002 in response to the tragic event of September 11. Mr. Rodgers gathered over 200 celebrities together to re-record his world-renowned hit song "We Are Family", in order to commence the healing process of this very tragic unprecedented events of September 11th. The re-recording of this famous song proved the song's power to give hope through an uplifting beat and a strong message of global unity.

Both Mr. Quincy Jones and Fashion Designer Tommy Hilfiger expressed to me how excited they were were to receive such honorary awards.



In my interview with Mr. Rodgers he expressed "I'm thrilled to announce We Are Family Foundations's 4th Annual Gala Celebration! This year we are proud to pay tribute to Sir Elton John, Quincy Jones, Tommy Hilfiger, Creation and the Comcast Family of Companies. These Inspirational honorees have all been chosen for their commitment to promoting education and awareness of global issues and the unprecedented dedication to making the world a better place



Till the next red carpet event darlings, **Pink Champagne Kisses**
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