

Bishop T.D. Jakes Awarded the 2012 Black Heritage Excellence in Ministry Award—DALLAS, Feb. 19, 2012

#### **THE MAHOGANY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION CELEBRATES TOP ACHIEVEMENTS IN MINISTRY**

In honor of Black History Month, Bishop T.D. Jakes, senior pastor of The Potter's House of Dallas, Inc., was awarded with the 2012 Black Heritage Award for *Excellence in Ministry* for his significant contributions to the Christian community, nationally and globally.

The award was presented by Mary L. Swopes, president and CEO of the Mahogany Scholarship Foundation. Swopes founded the Black Heritage Awards in 1989 to celebrate the achievements of national and international black leaders and organizations whose contributions and achievements have served to perpetuate the distinction and profundity of black heritage.

*"Bishop Jakes was chosen for his excellence in preaching the gospel and for his God-given gift as an empowering leader,"* said Swopes. *"He has also become a beacon of hope for future generations and to those in need across the globe."*

Jakes continues to spread the reach of his spiritual leadership through his MegaCARE ministry. MegaCARE recently provided food, water and medicines to some 12 million needy men, women and children in Kenya and Somalia; donated food and toys to three orphanages and impoverished communities in Mexico during the holiday season; and partnered with local churches in the Dominican Republic's most distressed communities to treat more than 300 women and children in need of medical care.

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#### **About The Potter's House**

Located in Dallas, The Potter's House is a 30,000-member nondenominational, multicultural church and humanitarian organization led by Bishop T. D. Jakes, twice featured on the cover of *Time* magazine. as "America's Best Preacher" and as one of the nation's "25 most influential evangelicals." The Potter's House has four locations: The Potter's House of Dallas, The Potter's House of Fort Worth, The Potter's House of North Dallas, and The Potter's House of Denver; and a Spanish language church, Casa de Fe. [www.thepottershouse.org](http://www.thepottershouse.org)

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