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UPDATED MEDIA ADVISORY

News conference to highlight public celebration of life and work of Nelson Mandela

Alderman Joe Davis, Sr. will host a City Hall news conference at **3 p.m. TODAY (Monday, December 16, 2013)** to announce a public celebration event honoring the life and legacy of the late former South African President **Nelson Mandela** to be held Wednesday (December 18) **in the Milwaukee Public Library's Centennial Hall, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.** (attendees can enter the hall starting at 5 p.m. through doors located at 733 N. 8th St.). The event will be hosted by **Alderman Joe Davis**, South Africa Honorary Consul for Wisconsin, and will include several speakers and video clips honoring the legendary and inspirational leader.

The community event is **free** and all are encouraged to attend.

Today's news conference will include the announcement of a **special guest celebrity host** for Wednesday's public celebration, Alderman Davis said. In addition, the alderman said he is pleased to announce that **GE Healthcare Services** is the sponsor for Wednesday's event.

"The courage and positive change brought by Nelson Mandela stand as both a testament and challenge to us all," said **Michael Swinford**, president and CEO of GE Healthcare Services, "and it is an honor to join with the City of Milwaukee in helping recognize such a transformational leader."

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Mandela celebration/ADD ONE

“The public event Wednesday signals the end of the mourning period and the start of celebrating and living the late Madiba’s legacy,” Alderman Davis said.

The **news conference today** will be at 3 p.m. in the third floor Council Chamber anteroom at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

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