



Acclaimed TV Host Portia Bruner to Serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the 11th Annual LEDI Gala



Veteran Journalist and Host of FOX 5 Atlanta's "Portia" to Emcee Milestone Charity Event Empowering Communities and Supporting Global Literacy

ATLANTA - Oct. 6, 2026 - [PRLog](#) -- Liberia Economic Development Initiative (LEDI) is proud to announce that acclaimed broadcast journalist and talk show host **Portia Bruner** will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies for its **11th Annual LEDI International Life Changers Awards and Fundraising Gala**, taking place on **Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 5:30 PM** at the **Marriott Gateway Hotel Atlanta Airport**, located at 2020 Convention Center Concourse, Atlanta, GA 30337.

Bruner, a Howard University alumnus with more than 20 years of television journalism experience, is the host of the nationally distributed lifestyle talk show *"Portia"* on FOX 5 Atlanta and FOX SOUL. Known for her uplifting storytelling, community advocacy, and candid discussions surrounding wellness, family, and empowerment, Bruner brings a compelling and dynamic presence to the gala stage.

"I am deeply honored to join LEDI for such a meaningful occasion," said Portia Bruner. "LEDI's commitment to transforming lives through education, literacy, and economic empowerment resonates strongly with my passion for uplifting communities and sharing stories of hope and resilience."

The LEDI International Life Changers Award, LEDI's highest honor, recognizes extraordinary leaders, philanthropists, and visionaries whose contributions uplift communities and inspire positive global change. Bruner joins an esteemed legacy of past emcees and honorees, including legendary broadcasters Sharon Reed and Monica Pearson, as well as icon honorees such as Xernona Clayton, Civil Rights Leader and Founder of the Trumpet Awards Foundation, and Ambassador Andrew Young.

"Portia Bruner's dedication to community advocacy and exceptional storytelling make her the ideal host. We are so happy she will serve as our 2026 Mistress of Ceremonies," said Joan Curran Darkortey,

Co-Founder and CEO of LEDI.

Proceeds from the 11th Annual Gala directly support LEDI's noble mission to "*reduce poverty and change lives*," including the ongoing operation and expansion of Liberia's modern public library and technology center, designed to empower over 200,000 children and students annually.

Event Details & Attendee Guide

- **Date & Time:** Saturday, October 24, 2026 | 5:30 PM (Power Networking Reception & Silent Auction) | 6:00 PM (Main Program & Awards Ceremony)
- **Location:** Marriott Gateway Hotel Atlanta Airport, 2020 Convention Center Concourse, Atlanta, GA 30337
- **Dress Code:** Formal, Black Tie, or African Attire
- **Event Website:** www.ledifundraiser.org (<https://www.google.com/search?q=http://www.ledifundraiser...>)

Tickets, Sponsorships & Support

- **Individual Tickets:** \$150 per guest
- **Corporate Sponsorships:** Tiered packages begin at \$2,500 with high-visibility recognition opportunities.
- **Commemorative Program Advertising & Donations:** Tax-deductible donations and program book advertising spots are available now. To secure tickets, sponsorships, or ads, visit www.ledifundraiser.org (<https://www.google.com/search?q=http://www.ledifundraiser.org>) or email info@ledinow.org.

About Liberia Economic Development Initiative (LEDI):

LEDI is a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2007 with a mission to reduce poverty and change lives through economic development, educational infrastructure, literacy programs, and community empowerment initiatives. Visit www.ledinow.org to learn more.

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