

## **New Book by Dr. Artika Tyner Promotes Literacy and Leadership Development for Girls**

St. Paul, MN – Set for release on Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, the new book by Dr. Artika Tyner, “Making a Difference: The Story of Miss Freedom Fighter, Esquire,” promotes literacy, cultural awareness and [leadership development](#) for youth.

“All proceeds from book sales will be used to further the work of our nonprofit, Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute,” said Tyner.

Tyner will be delivering 1,000 books to schools around the globe, beginning in her hometown of St. Paul, MN and ending with a special visit to schools in Ghana. Written by Tyner in association with Jacklyn Milton and illustrated by Jeremy Norton, the children’s book utilizes real life examples of powerful leaders throughout history to highlight the importance of education, social change and the benefits of diversity.



**Dr. Artika Tyner and book cover.**

“Justice Makes a Difference” is a blessing for girls of all ages,” said Neda Kellogg, Project DIVA executive director. “We are excited to have our middle and high school DIVAs read this book to our younger participants. Our girls love Dr. King and Rosa Parks, but they have been thirsty for us to educate them on other invaluable stories of black people in history. Kudos, Dr. Tyner, for reaching back and sharing our stories.”

Gender, racial and cultural bias continues to exist in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the book provides girls with a look at ordinary women who did extraordinary things to bring about social change. The inspirational book highlights accomplishments of historic female leaders who contributed to changes in the law and public policy in their own unique ways.

“Dr. Tyner’s beautiful story of Justice, who with the help of her loving grandmother and heroes from the past, builds her confidence and courage to find her voice,” said Tisha Bolger, CEO of Girl Scouts Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys. “A little girl who finds her voice and has the courage and confidence to use it can help a community thrive and build a better world for all of us.”

Autographed copies of [“Making a Difference: The Story of Miss Freedom Fighter, Esquire”](#) are available for pre-order and will be delivered in autumn 2017. Individuals can also donate to the Miss Freedom Fighter, Esquire Literacy Project to further the goals of education, literacy, diversity and inclusion.

**About Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute**

The PPGJLI provides a platform for the initiation of social change, cultivation of collective leadership, and promotion of public policy advocacy. The organization's goal is to challenge leaders worldwide to make a difference in their communities.