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Miss Teen Promise Inc. presents Susan Blue with a \$500 Classroom Grant

Susan Blue, Booker Arts Magnet School Teacher and MTP Outstanding Life Toucher!

ARKANSAS, Little Rock – June 4, 2018 - Miss Teen Promise Inc. (MTP) is proud to support education and present a \$500 MTP Life Touchers Classroom Grant to Susan Blue a teacher at Booker Arts Magnet School.

Susan Blue was nominated by a former student who grew up to become an award winning teacher. “Mrs. Blue was my kindergarten teacher at David O. Dodd Elementary. I remember her beautiful blue eyes and her positive and loving personality,” said, Jamille Rogers Thomas, Conway Public Schools/VP-MTP Board. “She always made learning fun in her class; and, throughout my professional career, she has continued an active role in my life... Mrs. Blue is also a big reason why I became an educator,” added Rogers Thomas.

The Miss Teen Promise Life Touchers Award recognizes outstanding women who possess the “Miss Teen Promise 5 Principles of Success” of being a positive, poised, professional, productive and polished lady. Also, she is making a positive difference in her community especially in the lives of youth and females.

Eight outstanding educators were selected and honored at a special luncheon as 20th Annual Miss Teen Promise Life Touchers including: **Annie Abrams**, Retired Educator; **Bettie Gammel**, Retired Educator, Dermott High School; **Krystal Dukery Moore**, Horace Mann Middle School; **Latrese Evans**, Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School; **Loretta Alexander**, Pine Bluff High School; **Shanda Macon**, J.A. Fair High School; **Tahesha Robinson**, Stephens Elementary School and **Susan Blue**, Booker Arts Magnet School.

From throughout the state of Arkansas, nominations were received and voted on by former Miss Teen Promise participants, and members of the Miss Teen Promise Advisory Board to determine finalists and a grant award recipient.

“Thank you to Susan Blue and all of the Miss Teen Promise Life Touchers for your dedicated life service to education; and, for providing a classroom environment that inspires students to learn, grow and excel,” said Evangeline Parker-Guest, Founder/Executive Director of Teen Promise Inc.

Nominations for the 21st Annual Miss Teen Promise Life Touchers Awards will open July 1, 2018. To learn more about the Miss Teen Promise program visit www.missteenpromise.com

About Teen Promise Incorporated

Teen Promise, Incorporated is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation found in June 1998. The mission is to teach females how to become more positive, poised, productive, professional and polished ladies and provide scholarship funds for higher education. Evangeline Parker-Guest is the founder and executive director of Teen Promise Incorporated. Under her leadership, Teen Promise has served over 400 females and awarded over \$500,000 in scholarships, training and prizes. The award-winning program has received recognition from the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame, KATV Arkansan of the Week, KARK Community Service Award, Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus, Watershed Human Development Inc. and others for outstanding services provided to young females.

Photos: Jamille Rogers Thomas and Evangeline Parker-Guest, present Susan Blue a MTP Outstanding Life Touchers \$500 Classroom Grant!

