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TLC RINGS IN 2017 WITH NEW EPISODES OF TYLER PERRY'S *TOO CLOSE TO HOME* ON JANUARY 4th

-- Guest Star Heather Locklear Returns and Cast Expands --

(Silver Spring, MD) -- Production wrapped this week on new episodes of TLC's first scripted series *TOO CLOSE TO HOME*, written, directed and produced by Tyler Perry. Filming took place in Atlanta at Tyler Perry Studios located on the former Fort McPherson army base. Eight new episodes of the drama continue to follow the story of Anna, a young woman whose life is turned upside down when her affair with the President of the United States is broadcast worldwide forcing her to return to her modest trailer park beginnings in Alabama. New episodes of *TOO CLOSE TO HOME* premiere **Wednesday, January 4 at 10pm ET/PT.**

Danielle Savre returns as the lead Anna, while Heather Locklear returns as a guest star playing the role of Katelynn, the first lady. Additional cast members returning to lead roles include Kelly Sullivan (Bonnie), Brock O'Hurn (Brody), Brad Benedict (J.B.), and Brooke Anne Smith (Shelby).

Expanding on the cast are new additions in recurring roles: Courtney Burrell (as Nelson), Azur-De (as Regina), Nelson Estevez (as Elm) and Angela Rigsby (as Octavia). James Shanklin (as Eli), KD Aubert (as Tina), and Crystle Stewart (as Frankie).

"Without a doubt, *Too Close to Home* has proven to be an outstanding addition to the TLC lineup," said Nancy Daniels, President and General Manager, TLC. "Working with a master storyteller like Tyler Perry has given us an impressive launch into the world of scripted television and we're just as excited as our viewers to discover where the *Too Close to Home* characters will go next."

In the October finale of *TOO CLOSE TO HOME* viewers saw Anna right back in the small town she abandoned for a "better" life and seeking sanctuary with the family she'd turned her back on years prior. Yet trouble seems to find her wherever she goes -- even in Happy, Alabama. Even her solid relationship with her sister Bonnie is threatened by her poor decisions. As the ongoing drama continues to unfold in *TOO CLOSE TO HOME*, it's clear that Anna's shattered life in Washington is not behind her and hiding is hard to do when the most powerful people in the nation want to find you. Dax and Victor become entrenched in a scandal of their own and it is possible that Dax's loyalties aren't with Victor or Anna, but with someone truly sinister. The plot grows thicker when *TOO CLOSE TO HOME* dives into another family's dirty deeds in Happy and an ugly love triangle threatens to be revealed. Meanwhile, Rebel is

getting into dangerously hot water when an all-too familiar face to Anna, Bonnie and Shelby returns to the town and has his sights set on Rebel.

The remaining cast returning as series regulars includes: Trisha Rae Stahl (Jolene), Alpha Trivette (Dr. Allen), Robert Craighead (Sheriff Mobley), Curran Walters (Mack), Annie Thrash (Rebel), Justin Gabriel (Rick), Nick Ballard (Dax), and Charles Justo (Victor). Returning as recurring cast are Matt Battaglia (Thomas/The President), Ashley Love-Mills (Valerie) and Christian Ochoa (John).

Join the conversation on social media by using the hashtag #TooCloseToHome, 'Like' the show on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter. Episodes 1-8 of Too Close to Home are now available on TLCgo.

ABOUT TPS

Tyler Perry Studios (TPS) was formed by actor and filmmaker Tyler Perry, and develops and produces motion picture films, in addition to drama and comedy television programming for the multi-platform U.S. television market. TPS' most recent studio lot was situated on a 200,000 square foot former Delta Airlines campus of over 60 acres in the Greenbriar area of southwest Atlanta. During the course of its operation, the space was home to production of 10 films and over 700 episodes of Mr. Perry's five television series. In 2015 TPS announced plans to expand operations with the acquisition of Fort McPherson, a former army base, which sits on over 330 acres minutes from downtown Atlanta. Mr. Perry and the studio's 400 Atlanta-based employees will remain in production of Perry's five current television series, including Perry's new TLC series Too Close to Home, in addition to providing state of the art facilities and services to major feature films and television shows filming in Atlanta. Production is already underway at the new studio and construction will be fully completed by Fall 2017.

ABOUT TLC

Offering remarkably relatable real-life stories without judgment, TLC shares everyday heart, humor, hope, and human connection with programming genres that include fascinating families, heartwarming transformations, and life's milestone moments. In 2016 to-date, TLC is the #10 ad-supported cable network in delivery among W25-54. TLC is a global brand available in more than 91 million homes in the US and 325 million households in 220 countries and territories. Viewers can enjoy their favorite shows anytime, anywhere through TLCgo – the network's TVE offering featuring live and on demand access to complete seasons. A destination online, TLC.com offers in-depth fan sites and exclusive original video content. Fans can also interact with TLC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Pinterest. TLC is part of Discovery Communications (NASDAQ: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), the world's #1 pay-TV programmer reaching 3 billion cumulative viewers in 220 countries and territories.