

2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Twenty Years of Grace

October 29, 2022

Saturday, October 29, 2022

9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Prayer	Garrett Novak
	Worship	
9:50 a.m.	Ruby's Pantry Business Update	Lyn Sahr RoxAnn Sahr
10:15 a.m.	Food Partner Update	
10:45 a.m.	Morning Break	
11:00 a.m.	Keynote Speaker	Debbie Griffith
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
12:45 p.m.	Worship Following Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Hall of Hearts Presentation & Awards	Lyn Sahr RoxAnn Sahr
1:30 p.m.	Ruby's Pantry Best Practices 3 Sites Demonstrating Best Practices	
2:00 p.m.	Ruby's Board Members Q&A Chuck Shreffler, Nicole Schwidder, Garrett Novak and Megan Griffin	
2:30 p.m.	Keynote Speaker	Debbie Griffith
3:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Lyn Sahr

Speakers

Debbie Griffith



"There is no stronger way to build relationships than taking a genuine interest in other human beings and allowing them to share their stories. This is Debbie. She takes the time to really listen to you because she's sincerely interested in what you have to share. Before you know it you're sharing parts of your life you've barely whispered to a close confidant, but yet suddenly you're telling Debbie everything, because now she's your new best friend. Debbie's ability to create instant connection and a shared understanding of what it means to be human is uncanny. "Yes, the earth experience is hard," she'll say, "but God is so good." She overflows with joy, enthusiasm and fun and wants you to experience the same. Debbie motivates you to see the blessings of life and how God's grace makes all the difference.

An everyday girl living in The Icebox of the Nation, a Minnesota girl, living by the grace of God, knowing that no matter how bad my choices or however bad the circumstances are, God is always good. I get to share my real life on the radio with a one minute feature, Everyday Matters and from that beginning in 2006, I was asked shortly thereafter, "Do you speak?," I paused and replied, "Yes. I think I do." Everyday Matters is now heard on over 100 radio stations, which in turn gives me opportunities to travel nationwide to speak hope, bring perspective, and share God's active love for you.

Musicians

Kijana “KJ” Gant



Kijana “KJ” Gant is a smooth and soulful vocalist based in Minneapolis, MN. He was born in Chicago, raised in Gary, Indiana, and came under the spell of music at just 12 years old. He writes songs about life, love and relationships in an effort to make all three become better.

His motivation is to share his love and passion for music with the world and to let his audiences experience what he feels onstage. He’s been performing steadily in regional clubs and building a fan base. His plan for 2021 and beyond is to book festival shows and to open for national acts whose fans will appreciate his unique voice and engaging stage presence.

More than anything, Kijana is here to show the world how music can uplift and inspire individual lives. His performances are an outpouring of love and emotional energy and his blend of Pop, Soul, and R&B is powerful enough to propel him to the highest levels of the music industry. The 2020s are going to be big for Kijana and he belongs on the radar of anyone seeking the next great modern R&B singer.

Monique Carroll-Blakey



Singer-songwriter Monique discovered her very large voice at the very young age of five, when her mother barged into her bedroom thinking she was listening to the radio instead of cleaning her room. Once Monique’s parents realized how talented she was, they immediately thrust her into choirs, talent shows, and vocal lessons. Monique hit the ground running and hasn’t shown any signs of slowing down yet!

She has written songs for several artists, sang background for countless acts, Opened for Gospel greats Kirk Franklin and Maurette Clark, and has even sung background vocals on the latest album of Gospel Legend Shirley Caesar. Monique is a trained violinist that has played the violin for over 10 years, and her vocal capabilities span widely across a Myriad of musical genres. Some of Monique’s musical influences include Mariah Carey, Michael Jackson, Tamia, (pretty much ALL 90’s female groups), Aerosmith, Bonnie Raitt, Maroon 5, Etta James, Johann Sebastian Bach, and so many more!

Monique hails from the beautiful city of Saint Paul, Minnesota and although she has resided in several other states throughout her life’s journey, she is now and will always be proud to call the Twin Cities her home. She has been a part of many local acts such as the Lead singer of Sawyer’s Dream, and a Soprano/ Alto in the Award-Winning Gospel group The Remnant. She is currently the Lead vocalist of The Riverside Hitmen and travels throughout the State and country performing with many artists and musicians on stages ranging from laid-back outdoor festivals to Sports Stadiums, weddings, and corporate events.