



MEDIA ALERT

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WOMEN'S HEART DISEASE

TAKES CENTER STAGE IN NATION'S CAPITOL JUNE 19-21

Leading cause of death in women highlight of three national events over three days

Washington, DC, June 13, 2011 – Women's leading health threat – heart disease – will take center stage in Washington, June 19-21, as three national events highlight both what needs to be done and what is being done to eradicate women's leading health threat.

WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease will host its annual Advocacy Institute, the 11th Annual Wenger Awards, and launch the second edition of the 10Q Report: Advancing Women's Heart Health through Improved Research, Diagnosis and Treatment.

To schedule advance interviews and for more information, please contact

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WHAT: 50 women heart disease survivors come to Washington, DC for WomenHeart's **Annual Advocacy Institute** to educate lawmakers on the importance of effective health care policy for women living with heart disease and to encourage them to allocate funding for key research to eradicate heart disease as the leading cause of death in women (see 10Q Report, below)

WHEN: Sunday, June 19-Tuesday, June 21

WHERE: Capitol Hill and the Washington Marriott (23rd Street, NW)

WHAT: **11th Annual Wenger Awards** – the nation's premier event honoring those organizations and individuals who are making extraordinary contributions to women's heart health

WHEN: Monday, June 20, 2011, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater 1101 6th Street, SW, Washington, DC

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WHAT: National release of the **2011 10Q Report: Advancing Women's Heart Health through Improved Research, Diagnosis and Treatment**

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in women – and that can change! Come hear from women's cardiovascular experts what research needs to be done and how it will impact the life of every American woman.

Developed by WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease and The Society for Women's Health Research

WHEN: Tuesday, June 21, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Rayburn House Office Building, Room B339
Washington, DC

For interviews or further information on any of these events, please contact Lisa Clough at 202.464.8734 or lclough@womenheart.org.

About WomenHeart:

WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease is the nation's only patient centered organization serving the 42 million American women living with or at risk for heart disease – the leading cause of death in women. WomenHeart is solely devoted to advancing women's heart health through advocacy, community education, and the nation's only patient support network for women living with heart disease. WomenHeart is both a coalition and a community of thousands of members nationwide, including women heart patients and their families, physicians, and health advocates, all committed to helping women live longer, healthier lives. To receive a free on line heart health action kit or to donate visit www.womenheart.org/kit.

The *Advocacy Institute* is sponsored by Medtronic Foundation, Boston Scientific, and Boehringer Ingelheim.

The *11th Annual Wenger Awards* is sponsored by Medtronic Foundation, Corporate Host; Gilead, WJLA-TV, Abbott Vascular, Pfizer, Mayo Clinic, AdvaMed, Bayer HealthCare, Cerner, Edwards Lifesciences, Johnson & Johnson, Novartis, Takeda, Clos du Bois, Tea Forte, American College of Cardiology, American Hospital Association, Bio/Biotechnology Industry Association, Nancy Glick, Inspire, Pamela Marcovitz, MD, Lisa M. Tate, Lisa Olson, US Wellness, Verizon, Rockpointe Corporation, and Rochester Marriott.

The release of the *10Q Report: Advancing Women's Heart Health through Advanced Research, Diagnosis and Treatment* are Boehringer Ingelheim and The Vanguard Charitable Trust of Edwards Lifesciences.