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WomenHeart Approves New Leadership, Members to Board of Directors

Washington, D.C.—WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease today announced the election of a new Chair of the Board of Directors, Jerri Anne Johnson, and the induction of four new governing Board members.

Joining Johnson on the board are new members Shaon Berry, Phyllis Blaunstein, Marie Warshauer and Kathy Webster, who all enthusiastically support WomenHeart's mission to support, educate and advocate for the millions of women living with or at risk for heart disease.

“We are excited to welcome these leaders to the WomenHeart Board, many of whom have been deeply engaged with the organization for years” said Celina Gorre, CEO of WomenHeart. “They all bring a fresh energy and a passionate commitment to advancing our work to improve the lives of women with heart disease and to raise awareness about heart disease in women who are at risk.”

Johnson brings years of experience to this leadership role, having spent a career engaged in global women's heart health at Abbott. Engaging with WomenHeart since 2009, she has served as a member of the Corporate Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors. As a woman living with heart disease, she attended the WomenHeart Science and Leadership Symposium at the Mayo Clinic, becoming a *WomenHeart Champion* in 2014.

“I am honored to be in a position to help move WomenHeart forward into this new decade,” said Johnson. “The need to raise awareness about heart disease and to support and advocate for women around the country remains, and I am eager to bring a vision of expanded reach and growth for the organization in order to meet that need in the coming years.”

Shaon Berry currently serves as the CEO & President of The Metro Sports & Entertainment group. Berry brings more than 25 years of executive sports management, branding, marketing and human resource management experience. He attended the University of Pittsburgh as an undergraduate and is a graduate of Cornell University's executive management program. Berry lives in the greater Philadelphia, PA area.

Phyllis Blaunstein is retired from a long career as an expert in education and public affairs, including work as the Executive Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education and as Senior Counsel for the Widmeyer Group. She became a *WomenHeart Champion* after experiencing a blockage and angina resulting from radiation therapy for breast cancer over a decade ago. Blaunstein lives near Los Angeles, CA.

Marie Warshauer attended WomenHeart's first-ever Science and Leadership Symposium, becoming a *WomenHeart Champion* in 2002. Warshauer had a career in education and was a leader of one of WomenHeart's first Support Networks. She previously held a seat on the Board of Directors and eventually became Program Director of the Support Networks for WomenHeart, a position she held for almost ten years. Warshauer lives in Evanston, IL.

Kathy Webster is retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City where she served 33 years. She has been a *WomenHeart Champion* since 2006, having lived with heart disease since birth. She has served in many capacities with WomenHeart, including seven years on the Board of Directors and serving as Chair for two years. She splits her time between Overland Park, KS and Fort Myers, FL.

About WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease:

WomenHeart is the only patient centered organization serving the nearly 48 million women in the United States living with or at risk for heart disease—the leading cause of death in women. WomenHeart is devoted to advancing women’s heart health through patient support, community education and advocacy. For more information, visit www.womenheart.org.

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