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### **WomenHeart Transitions to New Chair of the Board of Directors**

Earlier this month, Lyn Behnke, DNP, became the Chair of the Board of Directors of WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. The board elected Dr. Behnke as the Chair-Elect in 2022.

Dr. Lyn Behnke, a *WomenHeart Champion*, has a long and varied career as a primary care provider, a critical care nurse, family practice and psychiatric nurse practitioner, cardiovascular nurse practitioner, assistant professor, and researcher with over 50 publications and invited presentations in the past four years. She is currently an assistant professor at the School of Nursing Graduate Program at the University of Michigan, Flint.

Dr. Behnke attended WomenHeart's Science & Leadership Symposium in 2010. As a WomenHeart Champion, she continues to provide community education in Northeast Michigan to help prevent heart disease in women, to support women in her community, and to advocate for policies that increase medical research dollars, as well as women's participation in research trials, and support women with heart disease.

"Lyn's personal experience with heart disease and her professional experience caring for patients and doing research make her uniquely qualified to lead the WomenHeart board as the organization advances as the leading voice for women living with and at risk of heart disease," said Celina Gorre, CEO of WomenHeart. "Lyn's vast experience with several health care and patient-facing organizations will help to provide bridges between WomenHeart and a variety of partners, while her sense of humor, ability to adapt to different cultures and belief in health equity for everyone will provide leadership at the board level and beyond that's needed as WomenHeart moves into the future. On behalf of the Board and staff, I also want to thank Kathy Webster for her tremendous work as Chair of the Board the last two years, a particularly challenging time as we adapted to and through the pandemic. I am grateful for her steady hand and clear vision, and pleased that she will continue to be a contributing Board member"

Coming into this role, Dr. Behnke said, "I am humbled, yet excited to serve as the board Chair. WomenHeart remains uniquely positioned, not only as the voice of women with heart disease, but as a change-maker. I bring my passion for the appropriate diagnosis and treatment for women with heart disease to the role, and I am excited to advance this work within WomenHeart's mission as we engage with funders, donors, policymakers, partners, and other women with heart disease."

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

WomenHeart is the only patient centered organization serving the millions of 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](http://www.womenheart.org).

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