



The National Research Center for Women & Families
Cordially Invites You to Our

2014 Foremother and Health Policy Hero Awards Luncheon

Friday, May 9, 2014 at Noon
The Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

Join ABC7/WJLA's Maureen Bunyan, our Mistress of Ceremonies, on May 9th, the Friday before Mother's Day, at the elegant Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. as we celebrate our 15th anniversary as a national charity and honor our 2014 Foremothers.

- ❖ **Irene Pollin** has dedicated her life to improving the lives of others, as a psychiatric social worker, writer advocate, and philanthropist. She is the founder and chairperson of Sister to Sister: The Women's Heart Health Foundation, the first organization to address the public health crisis that heart disease is the #1 killer of women. Sister to Sister has provided more than 100,000 free heart health screenings and counseling nationwide. With her late husband, Abe, the Pollins co-owned the Washington Wizards and the Washington Capitals, and together helped revitalize Washington, DC through philanthropy, public service, and an unwavering commitment to the community.
- ❖ **Phyllis Reynolds Naylor** is one of our nation's most beloved authors of children's and young adult fiction, best known for her trilogy *Shiloh* (a 1992 Newbery Medal book about a young boy and an abused dog) and for her *Alice* books, about a motherless girl looking for a role model while fumbling through adolescence, with the final book highlighting her life from ages 18-60. The *Alice* books have been praised and criticized for their realistic portrayal of the life of a teenage girl. Naylor has written more than 135 books, many receiving awards as well as special recognition by the American Library Association and the International Reading Association, and as selections for the Junior Literary Guild.

- ❖ **The Honorable Louise Slaughter** is a powerful and unique Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Serving her 14th term, Rep. Slaughter takes on the fights no one else will. She co-authored the historic *Violence Against Women Act* and is now on the forefront of fighting sexual assault in the military. As the only Member of Congress with a degree in microbiology, she has played a central role in the major health and science issues of our time, achieving landmark legislation such as federal funding for research on DES, the inclusion of women and minorities in clinical trials, and increased federal funding for breast cancer. She is the original author of the *Genetic Information and Non-Discrimination Act (GINA)*, which became law in 2008, and the *Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act*, which would drastically reduce the epidemic of antibiotic resistance.

Our two health policy heroes are ProPublica's **Charles Ornstein** and **Tracy Weber**, whose investigative series of articles delineating Medicare's reimbursement for doctors prescribing massive quantities of inappropriate medications, and wasting billions on needlessly expensive drugs has resulted in Medicare broadening its powers to reduce fraud, waste abuse, and harmful prescriptions.

We hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity to meet these inspiring women and man, previous Foremother and health policy here honorees, and many of D.C.'s other movers and shakers. Lunch is from noon to 1:30, preceded by a champagne reception for honorees and patron guests.

Seats are limited and tickets are not available at the door.

Regular lunch tickets are available for a donation of \$100 each. Patron Tickets (\$175 per ticket) include a champagne reception with honorees at 11:30, priority seating, and a listing in the program. Sponsorships are available, from \$1,000-\$5,000.

*The National Research Center for Women & Families is the leading national organization dedicated to improving the health and safety of all adults and children. Donations for this event support our **Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund** hotline.*

To reserve a ticket, you may donate online at center4research.org and click "Make a Donation" (write "Awards Luncheon" in the comments box and be sure to provide contact information). Or, send a check payable to "NRC," to 1001 Connecticut Ave, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20036.

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