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# Message from the President and CEO

## Dear Friends and Guests,

Thank you for joining us for our 35th anniversary year and for this special evening to celebrate the achievements of leaders who are advancing equity in the health of women and championing women's health across all corners of society. Tonight, we are thrilled to honor several champions of women's health: Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Representative Lauren Underwood (D-IL), Kim Love, and Teresa Woodruff, PhD. These extraordinary leaders have each made significant contributions to their fields by advocating for women's health at all levels and promoting the importance of research in women's health. We appreciate you joining us to celebrate their achievements.

This evening is a special time for us to celebrate our 35th anniversary with so many of the friends and partners who have made the last three and half decades possible. When the Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research – now SWHR – was founded in 1990, women were not required to be included in clinical trials, and there were no offices of women's health across federal agencies. In fact, there wasn't even consensus across the medical field that it was important to study women or sex differences. Since that time, SWHR has played a critical role in identifying clinical and research gaps; raising awareness of diseases, conditions, and life stages that differently, disproportionately, or exclusively affect women; and promoting policies that positively shape health outcomes for women – across the federal government, with research and clinical leaders, and through public and private partnerships.

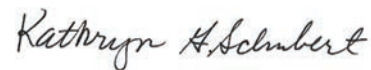
Just as our 35th anniversary marks an exciting time to reflect on progress made in women's health research, it is also a stark reminder of the work left to be done to truly close the gender health gap. As changes continue across the health care ecosystem, the Society remains nimble, prepared, and committed to ensuring women's health is center stage. The momentum in women's health since our founding is

unmistakable, and we will not slow down our work. SWHR continues to lead the way in addressing the unique health needs of women across the health span. Our programs this year focus on a broad range of areas including menopause, obesity, maternal health, PCOS, bone health, and more. We are thrilled to have released a new women's health research agenda and our 2025-2026 policy agenda this spring. We have many great events planned for this year, including appearances at the Organization for the Study of Sex Differences (OSSD) Annual Meeting, the Endocrine Society Annual Meeting, and once again serving as co-hosts for a women's health event in conjunction with the United Nations General Assembly Science Summit. The work of making women's health mainstream is widespread and requires buy-in and commitment from us all.

None of this work would have been possible, nor would it continue to be possible, without the generous support of our sponsors, partners, and guests. We extend our sincere appreciation to each of you for your commitment and unwavering support. It is with your support now – and over the last 35 years – that SWHR can continue to advance women's health through science, policy, and education while promoting sex differences to optimize women's health. I do believe we can close the gender health gap in this lifetime.


Together, we will make women's health mainstream.  
Enjoy the evening!

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## **EVENING ACTIVITIES**

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### **Cocktail Reception and Networking**

6:00 P.M.

### **President's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

7:00 P.M.

### **Dinner**

7:30 P.M.

### **Awards Presentation**

8:00 P.M.

### **Evening End**

9:00 P.M.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### Anita Ravi, MD, MPH, MSHP, FAAFP

*Founder, PurpLE Health Foundation*

Anita Ravi, MD, MPH, MSHP, FAAFP, is a board-certified family medicine physician, researcher, and health policy leader dedicated to transforming health care for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), including women and girls who have experienced human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault. She is the CEO and Founder of PurpLE Health Foundation, a pioneering non-profit organization advancing GBV care as a recognized field in health care through a novel model of clinical care, research, and clinician training. Dr. Ravi's work integrates direct patient care, survivor-centered research, and policy development, all aimed at expanding access to high-quality health care for GBV survivors. A sought-after speaker and educator, she is known for using drawing and storytelling as powerful advocacy tools to highlight the urgent need to transform clinician training and health care delivery to meet the needs of survivors.

Her insights have been published in academic journals and featured in national media outlets such as *Politico* and *The Wall Street Journal*. She also serves on local and national policy committees, task forces, and advisory groups, contributing to research and guidelines that improve health care for GBV survivors.

Her groundbreaking contributions to GBV health care as a social entrepreneur have garnered national recognition, including being selected as a "40 Under 40" Leader in Minority Health, receiving the American Medical Association Foundation's 2024 Courage in Women's Health Advocacy Award, and selection for prestigious programs, including the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center Residency and as a Fellow with the National Academy of Medicine.

## PRESENTER



### Celina Gorre

*Chief Executive Officer, WomenHeart*

Celina Gorre is the CEO of WomenHeart, the largest and oldest nonprofit organization in the world focused exclusively on improving the health and quality of life for women living with and at risk for heart disease. She is a thought leader on the issues that women face when navigating diagnosis, care, and management of their heart condition. Celina is also a patient herself. Prior to leading WomenHeart, Celina was the Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases. From 2009-2011, Celina was the Managing Director of the Foundation for the United Nations Global Compact, establishing the 501(c)(3) to enable companies to support the world's largest corporate responsibility initiative. From 2007-2009, she worked with the United Nations Population Fund and UNICEF in Angola as a senior HIV/AIDS advisor.

Celina has had extensive experience at the intersection of corporate responsibility and global health, developing health and social programs for multinational companies, including as the Technical Manager for the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS from 2005-2007, and has held in-house corporate responsibility positions, such as leading global training for Gap, Inc.'s social responsibility department and conducting factory audits for Mattel, Inc. Celina has spoken all around the world on topics including research funding cooperation, the social role of corporations, implementation science, women's health, and cardiovascular patient engagement. Celina earned her BA and MPH from University of California, Los Angeles and her MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School.

## WOMEN'S HEALTH VISIONARY AWARD HONOREE



### Senator Shelley Moore Capito

*United States Senate*

Shelley Moore Capito was first elected to the United States Senate in 2014 and re-elected in 2020. She is the first female Senator in West Virginia's history and was elected with the largest margin of victory for a Republican in state history—winning more than 70% of the vote and all 55 counties, surpassing the previous mark she set in 2014 when she won more than 62% of the vote and all 55 counties. After serving West Virginia's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives for 14 years, and as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates for four years prior, Senator Capito decided to run for the U.S. Senate to be an even stronger voice for the Mountain State. Senator Capito currently serves on the Appropriations Committee; the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee; the Rules and Administration Committee; and the Environment and Public Works Committee as Chair. Senator Capito also

serves as the Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy (RPC) Committee, the fourth highest position in Senate Republican leadership. A lifelong West Virginian herself, Senator Capito was born in Glen Dale in the Northern Panhandle. She holds a BS in Zoology from Duke University and a MEd from the University of Virginia. She and her husband Charles L. Capito, Jr. reside in Charleston. They have three adult children: two sons, Charles (wife Laura) and Moore (wife Liberty), and one daughter, Shelley (husband Colin Macleod). They have also been blessed with eight grandchildren: Celia, Charlie, Eliza, Rose, Arch, Macaulay, Lewis, and Thomas.

## WOMEN'S HEALTH VISIONARY AWARD HONOREE



### Representative Lauren Underwood

*United States House of Representatives*

Congresswoman Lauren Underwood serves Illinois' 14th Congressional District and was first sworn into Congress on January 3, 2019. She is the first woman, the first person of color, and the first millennial to represent her community in Congress.

Representative Underwood is a registered nurse and co-founder and co-chair of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, which addresses America's Black maternal health crisis in Congress and advances policy solutions to improve maternal health outcomes and end disparities. Representative Underwood is co-chair of the House Democratic Policy and Communications Committee and serves on the House Committee on Appropriations.

Prior to her election to Congress, she served as a Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), helping communities across the country prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters, bioterror threats, and public health emergencies. As a career public servant at HHS, she also helped implement the Affordable Care Act, broadening access for those on Medicare, improving health care quality, and reforming private insurance. Representative Underwood has taught future nurse practitioners through Georgetown University's online master's program and worked with a Medicaid plan in Chicago to ensure it provided high-quality, cost-efficient care.

She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins University, and a lifelong Girl Scout. Representative Underwood resides in Naperville, Illinois.

## PRESENTER



### Millicent Gorham

*Chief Executive Officer, Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention*

Millicent Gorham was named the inaugural CEO of the Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention (AWHP) in March 2023, having been involved with AHWP as the Chair of its Board of Directors since its creation in October 2022.

Most recently, Millicent served as the Executive Director of Movement is Life (ML), a nonprofit focused on physical activity and improved mobility, reducing and eliminating health disparities, health equity, and improving health outcomes and quality of life. She is also the former Executive Director of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc., which represents 308,000 African American nurses in the United States.

Millicent has more than 35 years of government relations experience, including as the health legislative assistant to Representative Louis Stokes, (D-OH), the coordinator of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust and a member of its steering committee, the assistant director of government relations for the American Optometric Association, and the director of government relations for the National Rural Health Association.

In an advisory capacity, Millicent has been appointed to The Rockefeller Foundation Equitable Vaccination Advisory Council, the Edge Runners National Advisory Council of the American Academy of Nursing, the Simmons University Board of Trustees and the Yale University School of Medicine Equitable Breakthroughs in Medicine Development Advisory Committee.

She is the recipient of several awards, including the National Black Nurses Association 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award, the National Action Network 2021 MLK Day Labor Leader of the Year Award, the American Academy of Nursing 2020 Outstanding Leadership Award, and the University of Massachusetts-Boston Diversity and Inclusion Award. In 2011, Millicent was awarded an honorary degree from her alma mater, Simmons College, and became an honorary fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She holds an MBA from Howard University with a concentration in health services.

## WOMEN'S HEALTH VISIONARY AWARD HONOREE



### Kim Love

*Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Alliances, Amgen*

Kim Love is Senior Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Alliances at Amgen, building critical partnerships between Senate Democrats and various stakeholders to shape effective health policy. With expertise spanning Capitol Hill, industry, and advocacy, she brings a unique perspective to complex health care challenges.

Health care policy has been the cornerstone of Love's career for three decades. During her 12 years on Capitol Hill, she served as Legislative Director for Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) during the landmark passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and worked alongside Chairman John Dingell (D-MI) on the Energy & Commerce Committee. Success in public service led Love to launch her own consulting firm, where she represented patient and provider advocacy groups before Congress and united diverse stakeholders around shared public policy goals. Through shaping legislative strategy at the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR), she secured

crucial federal funding for stem cell research, demonstrating the power of strategic partnerships.

Before joining Amgen, Love gained valuable industry perspective through roles at Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) and the national trade organization PhRMA. A proud Michigan Wolverines fan, she graduated with honors from the University of Michigan and holds an MPP from Georgetown University.

## PRESENTER



### Victor J. Dzau, MD

*President, National Academy of Medicine*

Victor J. Dzau, MD, is President of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), vice chair of the National Research Council, chancellor emeritus of Duke University, and former CEO of the Duke Health System. Previously, he served as chairman of medicine at Harvard and Stanford. Dr. Dzau is celebrated for his contributions as a physician-scientist, administrator, and innovator. His pioneering research led to ACE inhibitors, which revolutionized cardiovascular disease treatment.

At the NAM, Dr. Dzau leads a strategy of innovation and equity, championing the role of health and science in tackling societal challenges. He has made women's health a priority for NAM. The National Academies have produced landmark studies on women's health, including *Does Sex Matter?* (IOM, 2001); *Building Research Equity for Women and Underrepresented Groups* (NASEM, 2022); and *A New Vision*

for Women's Health Research (NASEM, 2024). Following the 2022 Dobbs Supreme Court decision, he convened the NAM Committee on Reproductive Health, Equity, and Society to advise on reproductive health services, workforce, innovation, and population impacts. In 2025, NAM will launch the NAM Scholars in Global Women's Health Research Program to support research leaders in low- and middle-income countries.

A global health leader, Dr. Dzau serves on the World Economic Forum's Global Alliance for Women's Health, co-leads the Regional Vaccine Manufacturing Collaborative, and co-chairs the Science and Technology Expert Panel for the Independent Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat's 100 Day Mission.

## WOMEN'S HEALTH VISIONARY AWARD HONOREE



### Teresa K. Woodruff, PhD

*MSU Research Foundation Professor, President Emerita, Michigan State University*

Teresa K. Woodruff, PhD, is the Michigan State University (MSU) Research Foundation Professor, President Emerita of MSU, and past president of the Endocrine Society. She is responsible for many discoveries, three of which have changed our understanding of fundamental reproductive processes and others that led to a new field of medicine. Notably, Dr. Woodruff and her collaborators discovered the remarkable 'zinc spark' which allows an assessment of egg quality in a non-invasive way, she was the first to mature ovarian follicles, leading to live births of mice outside the body and fertilizable human eggs, and she used this technology to develop pathways for cancer patients receiving life-preserving but fertility-threatening treatments to have a family, a field of medicine known as 'oncofertility'. Additionally, she created the first three-dimensional (3D) printed ovarian 'bioprosthesis' which produced the first live birth from a

printed organ; cloned the inhibin and activin subunits and defined the molecular basis of negative feedback in the reproductive system; and reconstructed an ovarian cycle outside the body in a system now known as EVATAR/Lattice. Dr. Woodruff championed the inclusion of sex as a biological variable in federal grants and in the process, created new areas of education in the reproductive sciences. She was awarded the Presidential Award for Mentoring in Science, Technology, and Math by President Obama and the National Medal of Science by President Biden. Dr. Woodruff is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, National Academy of Medicine, National Academy of Inventors, and the Guggenheim Foundation.

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## Women's Health Research Agenda

In alignment with SWHR's 35th anniversary this year, the Society published its first Women's Health Research Agenda. Published in the Journal of Women's Health, 2025 SWHR Women's Health Research Agenda: Prioritizing Uterine Fibroids, Lupus, and Metabolism highlights persistent areas of need in women's health and serves as a roadmap for stakeholders looking to initiate engagement or increase current efforts in women's health research. The 2025 agenda focuses on uterine health, autoimmune disease, and cardiometabolic health, with special emphasis on uterine fibroids, lupus, and metabolism in women. Read the full agenda at <https://swhr.org/programs/womens-health-research-agenda/>

	Impact on Women's Health	Basic Research 	Health Care 	Disparities 
<b>Uterine Health</b> <b>UTERINE FIBROIDS</b>	Affects women exclusively	Influence of environmental exposures	Role of comorbidities in diagnosis and treatment	Disparities in treatment access and care
<b>Autoimmune Disease</b> <b>LUPUS</b>	Affects women disproportionately	Characterization of clinical biomarkers	Development of tests and guidelines to reduce diagnostic delays	Role of social determinants in disease management
<b>Cardiometabolic Health</b> <b>METABOLISM</b>	Affects women differently	Role of sex and hormones in metabolism regulation across the lifespan	Sex and gender differences in metabolic disease care	Sex and gender influences on weight norms and stigma



## 2025–2026 Policy Agenda

While significant strides have been made in women’s health since SWHR was founded in 1990, there is still much work to be done to achieve optimal health for all women across the nation. The 2025–2026 Women’s Health Policy Agenda serves as a roadmap for SWHR’s policy efforts, identifying priority areas where the Society believes targeted action can drive meaningful progress in the year ahead. Among the top priorities outlined in the agenda are increasing federal funding for women’s health research, ensuring the continuity of the U.S. public health infrastructure, and promoting women’s representation across all levels of science, including within clinical trials. Explore the full agenda at [swhr.org/policy/womens-health-policy-agendas/](https://swhr.org/policy/womens-health-policy-agendas/).

## SWHR’s Policy Advisory Council

The Policy Advisory Council is a forum for thought leaders in industry, nonprofit, association, and other health care stakeholder organizations to support and engage on emerging research and public policy efforts that will improve health care for women. Members work together to develop positions, promote research, and create materials that benefit women’s health.

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## SWHR CURRENT PROGRAMS

### Alzheimer's Disease



Early diagnosis is essential for slowing the progression of Alzheimer's disease, planning for long-term management and care, and maintaining quality of life for both patients and caregivers. This program builds on the foundational scientific, policy, and educational work that SWHR has conducted for more than a decade, discussing research and policy needs and opportunities to improve health and quality of life outcomes in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias for women—both as patients and as caregivers.

### Bone Health



U.S. women have a 50% lifetime risk of fracture starting at age 50, but 84% of Americans are not tested or treated for osteoporosis. This program builds on previous work that examines bone health and its impact on women's health across the lifespan, with a special emphasis on strategies for fracture prevention in at-risk women and engaging women in bone healthy practices as they age and become eligible for Medicare.

### Coalition to Advance Maternal Therapeutics



SWHR oversees the administration of the Coalition to Advance Maternal Therapeutics (CAMT). CAMT was launched in 2014 with the goals of better understanding the safety and efficacy of prescription drugs, therapeutics, and vaccines used during pregnancy and breastfeeding and raising awareness among policymakers and industry about the need to include pregnant and lactating women in clinical trials, where appropriate. The CAMT Steering Committee includes the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Epilepsy Foundation, March of Dimes, Preeclampsia Foundation, Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and SWHR. Its membership comprises nonprofits, medical societies, researchers, and a Corporate Advisory Committee of maternal health industry leaders. Learn more at [safemeds4moms.org](http://safemeds4moms.org).

## SWHR CURRENT PROGRAMS

### Endometriosis Sumitomo Pharma

Endometriosis affects an estimated 1 in 10 women in the United States. It can develop in any girl or woman after the onset of menstruation, but it is most diagnosed in women in their 30s and 40s. The pain of endometriosis can be debilitating, and a diagnosis can take an average of 6.7 years, often with significant physical, emotional, and financial burdens. This program continued to raise awareness of the gaps in research, diagnosis, treatment, and care for endometriosis and supported education for women, health care providers, and policymakers about the impacts of this chronic gynecologic disease.

### Heart Health AMGEN®

Heart disease is the number one killer of women and men in the United States. Sixty million U.S. women are living with a form of heart disease, but only 44% of women recognize heart disease as a risk factor for death. This program explored public health and policy strategies to eliminate barriers to health care access and coverage for women living with or at risk for heart disease.

### Maternal Health Johnson & Johnson

Approximately 700 women die each year in the United States because of pregnancy or delivery complications, and more than 50,000 women survive pregnancy and delivery but are left with significant adverse health consequences. This program elevates discussion about maternal health disparities, with an emphasis on empowering pregnant women with the knowledge, tools, and strategies to engage in care that honors their unique needs and values.

### Menopause



With life expectancies increasing in the United States, many women will spend one-third to half of their lives post-menopause, and experience symptoms that range from hot flashes and sleep disturbances to bone density loss, changes in mood, and genitourinary syndrome of menopause. In its fourth year, this program continues to raise awareness of knowledge gaps and unmet needs related to the menopausal transition across areas of education, clinical care, research, and policy, and promotes healthy living and wellness strategies for women throughout this life stage. The Society's latest menopause work concentrates on promoting menopause wellness in the workplace.

## SWHR CURRENT PROGRAMS

### Midlife Health **Bonafide**

Midlife for women is typically defined as ages 35 to 65 and comprises 63% of women in the United States. This program expands upon the Society's expansive work across its Healthy Aging programs, with a focus on supporting awareness, education, and advocacy surrounding the specific needs of women during midlife in order to reduce health disparities and enhance overall well-being.

### Obesity



Obesity is a serious and rising health epidemic that affects nearly 93 million Americans, and prevalence is predicted to climb to 120 million within the next five years. This program aims to shed light and initiate action on this critical health concern to improve the cardiometabolic health of women living with obesity, with a focus on both the policy needs and scientific gaps.

### Polycystic Ovary Syndrome



Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) is caused by an imbalance of reproductive hormones that affects how the ovaries develop and release eggs each month during the menstrual cycle. Approximately 5-10% of women between the ages of 15 and 44 have PCOS. In its second year, this program provides educational information for women and their health care providers to navigate undiagnosed symptoms and living with PCOS.

### Women's Health Diagnostics



There are more than 100 diagnostic tests and procedures available for detecting diseases and monitoring their progression. These tools can help guide treatments, inform patient decision-making, and promote positive health outcomes throughout one's life. This program highlights the importance and value of innovative diagnostics to improve health outcomes for women across the lifespan and across disease states and conditions, with special emphasis on maternal health and preeclampsia. This program builds on previous initiatives in cancer, reproductive health, and healthy aging.

## SWHR CURRENT PROGRAMS

### Women's Health Dashboard

In 2022, SWHR launched the Women's Health Dashboard – a platform to highlight public health data, research investment and progress, health insurance coverage, and relevant policy implications and actions for diseases and conditions that have the highest burden of disease and mortality rates for women across the lifespan. Through the dashboard, SWHR aims to track progress regarding science, education, and health care policy outcomes for these high impact women's health issues. In addition to the previous focus areas of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, depressive disorders, and ischemic heart disease, the current dashboard will highlight COVID-19, chronic liver disease, and lung cancer – three areas that have significantly increased in their disease burden and mortality among women. SWHR publishes call-to-action reports and updates on the dashboard to highlight solutions to close research and health care gaps in each of these spaces. To learn more and explore the Women's Health Dashboard, visit [www.swhr.org/womenshealthdashboard](http://www.swhr.org/womenshealthdashboard).

### Women's Health Equity Initiative

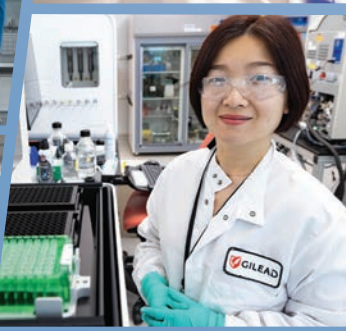


Women in the United States experience health disparities throughout their lifespans due to factors such as sex, gender, social determinants of health, and historic inequities in the health care system. The SWHR Women's Health Equity Initiative highlights statistics on women's health in the United States and aims to engage communities in solutions to improve health equity across various disease states, conditions, and life stages. Through the creation of unique resources that feature patients and caregivers representing diverse subpopulations of women, SWHR is working to end women's health disparities that are based on age, race, ethnicity, geography, and among caregivers. The 2025 initiative focuses are Alzheimer's disease, bone health, cardiovascular disease, maternal health, and menopause. To learn more and support the Women's Health Equity Initiative, visit [www.swhr.org/healthequity](http://www.swhr.org/healthequity).

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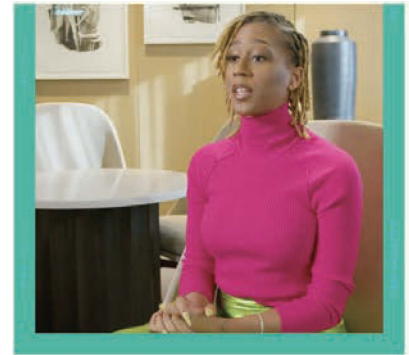
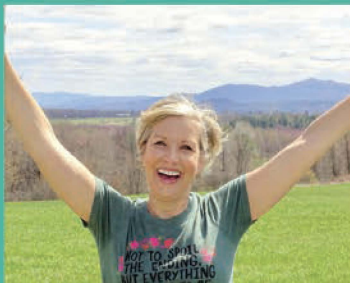
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