



THE RED DRESS IS THE NATIONAL SYMBOL FOR WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE AWARENESS

## ***The Heart Truth* PARTNERS**

*The Heart Truth*, a national campaign for women about heart disease, is sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in partnership with groups committed to the health and well-being of women, including three founding partners:

**The Office on Women's Health** in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is the Federal government's champion and focal point for women's health issues, and works to address inequities in research, health care services, and education that have historically placed the health of women at risk. The Office on Women's Health coordinates women's health efforts in DHHS to eliminate disparities in health status and supports culturally sensitive educational programs that encourage women to take personal responsibility for their own health and wellness. [www.womenshealth.gov](http://www.womenshealth.gov)

**The American Heart Association** is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases, which kill more than 945,000 Americans each year. In February 2004, the American Heart Association launched a complementary campaign, "Go Red for Women," designed to mobilize women to take control of their heart health and invite women to make their health a top priority and live a stronger, longer life. [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)

**WomenHeart: the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease** is the nation's only patient advocacy organization representing the 8,000,000 American women living with heart disease. Founded by and for women heart patients, the organization aims to increase their quality of life and access to quality healthcare through support, information, and advocacy. WomenHeart defends every woman's right to early detection, accurate diagnosis, and proper treatment of her heart disease. [www.womenheart.org](http://www.womenheart.org)

***The Heart Truth* Community Action Program:** Through funds provided by *Heart Truth* partner Diet Coke, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH) have come together to create a competitive grant to address the lack of awareness about women and heart disease called *The Heart Truth* Community Action Program. This program aims to empower community organizations to assist women—especially those of color, low income, or in rural areas—in identifying personal risk factors for heart disease and motivate them to take action to lower their risk such as to take steps for adopting a heart healthy lifestyle.

Check back in February 2009 for recipients of *The Heart Truth* Community Action Program grant!

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HEART DISEASE *doesn't* CARE WHAT YOU WEAR—IT'S THE #1 KILLER OF WOMEN



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**Additional Community, Government, and Nonprofit Organizations Supporting *The Heart Truth*:**

- American College of Cardiology
- American Society of Association Executives & The Center for Association Leadership
- Association of Black Cardiologists
- Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
- Black Women's Health Imperative
- Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.
- General Federation of Women's Clubs
- George Washington University Hospital's Women's Heart Program
- Hadassah
- The League of United Latin American Citizens, Women
- The Links, Inc.
- MANA, A National Latina Organization
- National Association of Latina Leaders
- National Black Nurses Association
- National Coalition of Pastors' Spouses
- National Latina Health Network
- Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
- Sister to Sister: Everyone Has a Heart Foundation
- Spirit of Women
- Society for Women's Health Research

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