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VISION 2020 CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EQUALITY IN ACTION MEDALS

Five pairs of Chicago-area leaders will be recognized for shared leadership among women and men

PHILADELPHIA (July 19, 2011) – Vision 2020, a national project working to achieve equality, is seeking five pairs of women and men that demonstrate shared leadership and make a positive impact on their organizational cultures to honor with **Equality in Action Medals** in **Chicago** on **Oct. 12, 2011** at a public leadership event.

The Equality in Action Medals will recognize these outstanding leaders' contributions during **Kudos & Comedy**, an afternoon program of Vision 2020's second annual congress, **Vision + Action =** *Equality in Motion*, being held Oct. 11-13 in Chicago with visionary leaders from across the country.

To nominate a leadership team, visit <u>drexel.edu/vision2020</u>. The nomination process is simple and asks nominators to describe briefly why this team of leaders deserves a Vision 2020 Equality in Action Medal. Vision 2020 is looking for examples of male/female shared leadership across the professions—from the corporate sector, the nonprofit world, faith-based organizations, and community and volunteer organizations.

Nominations are currently being accepted online through Sept. 6, 2011. All nominators receive a ticket to Kudos & Comedy. Medal recipients will be recognized on stage and through video during Kudos & Comedy, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Oct.12, 2011, at Chase Tower in Chicago.

During Kudos & Comedy, renowned improv troupe **The Second City** will stage a special comedy performance. The event will be followed by a reception, where Vision 2020 Delegates—women leaders from all 50 states—sponsors, Chicago community leaders, and Vision 2020 medal recipients will have the opportunity to exchange ideas.

For more information or to nominate a leadership team, visit <u>drexel.edu/vision2020.</u> For tickets to Kudos & Comedy, email <u>vision2020@drexelmed.edu</u>.

About Vision 2020

Vision 2020 is a campaign to make equality a national priority through shared leadership among women and men. Its first public event was held Oct. 21-22, 2010, when a congress of national delegates, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia, gathered at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia to launch a campaign to move America toward equality by 2020, the centennial celebration of the 19th Amendment. Vision 2020 is a project of Drexel University College of Medicine's Institute for Women's Health and Leadership.

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