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Congressional Women's Softball Announces 15th Annual Game

Washington, D.C. – The 2023 Congressional Women's Softball Game (CWSG) will be held Wednesday, July 12 at Watkins Recreation Center on Capitol Hill. The annual event unites women legislators from both parties to compete against D.C.-based female journalists to raise money for young adults battling breast cancer.

Last year's game raised a record \$537,000 for Young Survival Coalition (YSC), the premier non-profit addressing the unique issues people diagnosed with breast cancer early in life confront, including premature menopause and infertility. CWSG is on track to reach, if not surpass, last year's fundraising total.

"Education and outreach are so critical for women 45 and younger. And this annual game is a fun, competitive way to raise awareness and vital funds for our YSC allies. What makes this year's game especially meaningful to me is that it is the 15th Annual Congressional Women's Softball Game, the 15-year anniversary of my own cancer diagnosis and the 25th anniversary of YSC," said Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), who co-founded CWSG after she was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 41. "These are very significant milestones for me personally. My community of support was crucial as I fought cancer, and YSC's work, along with our annual softball game, helps foster that same type of community to help young women face the unique and tough personal struggles that come with breast cancer."

The team rosters will be announced soon, with several rookies from both parties joining the congressional team. Last year's rosters can be found [here](#).

"As members of the press team, we're honored to do our small part to raise awareness about the risks of breast cancer in young people," said Gretchen Frazee, co-captain of the press team, known as the Bad News Babes. "We have the easy job—going out onto the field and having fun playing a game of softball. It's the Young Survival Coalition and the survivors themselves who are the true heroes."

For the last decade and a half, CWSG has been a staple of the Capitol Hill summer calendar, bringing people across DC together for the common cause of supporting breast cancer patients and survivors. In addition to having raised \$3.1 million and counting, the game promotes awareness about the prevalence of breast cancer in young adults and the importance of screening.

Returning top sponsors include Viatris, AIG, McDonald's, Gilead Sciences, the National Association of Realtors, Purina, Aflac, PepsiCo, Comcast NBCUniversal, Spotify, the Anheuser-Busch Foundation, GE Healthcare, Nike and Visa. Additionally, CWSG is grateful for the support of several new sponsors this year, including The Lennar

Foundation, Siemens Healthineers, American College of Radiology and Tom Manatos Jobs.

Watkins Recreation Center is located at 420 12th Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20003. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale [now](#) or can be purchased at the gate on game day.

For more information about the game, please visit: www.congwomenssoftball.org.

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