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## Two Months Prior to First Pitch, Teams Begin Practice for 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Congressional Softball Game

Washington, DC – Two months before the first pitch of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Women's Softball Game, the women of the Washington Press Corps and Women Members of Congress have started practice. The game will take place on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, to benefit the [Young Survival Coalition](http://www.youngsurvivalcoalition.org) (YSC), a nonprofit focused exclusively on the unique needs of young women diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Each year, when practices begin, I bounce out of bed, bright and early, ready to go and this week was no exception," said **Co-Captain and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, a founding member and breast cancer survivor**. "It was very special to share with my teammates this morning the excitement of our fifth annual Congressional Women's Softball game which also coincides with an important mark for me as a 5 year survivor of breast cancer. I cannot imagine a better way to celebrate either accomplishment than by breaking our game's fundraising record for the Young Survival Coalition and taking the trophy back from the Bad News Babes."

"The press softball team performs an annual civic duty in this game - we are proud to be the common enemy that brings Republican and Democratic women together. But really, if beating Congress helps us beat cancer, then I am all in." - **CQ Roll Call's and Co-Captain Abby Livingston**.

"Women of the media are definitely ready to 'Lean In' to beat Congress and beat cancer." – **Amy Walter, Cook Politico Report and Co-Captain**.

"Young Survival Coalition is in awe of the commitment shown by the women on both teams of the Congressional Women's Softball game to support young women affected by breast cancer," **commented Jennifer Merschorf, CEO of YSC**. "They all get up early and practice before work to get ready for the big game. This event is an amazing show of bipartisan solidarity to ensure no young woman faces breast cancer alone."

### Roster for the women Members of Congress

Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Susan Brooks (IN-5), Cheri Bustos (IL-17), Shelley Moore Capito (WV-02), Kathy Castor (FL-14), Susan Davis (CA-53), Donna Edwards (MD-04), Renee Ellmers (NC-02), Tulsi Gabbard (HI-02), Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY), Colleen Hanabusa (HI-01), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), Jaime Herrera-Beutler (WA-03), Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ-01), Grace Meng (NY-06), Grace Napolitano (CA-32), Kristi Noem (SD-AL),

Martha Roby (AL-02), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (FL-27), Krysten Sinema (AZ-09), Jackie Walorski (IN-02), Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (FL-23)

### **Roster for the women of the DC Press Corps**

Abby Livingston, CQ Roll Call; Tamara Keith, NPR; Jennifer Bendery, Huffington Post; Jill Jackson, CBS; Carrie Budoff Brown, POLITICO; Amy Walter, Cook Political Report; Jill Agostino, New York Times; Christina Bellantoni, CQ Roll Call; Caroline Horn, CBS; Emmarie Huetteman, New York Times; Caitlin Huey-Burns, RealClearPolitics; Elise Foley, Huffington Post; Shawna Thomas, NBC; Kristen Welker, NBC; Kasie Hunt, NBC; Brianna Keilar, CNN; Leigh Ann Caldwell, CBS; Jackie Kucinich, Washington Post; Lisa Desjardins, CNN; Lynn Sweet, Chicago Sun-Times; Dana Bash, CNN.

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The Congressional Women's Softball game brings together women from both sides of the aisle to raise public awareness around young women and breast cancer, as well as critical funds to help YSC address the unique needs facing young women diagnosed with this disease. The game was founded in 2009 by Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO), Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), a young breast cancer survivor herself. Now in its fifth year, the game continues to emphasize a bi-partisan commitment to women's health and fighting breast cancer.

The women Members of Congress will be captained by Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL). The DC Press Corp team will be captained by Dana Bash, CNN; Carrie Budoff Brown, Politico; Brianna Keiler, CNN; Abby Livingston, CQ Roll Call and Amy Walter, Cook Political Report. To learn more about the Congressional Women's Softball game, click [here](#).