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Vice President Biden to Address Female Leaders
on Friday, May 4, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. ET

YWCA Will Be “Shaking It Up” During 2012 Annual Conference, May 3-5

Washington, D.C. – Vice President Joe Biden will address 400 women leaders gathering in Washington, D.C., on Friday, May 4 at 1:15 p.m. ET during the national YWCA USA Annual Conference. He will discuss the historic Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), landmark legislation to prevent and end violence against women and girls.

This year’s YWCA USA Annual Conference, themed “Shaking It Up,” will focus on the unique role of the YWCA nationally and in communities across the country in addressing empowerment and equality issues and in providing programs for women’s health, safety and workforce development. The conference, which will also celebrate the history and future of the YWCA as a national organization, takes place from May 3-5, 2012.

More information is added regularly to the YWCA USA Annual Conference webpage:
www.ywca.org/conference

Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 3
All Day
Capitol Hill Day: Policy Briefing, Meetings at Congressional Offices, Special White House Panel

Friday, May 4

All events to be held at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

8:45-10:00 a.m. Opening Plenary: The Intersection of Racism and Women’s Empowerment in the 21st Century with Clarence Page, Marie Wilson, Victoria DeFrancesco Soto, Lisa Page, and Mercedes Marquez.

10:30-11:45 a.m. Conference Workshops: Women’s Political Leadership, Social Media Empowerment, Exploring the Wealth Gap, Funding Innovations & more.

**1:15-1:45 p.m. ET**
SPECIAL NOTE: Luncheon featuring Vice President Joe Biden
Security requirements and logistical directions for media are forthcoming.

1:45-3:30 p.m. General Session: Innovations in Nonprofit Management with Steve Rothschild and Susan Packard Orr.

3:30-5:00 p.m. Closing Plenary: Strong Foundation. Fearless Future.

7:30 p.m. Women of Distinction Gala Awards Dinner

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Saturday, May 5
All events to be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  YWCA Annual Meeting Closing Brunch:
Celebrating Legacy and Leadership

Stay connected throughout the conference via YWCA’s social media networks:
YWCA Twitter: @YWCAUSA  Conference hashtag: #ywca2012
YWCA Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/YWCA-USA/127821707877
YWCA Blog: http://www.ywcablog.com

About the YWCA
The YWCA is the voice for every woman. For over a century, the YWCA has spoken out and taken action
on behalf of women and girls. The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and
promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Over 2 million people participate each year in YWCA
programs at more than 1,300 locations across the U.S. Worldwide, the YWCA serves more than 25
million women and girls in 125 countries.

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