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BROOKLYN WOMEN'S SERVICES WELCOMES RENOWNED TV HOST RITA COSBY FOR 15th ANNUAL FOCUS ON WOMEN SYMPOSIUM

Brooklyn, NY - March 2011: In celebration of women's history month, Brooklyn Women's Services an affiliate of Maimonides Medical Center, will host its 15th Annual Focus on Women Symposium on Saturday, March 26, 2011.

This year's theme is "Women Who Inspire" and the keynote speaker will be renowned TV Host, Veteran Correspondent and Author, **Rita Cosby**.

Ms. Cosby has been a familiar face on television for more than twenty years, including ten years on Fox News, where she hosted "Fox News Live with Rita Cosby" and "The Big Story with Rita Cosby." She also hosted the top-rated show on MSNBC, "Rita Cosby Live and Direct," where she did live programs across the world, including with US troops in Afghanistan, along the US-Mexico border and in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina.

Rita Cosby is a three-time Emmy award-winning journalist who's interviewed more than a dozen world leaders and four US Presidents. She is currently a special correspondent for the top-rated CBS syndicated TV show, "Inside Edition." She has received the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor, The Lech Walesa Freedom Award, and selected by Cosmopolitan Magazine as a "Fun and Fearless Female." October 11th, 2010 was officially named "Rita Cosby Day" in the State of New York because of her "extraordinary journalism and exemplary service on behalf of her community." Her first book, "Blonde Ambition," was a New York Times Bestseller, and her second, highly acclaimed book, "Quiet Hero: Secrets From My Father's Past," is the most important story of her life. It's a story that will truly inspire women.

"We are so happy to welcome Rita Cosby to our event this year," says Nicoletta Pallotta, MD, LCSW and Director of Brooklyn Women's Services. "Her story is one of hope, inspiration and honor and we are thrilled to be sharing her message with the females in our community during Women's History Month."

The 15th Annual Focus on Women Symposium will begin at 9 a.m. with a light continental breakfast at Sirico's Restaurant located at 8023 13th Avenue. Ms. Cosby's book "Quiet Hero: Secrets from My Father's Past" will be available for purchase for \$20. She will sign copies of purchased books at the event. The event is free, however, space is limited and registration is required. Anyone interested in attending should call (718) 748-1234 or visit www.brooklynwomensservices.com.

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