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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Local Fashion Show Features Individuals with Multiple Sclerosis *The Women of Action Luncheon and Fashion Show raises funds and awareness for the MS community***

**August 1, 2018, Cherry Hill, NJ** – Members of the multiple sclerosis (MS) community are ready to share the runway for a good cause this fall – the **Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA)** invites you to the **[Women of Action Luncheon and Fashion Show](#)** on Friday, November 2, 2018 at the Westmount Country Club in Woodland Park, NJ.

The Women of Action Luncheon and Fashion Show will bring together people with MS, care partners, healthcare professionals, community leaders, and supporters to raise funds and awareness for the free programs and services MSAA provides to individuals with MS. Raising nearly \$60,000 at last year's event, the luncheon provides an opportunity to make a direct, positive impact for members of the MS community. A highlight of the event is a designer handbag auction and individuals with MS will model the latest fashions along with family and friends of the MS community. Chris Wragge from CBS 2 News and Roxanne Evans from News 12 New Jersey will serve as Luncheon Ambassadors and emcees of the day's program.

This year's Women of Action honoree is Karolina Dehnhard, Esq. an attorney with the law firm of Budd Lerner in Short Hills, New Jersey, who has dedicated her time and effort during the last four years as the chairwoman of the Women of Action committee, lending her leadership skills and talents to promote and ensure the event's success. "As a family law attorney, I come across women who are faced with challenges each and every day, forced to reinvent themselves and turn a new page in their lives," said Ms. Dehnhard. "Women who suffer from multiple sclerosis

who go through divorce have an additional challenge to face and overcome through the process, a challenge that our courts do not always fully understand. I will continue to dedicate both my professional career and my volunteer efforts to raise awareness for multiple sclerosis and efforts to combat it, and to come up with real and meaningful solutions to a disease that impacts families throughout New Jersey, the United States, and globally."

Luncheon chairwoman, Korinne Lio, has been a lifelong advocate for individuals with MS. "I continue to work diligently to raise awareness for this important cause – one that has affected my family," said Ms. Lio. "We hope this year's Women of Action Luncheon and Fashion Show is even more successful than the last!"

Along with Ms. Dehnhard, past chairwomen for the event include Barbara B. Comerford, Esq. and Kelly A. Waters, Esq. – these community leaders continue their efforts in raising awareness about MS.

Sponsorship and tickets for the Women of Action Luncheon & Fashion Show are available now at <http://mymsaa.org/womenofaction>. **If you have any questions or need further information about this event, please contact Kaitlyn Gallagher, at [kgallagher@mymsaa.org](mailto:kgallagher@mymsaa.org) or call (800) 532-7667, ext. 122.**

### **About MSAA**

The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA) is a national nonprofit organization and leading resource for the entire MS community, improving lives today through vital services and support. MSAA provides free programs and services, such as: a Helpline with trained specialists; award-winning publications, including MSAA's magazine, *The Motivator*; MSAA's nationally recognized website (at [mymsaa.org](http://mymsaa.org)) featuring award-winning educational videos and research updates; S.E.A.R.C.H.<sup>TM</sup> program to assist the MS community with learning about different treatment choices; a mobile phone app, My MS Manager<sup>TM</sup> (named one of the best multiple sclerosis iPhone & Android apps by Healthline.com); a resource database, My MS Resource Locator®; safety and mobility equipment distribution; cooling accessories for heat-sensitive individuals; educational programs held across the country; MRI funding; My MSAA Community, a peer-to-peer online support forum; a clinical trial search tool; and more. For additional information, please visit [www.mymsaa.org](http://www.mymsaa.org) or call (800) 532-7667.

### **About Multiple Sclerosis**

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a disease of the central nervous system (CNS), which consists of the brain, optic nerves, and spinal cord. MS damages or destroys the protective covering (known as myelin) surrounding the nerves of the CNS, and can potentially injure the nerves as well. This damage causes reduced communication between the brain and nerve pathways. Common MS symptoms include visual problems, overwhelming fatigue, difficulty with balance and coordination, depression and cognitive issues, and various levels of impaired mobility. Many experts estimate that 2.5 million people worldwide have been diagnosed with this disease, and most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 50. MS is not contagious and researchers continue to look for both a cause and a cure.

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