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**Reese Witherspoon and Dr. Brené Brown Speak Out on Women in the Workplace  
7,500 Women Gather in Austin at Pivotal Time for Women In America**

**AUSTIN** – Just days after women played a key role in the 2018 midterm elections, 7,500 women gathered in Austin for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual nonpartisan Texas Conference for Women, headlined by Reese Witherspoon and Dr. Brené Brown.

With the growing focus on women in the workplace, as a result of the #MeToo movement, a 2018 [study](#) that revealed that progress has stalled for women across all levels of corporate America, and other developments, this conference has become a key forum for discussing and advancing women in the workplace.

**Dr. Brené Brown**, researcher and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, discussed the critical role of courage in women’s personal and professional lives today. “Women have this idea that they are supposed to be a certain way in order to be successful, but true success comes from self-acceptance because that allows you to be vulnerable, authentic and imperfect, which takes great courage,” she said.

This nonpartisan, nonprofit event is part of the largest network of women’s conferences in the country that attract an estimated 40,000 women a year in Texas, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and California. Themed “The Power of Us: Amplify Your Voice”, the conferences offer access to some of the most successful women in America and more than 100 experts who share practical skills and strategies related to business, philanthropy, health, finance, media and professional development.

Other keynote speakers included **Shawn Achor**, bestselling author and speaker on happiness and success, and **Nina Shaw**, entertainment lawyer and a founding organizer of Time’s Up.

"This event continues to be Texas’ pre-eminent event for women, and it is a privilege to see so many strong, motivated women supporting each other each year,” said **Carla Pineyro Sublett**, President of the Texas Conference for Women Board of Directors. “We are proud to support this dynamic community of women through this annual conference and all of our year-round resources.”

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