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**Rachael Ray, Delia Ephron, Jenny Lawson, Others to Speak at Texas Conference for Women**

*Austin to host thousands for State's Largest Gathering for Women*

**Austin, TX** - The Texas Conference for Women today announced that celebrity chef, author and businesswoman Rachael Ray, along with Delia Ephron, author, playwright and screenwriter, and Jenny Lawson, founder, The Bloggess and author of the New York Times bestseller *Let's Pretend This Never Happened*, and Holly Gordon, executive producer of the groundbreaking film *Girl Rising*, will appear at this year's Conference, to be held at the Austin Convention Center on November 19, 2013. The lineup of renowned speakers also includes Esmeralda Santiago, award-winning author and filmmaker, diversity expert Vernā Myers, author of *What if I Say the Wrong Thing?*, Sophie Uliano, best-selling author of *Gorgeously Green*, and Bob Beaudine, CEO Eastman & Beaudine, and author of *The Power of Who*. These speakers are among the 100+ to be featured at this year's Conference.

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Conference hosts thousands of women from across the state for a full day of networking, inspiration, professional development and personal growth. Themed "The Power of Possibilities: Define Your Own Success," the one-day Conference features keynote addresses, and breakout sessions led by more than one hundred experts in the fields of business, philanthropy, health, finance, media and professional development. The nonprofit, nonpartisan event draws women of all ages and backgrounds who are interested in building communication skills, leadership strategies and work-life balance tools.

"For thousands of women this special day is a highlight of their year," said Johnita Jones, President of the Board of the Texas Conference for Women. "It is a place to learn, to be inspired and to reinvigorate not only the career, but also the imagination and the soul."

The Texas Conference for Women is generously underwritten by AT&T, Austin American-Statesman, AW Media, Inc., Black Elk Energy, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Charles

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To register or learn more about the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Conference for Women, visit our website at [www.TXConferenceforWomen.org](http://www.TXConferenceforWomen.org) , follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/TexasWomen](http://www.twitter.com/TexasWomen) or like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/texasconferenceforwomen](http://www.facebook.com/texasconferenceforwomen).

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