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**PBS NEWSHOUR ANCHOR JUDY WOODRUFF TO RECEIVE  
LIFELONG LEARNING AWARD AT WHY Y PRESIDENT'S DINNER ON MAY 2**

PHILADELPHIA, March 20, 2012 — WHY Y will honor *PBS NewsHour* senior correspondent Judy Woodruff with its Lifelong Learning Award at the 11th annual WHY Y President's Dinner on Wednesday, May 2.

Woodruff has covered politics and other news for more than three decades at CNN, NBC and PBS and returned to *PBS NewsHour* in 2007 as a senior correspondent and co-anchor. Woodruff served as anchor and senior correspondent for CNN for 12 years, anchoring the weekday political program, *Inside Politics*. She was the chief Washington correspondent for *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour* from 1983 to 1993 and anchored PBS' award-winning weekly documentary series *Frontline with Judy Woodruff* from 1984 to 1990. She was also a White House correspondent for NBC News from 1977 to 1982 and, for the following year, served as chief Washington correspondent for NBC's *Today Show*.

"Just a handful of public figures such as Judy Woodruff tell us stories each night in our living rooms and become part of our lives," said Bill Marrazzo, WHY Y president and CEO. "We are pleased to honor Judy for her distinguished career and commitment to news reporting and public broadcasting."

In addition to her PBS duties, Woodruff anchors a monthly program for Bloomberg Television, *Conversations with Judy Woodruff*. She is a founding co-chair of the International Women's Media Foundation, dedicated to promoting and encouraging women in communication industries worldwide.

Each year at the President's Dinner, WHY Y encourages individual commitment and leadership by recognizing the achievements of a person who initiated positive social change and lifelong learning for all. Past recipients of the Lifelong Learning Award are Tavis Smiley, Carl Kasell, Ken Burns, Gwen Ifill, Charlie Rose, Cokie Roberts, Robert MacNeil and Jim Leher, Charles P. Pizzi, Tom Ridge and Ed Rendell.

The President's Dinner award ceremony will be held in WHY Y's Dorrance H. Hamilton Public Media Commons before a live audience, including hundreds of business and political leaders. The highlight of the gala is an on-stage interview with Woodruff by Terry Gross, acclaimed host of National Public Radio's *Fresh Air*, which premiered as a national program in May 1987.



The presenting sponsor at this year's WHYY President's Dinner is Brandywine Realty Trust. The award sponsor is Bank of America; platinum sponsor, Verizon; and dinner sponsor, Aramark.

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