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All About Women Honors Andrea Willis at 2015 Women Who Inspire Celebration

NASHVILLE - All About Women will honor pediatrician and health care executive Andrea D. Willis, MD May 12 at the **2015 Women Who Inspire** celebration. Willis is senior vice president and chief medical officer for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and an advocate for women's and children's health.

“Andrea Willis has dedicated her career to improving health care for women and children, including those with special needs, and expanding access to care for vulnerable families,” said AAW President Kimberly Vinson, MD. “Her personal and professional mission to help connect women and children with needed services mirrors that of All About Women, and we are grateful for her continuing efforts to positively impact women's lives.”

Willis is a board-certified pediatrician who left her role as an attending physician with Children's Medical Associates in Virginia to work to improve public health as deputy commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Health. She went on to serve as the first director of Tennessee's Cover Kids health insurance program for children before transitioning to BlueCross Blue Shield of Tennessee.

This year's Women Who Inspire celebration will include a silent auction and a wine tasting. The event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at Finer Things Art Gallery at 1898 Nolensville Road in Nashville. Tickets are available for \$50.

All About Women will also announce the recipients of the 2015 Inspiring Women Grant at the May 12 celebration. These funding awards are available to groups of women in Middle Tennessee to spend over the course of one year on a program or activities that will have a long-lasting, positive impact on their health and well-being.

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The Inspiring Women Grant was launched in 2013 to honor All About Women's founder, Sally Smallwood, and her continued dedication to serving the health needs of women. Since 2002, All About Women has connected women with free, engaging resources to balance their lives and improve their health. Learn more about All About Women online at <http://allaboutwomen.org>.

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