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Sheila Wellstone Institute Honors Local Organization

The Sheila Wellstone Institute announced that the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV) is the recipient of the 2011 Sheila Wellstone Institute Outstanding Organization award. WSCADV will receive this prestigious award next week at the Sheila Wellstone Domestic Violence Awareness Event on October 5th, 2011 in Washington, D.C.

One of the goals of the Sheila Wellstone Institute is to acknowledge individuals, elected officials, and organizations that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to safe and healthy homes and communities. It is named for the late Sheila Wellstone, wife of Senator Paul Wellstone, and longtime champion, organizer, and advocate for ending domestic violence.

Cyndi Cook, Executive Director of the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women and member of the Sheila Wellstone Institute Steering Committee, shares why WSCADV was such a clear choice to receive this award. "Sheila Wellstone was an advocate, organizer, and national champion in the effort to end domestic violence in our communities. At every point, she listened to women and responded to what really mattered in their lives. The work of the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence embodies that same grounding in women's day-to-day experience, paired with the vision, passion and skill to really make a difference for women and families."

The October 5th event will also honor Dr. Oliver Williams, a professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul and Senator Patrick Leahy. "I cannot express how humbled and honored we are to receive this award and to be in the company of the other recipients," said Nan Stoops, Executive Director of WSCADV. "We have always tried to enact the Wellstones' vision. This is a tremendous honor."

About the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Founded in 1990 by survivors of domestic violence and their allies, the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a non-profit network of over 70 domestic violence advocacy programs across the state of Washington. We improve how communities respond to domestic violence and work to create a social intolerance for abuse. Our work includes research, training and technical assistance, producing educational tools, promoting domestic violence awareness, and public policy advocacy. To learn more, please visit www.wscadv.org.

About Wellstone Action

Wellstone Action is a national center for training and leadership development in the progressive movement. Founded in January 2003, Wellstone Action's mission is to ignite leadership in people and power in communities to win change in the progressive tradition of Paul and Sheila Wellstone. To learn more, please visit www.wellstone.org.

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