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Kathryn Kolbert Esq., Renowned Public Interest Attorney, to be Honored for Long and Distinguished Career Advancing Reproductive Rights

Kathryn Kolbert Esq. will receive the prestigious Lucretia Mott Award at the WOMEN'S WAY 45th Annual Celebration for her life's work advancing reproductive freedom throughout the U.S.

PHILADELPHIA, PA (May 9th, 2023) - WOMEN'S WAY, the Greater Philadelphia region's leading nonprofit dedicated to gender and racial equity, is proud to announce that Kathryn Kolbert Esq. will be awarded their highest honor, the Lucretia Mott Award, for her long and distinguished career advancing reproductive rights for women and all people.

A renowned public-interest attorney, journalist, activist, and nonprofit executive, Kolbert has been recognized by The National Law Journal as one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America." Kolbert appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court arguing the 1992 landmark case of *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. Her success has been widely credited with saving *Roe v. Wade* – until both *Roe* and *Casey* were overruled by the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* last year.

"Kathryn Kolbert is a true champion of women, girls, and gender-expansive people everywhere," said **Diane Cornman-Levy, Chief Disruptor at WOMEN'S WAY**. "Her bold, committed, and unwavering leadership has been instrumental in advancing reproductive rights and has ignited the spark for generations of future reproductive rights advocates and changemakers. We are honored to recognize her as our 45th Lucretia Mott Honoree."

While her work has had a profound impact nationwide, Kolbert has deep ties to the Greater Philadelphia region. As a graduate of Temple University's School of Law, previous staff attorney at Community Legal Services and Women's Law Project, and thought leader at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center, Kolbert is well regarded for her work in the region and impact she has had on the lives of many individuals and institutions throughout.

"I am deeply honored to receive the WOMEN'S WAY Lucretia Mott Award," said **Kathryn Kolbert, Esq.** "The ability to decide how, when, and with whom to have children is central to women's equality and a fundamental human right. I am proud to have dedicated my career to fighting for reproductive freedom and justice."

Kolbert will receive the Lucretia Mott Award on Thursday, May 18th, 2023 at the WOMEN'S WAY 45th Annual Celebration - the nonprofit's signature annual event and one of the most highly anticipated non-profit fundraisers in the Greater Philadelphia area. This year's theme, Spark Collective Action, will honor the changemakers that are working to make the region one where all women, girls, and gender-expansive people can thrive while also raising crucial funds to support WOMEN'S WAY. To learn more, please visit: womensway.org/spark45

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ABOUT THE LUCRETIA MOTT AWARD:

Established in 1978 to honor the great 19th-century pioneer of women's rights, the Lucretia Mott Award is bestowed annually upon an outstanding American woman or organization whose work reflects a commitment to the values of equity, justice, and peace for all. This award is presented every year at the WOMEN'S WAY Annual Celebration. Past honorees have included Coretta Scott King, Marian Anderson, Gloria Steinem, Lynn Yeakel, Marty Moss-Coane, Dr. Amy Gutmann, Dr. Ala Stanford, and many other incredible women.

ABOUT WOMEN'S WAY:

WOMEN'S WAY is the Greater Philadelphia region's leading nonprofit dedicated to advancing gender and racial equity as a key convener, grantmaker, and educator. Formed in the mid-1970s, they hold a unique place in the nation's history as the first "umbrella" funding federation in the United States that was specifically dedicated to issues such as wage equity, rape crisis, domestic violence, reproductive freedom, and post-incarceration reentry. Since its founding, WOMEN'S WAY has raised more than \$25 million to improve the lives of all women, girls, and gender-expansive individuals, and provide vital support to the agencies that serve them. To learn more, visit womensway.org and follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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