



MEDIA ALERT —
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Media Invitation: N.C. Stroke Association Honors Two Community Leaders on April 14

*NCSA's Women Honoring Women Luncheon will recognize Community Volunteers and Philanthropists
Marian Douglas and Ann Hanes*

- WHAT:** Media is invited to attend the annual Women Honoring Women Luncheon hosted by the N.C. Stroke Association (NCSA). This year's luncheon will honor true community volunteers with a passion for helping others, Marian Douglas and Ann Hanes, whose long-standing support of NCSA is critical in assisting the organization with its mission of promoting stroke prevention and education across North Carolina. The luncheon also recognizes the devastating impact stroke can have on the lives of women throughout North Carolina, part of the nation's Stroke Belt, and introduces May's National Stroke Awareness Month.
- WHO:** Community volunteers and philanthropists **Marian Douglas** and **Anne Hanes** will be honored. Former Senator and chair of the N.C. Board of Economic Development **James Broyhill** will act as Master of Ceremonies. NCSA board member **Regina Hartung**, Senior Director of Service Lines at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, is the guest speaker.
- WHEN:** 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 14, 2011 (remarks will begin at noon)
- WHERE:** Old Town Club, 2875 Old Town Club Road, Winston-Salem, N.C.
- MORE:** Stroke awareness is critically important in North Carolina, which has one of the highest stroke death rates in the United States. Although strokes can be devastatingly debilitating and fatal, they are also highly preventable and treatable with a healthy lifestyle, awareness of key risk factors and knowledge of stroke symptoms.

NCSA works with partner hospitals across North Carolina to promote stroke prevention and education, including community-based screening tools to identify stroke risk factors. The screening process includes an educational component regarding the signs and symptoms of stroke, as well as the critical importance of seeking immediate help. The faster stroke victims seek treatment, the more treatment options they have and the greater likelihood that the stroke can be treated successfully.