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## **Pennsylvania’s Largest Women’s Conference Announces 2021 Event Focused on Helping Women Navigate Work in a Post-Pandemic World**

**PHILADELPHIA, June 17<sup>th</sup>** –Helping women navigate the new post-pandemic world of work—and getting those who lost their jobs due to COVID back to work—will be the focus of the 2021 Pennsylvania Conference for Women on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

“Working women in our region have faced unprecedented pressures since COVID,” said Leslie Stiles, Pennsylvania Conference for Women Board President. “We are committed to offering the strategies, resources, and leadership needed to help all women get their careers back on track.”

The theme for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual event is “Stronger. Wiser. Braver.” It recognizes that no one came out of the pandemic unchanged – and that countless women, exemplified by the Conference speakers, have grown “stronger, wiser, and braver” in the process. The Conference will also address pressing issues, including getting women back to work, navigating the challenges of work-life balance, prioritizing mental health, and more.

**Speakers.** Speakers at this event, which attracted more than 10,000 people in recent years and will be held virtually this year, include:

- Glenn Close, award-winning actress, mental health advocate, and co-founder, Bring Change to Mind, a nonprofit dedicated to encouraging dialogue about mental health
- Laverne Cox, award-winning actress, producer, and equal rights advocate
- Simon Sinek, optimist and best-selling author, *Start With Why*, *Leaders Eat Last*, and *The Infinite Game*.

**Tickets.** Early-bird tickets are on sale through July 16<sup>th</sup> at <https://www.paconferenceforwomen.org>.

**Virtual Career Fair.** Reflecting on the need for bold action, this year’s Conference will also feature a major new career fair to help women out of work land new jobs. The fair is part of a collaboration between the Pennsylvania Conference for Women and numerous local, regional, and national partners.

“Working women are the backbone of countless businesses, families, and communities,” said Laurie Dalton White, Executive Director of the Conferences for Women. “We are grateful to our speakers and sponsors for making this event possible at this critical time for working women.”

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