



Whitman-Walker Health will present its ‘Stonewall Award’ to Congresswoman Sarah McBride on May 6 at Going the Extra Mile event

Washington, DC (April 27, 2026): Whitman-Walker Health, one of the nation’s pioneering institutions focused on the intersection of healthcare, research, and policy, will present this year’s **Stonewall Award** to Congresswoman Sarah McBride on May 6 at its annual **Going the Extra Mile** fundraising event to benefit WWH Legal Services program.



This year’s Stonewall Award is especially significant as it coincides with the 40th anniversary of Whitman-Walker Health’s Legal Services Program, marking it as the nation’s longest running medical-legal partnership.

“Congresswoman Sarah McBride is working to make healthcare accessible to all, and this award recognizes her support of healthcare as a human right. Our legal program supports families facing unprecedented challenges to stay healthy and safe – families that Congresswoman McBride champions with a deep understanding of the issues they face and the legislative expertise of how to support them. We are honored to recognize her,” said Amy Nelson, Sr. Director of Legal Services, Whitman-Walker Health.

“I am honored to accept this year’s Stonewall Award from Whitman-Walker Health—an organization that has spent 40 years doing vital work to ensure every person can access the dignity of care,” **said Rep. McBride.** “In the wealthiest and most developed nation on earth, the ability to receive care should not be a matter of luck—it should be the law of the

land. I am proud to be recognized as a partner in this work and to support Whitman-Walker Health in their mission to build a healthier society for all.”

Congresswoman Sarah McBride serves as Delaware’s At-Large Representative, proudly representing the First State and its people. A lifelong Wilmington resident, she has spent decades in public service and advocacy, working to make government treat people with respect and deliver real results for working families.

In Congress, Rep. McBride is a leading voice for the care economy—championing paid family and medical leave, Medicaid, Medicare, and food assistance. She’s focused on making life more affordable, protecting the programs families rely on, and finding common ground to get things done for Delaware.

Whitman-Walker Health Legal Services arose during the AIDS crisis in response to a federal backdrop of ignorance and hate. In 1986, we began offering free legal help to protect our patients’ individual rights as thousands died and our community responded. Over the decades, we evolved to meet community needs with truth and decency, expanding to advocate for transgender people and immigrants. We have celebrated medical breakthroughs and secured legal wins. Our history gives us the hope, determination, and humility to continue to face today’s challenges. Whitman-Walker Health fought tirelessly for AIDS patients, and now, as we mark our 40th anniversary, our medical-legal partnership continues to rise to the fight – stronger than ever.

About Whitman-Walker Health

Whitman-Walker Health envisions a society where all people are seen for who they are, treated with dignity and respect, and afforded equal opportunity to health and wellbeing. For over fifty years, we have provided comprehensive and inclusive primary medical care, behavioral health care, dental care, family support services, and a range of health-related legal and support services to more than 23,000 individuals and families annually in the greater Washington, DC region. In 1986, we began offering free legal help to protect our patients’ individual rights at the height of the AIDS crisis. Now, in 2026, we mark the 40th anniversary of Whitman-Walker Health Legal Services – the nation’s first medical-legal partnership. At Whitman-Walker Health, our motto “We See You” symbolizes that we see patients, but we see the person first. More info can be found at: www.whitman-walker.org.

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