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## **BRAVEHEART WOMEN ORGANIZATION TO HONOR OUTSTANDING WOMEN AT 2011 BRAVEHEART WOMEN AWARDS**

**Los Angeles, CA (October 25, 2011)** -- The BraveHeart Women organization, an online community of women worldwide led by founder and CEO Ellie Drake, announced today the winners of the 2011 BraveHeart Women Awards, in areas of Compassion, Courage, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Philanthropy and Collaboration. The 2011 winners are:

### **KATHARINE (KAT) KRAMER - BraveHeart Women Compassion Award:**

Founder of **Kat Kramer's Films that Change the World**, and daughter of legendary filmmaker Stanley Kramer, Kat produces films that raise awareness for social issues. Kat Kramer's Films that Change the World's most recent project is the highly acclaimed anti-bullying documentary "Teach your Children Well," narrated by actress Lily Tomlin. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kat-Kramers-Films-That-Change-The-World/199708746736659>

### **SHARON BLYNN - BraveHeart Women Courage Award:**

Actress and cancer survivor, Sharon Blynn is the founder of **Baldisbeautiful.org**, "changing ourselves and the world within and around us, one hair follicle at a time." A self-described, "women's wholeness and cancer awareness advocate," Sharon is actively working to change the fashion/visual image industry to expand the notion of beauty and femininity, to dispel the stigma due to hair loss from chemo, alopecia, or other hair loss conditions. <http://www.baldisbeautiful.org/>

### **LYNN MABRY - BraveHeart Women Innovation Award:**

Accomplished vocalist and business manager, Lynn Mabry is Co-Founder of the **Elevate Hope Foundation** (along with partner, Sheila E.), an organization dedicated to providing abused and abandoned children an alternative method of therapy through music and the arts. <http://www.elevatehope.org/>

### **JANICE BRYANT HOWROYD - BraveHeart Women Entrepreneur Award:**

A proponent of Global Enterprise and Information Technology, and a strong advocate for Women-Owned Businesses, Diversity and Inclusion, Janice Bryant Howroyd, is CEO of **ACT1 Group**, the largest minority woman-owned employment agency in the United States. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Janice\\_Bryant\\_Howroyd](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Janice_Bryant_Howroyd)

### **KELLY STONE - BraveHeart Women Philanthropy Award:**

Kelly Stone is a Co-founder (along with sister, actress Sharon Stone) of **Planet Hope** - an organization that provides medical care, counseling, clothing, and image makeovers to homeless women and women that have been victims of domestic violence. Ms. Stone is also an active supporter of Lupus LA. <http://www.planethope.org/>

### **HANA AVNI / ITAF AWAD - BraveHeart Women Collaboration Award**

**New for 2011:** BraveHeart Women is presenting a special award to two women from the Palestinian/Israeli regions of the Middle East (Hana from the Israeli side and Itaf, from the Palestinian) who, in applying Ellie Drake's formula for collaboration, are committed to working together to bring the women of their regions together. Both true BraveHeart Women, Itaf believes that, "women are the key to change and peace" in her country; Hana also strives for "unity and peace" between all.

### **ABOUT THE BRAVEHEART WOMEN AWARDS**

The 2011 BraveHeart Women Awards will take place at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Los Angeles on Saturday, November 12th, 2011. The red carpet gala is one of an array of spectacular events held during a three-day conference known as **RISE**. The annual Rise conference hosts approximately 500 women from around the world who come together to collaborate and grow on Personal, Professional and Global levels. More information about RISE can be found at <http://www.risela.com/schedule.php>.

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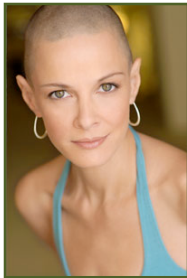


*BraveHeart Women Founder & CEO, Ellie Drake*

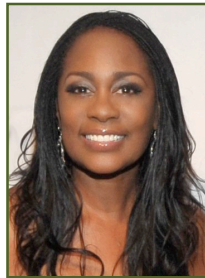
**BRAVEHEART WOMEN AWARD RECIPIENTS, 2011**



Kat Kramer  
Compassion Award



Sharon Blynn  
Courage Award



Lynn Mabry  
Innovation Award



Janice Bryant Howroyd  
Entrepreneur Award



Kelly Stone  
Philanthropy Award



Hana Avni & Itaf Awad  
2011 COLLABORATION AWARD

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