

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE
OPENS NEW WOMEN'S HEALTH EXHIBIT WITH GALA RECEPTION**

More than 400 guests attended a reception on Feb. 1 at the National Museum of Health and Medicine to kick off the opening of the "The Changing Face of Women's Health," an exhibition devoted exclusively to women's health issues. Among the speakers was U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher.

The exhibit, which will remain through Aug. 31, features interactive and multi-media techniques, companion programs, educator outreach materials, and a complementary website -- www.whealth.com.

Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, Metropolitan Life Foundation, and Pfizer Women's Health, the exhibit is sponsored at the National Museum of Health and Medicine by Howard University Hospital, WUSA-TV, and Bonneville International Corporation and its radio stations WGMS-FM, WTOP-AM and FM, and WWZZ-FM. MetLife and Pfizer Inc. funded the reception.

The reception was hosted by Adrienne Noe, Ph.D., museum director. She noted that the exhibit, which recognizes the heightened interest in women's health, examines the success stories of modern medicine and provides a resource for people of all ages wanting to take an active role in learning more about their bodies and the vitality of their futures.

Speakers representing the Department of Defense were Army Maj. General Harold L. Timboe, commanding general at Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Navy Capt. Glenn N. Wagner, director of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; and Army Lt. Col. Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, M.D., program director of Mental Health Policy and Women's Issues in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs.

Representing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in addition to Satcher, were Yvonne Green, R.N., C.N.M., associate director of the Office of Women's Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Dr. Vivian W. Pinn, associate director for Research on Women's Health and director of the Office of Research on Women's Health, at the National Institutes of Health.

Speakers representing national sponsors of the exhibit were Sibyl Jacobson, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer, Metropolitan Life Foundation and Barbara Gerolimatos, Ph.D., director of Scientific Affairs at Pfizer Women's Health. Local sponsors of the exhibit were represented by Dr. Celia J. Maxwell, assistant vice president for health affairs at Howard University; Richard Reingold, president and general manager of WUSA-TV; and Patti Fears, national sales manager at WGMS-FM.