



Statement by Aimee Thorne-Thomsen, Chair, Board of Directors

**Announcing the Appointment of Jessica Arons as President & CEO of the
Reproductive Health Technologies Project**

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project (RHTP) I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Jessica Arons as RHTP's President and CEO. Her appointment takes effect July 15, 2013.

Jessica was selected from a field of extraordinarily qualified candidates. A lawyer by training, Jessica has been working in leadership roles in sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice for the past decade. Most recently, Jessica was Director of the Women's Health and Rights Program at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC. Prior to joining the Center, Jessica served as a Staff Attorney Fellow with the Reproductive Freedom Project of the American Civil Liberties Union in New York City. Among the issues about which Jessica has deep experience and a leadership track record are insurance coverage and funding for abortion for low-income women, as well as access to routine and emergency contraception. In describing her interest in the RHTP President's role, Jessica shared with the Board that, "I understand (RHTP's) commitment to ensuring that all women, especially historically marginalized women, have full access to a complete range of safe and effective reproductive technologies; I have admired and learned from its innovative and groundbreaking communications research; and I appreciate its role as a bridge builder."

Jessica graduated with honors from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary and received her undergraduate education at Brown University, focusing on gender in American Civilization. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the ACLU Foundation of Virginia and an Advisory Board member of Law Students for Reproductive Justice.

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge Board member Liza Fuentes and the members of the Transition Committee. We are also sincerely thankful for Susannah Baruch who has been serving as RHTP's Interim President/CEO, as well as the RHTP staff for continuing RHTP's leadership work throughout this transition.

For more information, please contact Aimee Thorne-Thomsen at aimee@advocatesforyouth.org or Susannah Baruch sbaruch@rhtp.org.

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Founded in 1982, the mission of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project is to advance the ability of every woman of any age to achieve full reproductive freedom with access to the safest, most effective, appropriate and acceptable technologies for ensuring her own health and controlling her fertility. To fulfill this mission, we seek to build consensus in support of an education, research and advocacy agenda for reproductive health and reproductive freedom. We seek consensus through a process of dialogue among diverse communities about technological developments and their global implications.