



## T.J. Martell Foundation Announces NBC's Jenna Wolfe as Host of the *Women of Influence Awards*

Honorees include Marcie Allen, Joann Camuti, Margaret I. Cuomo, M.D., Liz Smith and Lori Stokes and a performance by singer/songwriter Elle Varner



**New York, New York (April 15, 2013)** - The T.J. Martell Foundation for leukemia, cancer and AIDS Research has announced NBC's **Jenna Wolfe** as host of this year's *Women of Influence Awards* to be held **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013** at Riverpark in New York City. Riverpark is located at 450 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street. A reception and silent auction will take place from 11:45am – 12:30pm. The awards and lunch will be from 12:30pm – 2pm. Singer/songwriter Elle Varner will perform at the highly anticipated event. The awards celebration and luncheon will honor five outstanding women who have achieved tremendous goals in business while balancing work, home and health.

Jenna Wolfe serves as the Weekend TODAY newsreader and as a correspondent for NBC News' weekday TODAY where she covers feature stories for America's top-rated morning news program. Wolfe spent 12 years as a sportscaster before joining the Today Show in 2007, where she coincidentally served as an intern back in college.

Her background, like her personality, is spirited. Born in Kingston, Jamaica and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, she moved to the United States in 1989 so her pop culture references only date back to the Cosby Show and Debbie Gibson. She is fluent in French and Creole and her sense of humor is limitless.

A self-proclaimed dare devil and thrill seeker, Wolfe tests the boundaries of her own sanity in her stories. But when she is not in Studio 1A or jumping off a building somewhere, she can most often be found at the gym as health, fitness and personal training is her passion.

The foundation will honor **Marcie Allen**, President, MAC Presents / Director, Beach 119 (Documentary); **Joann Camuti**, Director, Sales Promotions and Community Relations, American Airlines; **Margaret I. Cuomo, M.D.** Author of [A World Without Cancer: The Making of a New Cure and the Real Promise of Prevention](#); **Liz Smith**, famed Journalist, Columnist and Co-Founder of wowOwow.com and **Lori Stokes**, ABC Eyewitness News Anchor

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The event is sponsored by American Airlines, the Official Airline of the T.J. Martell Foundation's Women of Influence Awards.

**ABOUT THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION:**

The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry's largest foundation that funds innovative medical research focused on finding cures for leukemia, cancer and AIDS. The Foundation, headquartered in New York, is a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was founded in 1975 by music industry executive Tony Martell and his colleagues in loving memory of his son T.J., who died of leukemia. The Foundation has provided more than \$250 million dollars for research that supports eleven top hospitals in the United States. This year marks the first time the *Women of Influence Awards & Luncheon* will be presented as an annual event of the Foundation. For more information click on the T.J. Martell Foundation go to [www.tjmartell.org](http://www.tjmartell.org)

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