



**Depression and Bipolar
Support Alliance**

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**Celebrities Join Honorary Advisory Board
of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA)**

(CHICAGO, December 15, 2011) — Patty Duke, Jessie Close, Marya Hornbacher, Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison, Greg Montgomery, and Andrew Solomon are inaugural members of the Honorary Advisory Board of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA), the nation’s leading patient-run organization focusing on depression and bipolar disorder.

“All of the members of our Honorary Advisory Board exemplify that people living with mental health conditions can and do live extraordinary lives unlimited by a diagnosis,” shares DBSA Board Chair-elect, Lucinda Jewel. She continues, “We are immensely honored to have these talented and inspiring individuals as members of our new Honorary Advisory Board, and even more appreciative of the work each has done to increase the understanding of, and to reduce the stigma associated with, depression and bipolar disorder.”

DBSA President, Allen Doederlein, explains, “DBSA was founded with the knowledge that there is something uniquely meaningful about connecting with, and learning from, others who live with mood disorders. This is reflected in all of our programming, including our 1,000 peer-led support groups, as well as in our staff and Board (over 50% of whom live with depression or bipolar disorder). DBSA and this amazing group—of best-selling authors, an Academy Award-winning actor, and an All-pro NFL kicker—on the DBSA Honorary Advisory Board demonstrate that an extraordinary life is absolutely possible for those of us living with mood disorders. Indeed, because of the work of DBSA and individuals like our Honorary Board members, the over 21 million individuals living with mood disorders can be assured they are not alone—hope, inspiration, and support are close at hand.”

To learn more about members of the DBSA Honorary Advisory Board, please visit DBSAlliance.org/HAB.

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*The **Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA)** is the leading patient-directed national organization focusing on depression and bipolar disorder. The organization fosters an environment of understanding about the impact and management of these life-threatening illnesses by providing up-to-date, scientifically-based tools and information. DBSA supports research to promote more timely diagnosis, develop more effective and tolerable treatments and discover a cure. The organization works to ensure that people living with mood disorders are treated equitably. Assisted by a scientific advisory board comprised of the leading researchers and clinicians in the field of mood disorders, DBSA has more than 1,000 peer-run support groups across the country. Nearly five million people request and receive information and assistance each year. DBSA’s mission is to improve the lives of people living with mood disorders. For more information about DBSA or depression and bipolar disorder, please visit www.DBSAlliance.org or call (800) 826-3632.*

We’ve been there. We can help.

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