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ADAP Advocacy Association Announces Opening Keynote Speaker for its 11th Annual Conference

Harnessing power of social media, Jennifer Vaughan fights HIV stigma

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 12, 2018) – The ADAP Advocacy Association today announced that that **Jennifer Vaughan** will deliver the opening keynote at its 11th Annual Conference on September 20-21, 2018. The conference – held in partnership with the Community Access National Network (CANN) – is being themed as "*Mapping a New Course to Protect the Public Health Safety Net.*" It is being held at the Westin Georgetown, located at 2350 M Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20037.

A lifelong resident of California and proud mother of three wonderful children, Jennifer learned she was HIV-positive at age 47. One week later, she was diagnosed with AIDS but Jennifer didn't allow the news to break down her spirits. Rather she grabbed her phone, hit the video record button, and told her story on Facebook. Nearly two years later, Jennifer reached 10,000 subscribers with almost 2 million views on her 90+ videos about living with HIV/AIDS. Since her diagnosis in 2016, Jennifer has blogged for *The Well Project* and *A Girl Like Me*, and in September of 2017, she attended her first US Conference on AIDS. She started an online Women's HIV+ Support Group with over 100 members, and she has become an impassioned supporter of the "Undetectable = Untransmittable" movement. Named *PLUS Magazine's #5 Most Amazing HIV+ People 2018*, Jennifer's passions include surfing, skateboarding and HIV advocacy.

The conference will bring together all ADAP stakeholder groups for two days of programming to discuss current and emerging public policy issues, exchange ideas and develop strategies for effective patient self-advocacy. It will also showcase the **8th Annual ADAP Leadership Awards Dinner on Friday, September 21st at 7:00 pm.**

To register, go to www.adapadvocacyassociation.org.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association or its 11th Annual Conference, please email info@adapadvocacyassociation.org.

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About the ADAP Advocacy Association: The ADAP Advocacy Association mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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