



### Gloria W. Milliken

The Celebrating Women Century Tribute is a unique award presented to a woman whose philanthropy and social activism on behalf of the women and children of New York City has spanned many decades and merits special recognition. On our 15th anniversary we are proud to bestow this honor upon one of our own “founding mothers,” Gloria W. Milliken.

In 1986, Gloria W. Milliken asked Helen Hunt, Joan Melber Warburg, and others to establish a broad-based alliance of New York women dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty for women in New York City. Charged with the mission of “women helping women,” The New York Women’s Foundation began. But Gloria’s place as a tenacious advocate on behalf of the city’s most disadvantaged citizens was already well established.

Her activism began in 1964 when, with the Reverend Norman Eddy, Gloria started the “Hundred Worst Buildings” program in East Harlem. Over the next 38 years she helped to found seven successful nonprofit groups, all of which are still in operation today. They include: Housing Conservation Coordinators Inc., formed to keep low-income families from being displaced during gentrification in Hell’s Kitchen; the Winter Heat Fund, a program to lend money to low-income tenants to buy oil; the Association of Neighborhood Housing Developers, Inc., a city-wide group comprising 40 neighborhood-based housing organizations; and the Eviction Intervention Service, which teaches residents how to advocate on their own behalf to prevent homelessness.

Add to that her involvement with senior citizen organizations, hands-on training programs, and umbrella coalitions, and Gloria is responsible for forming more than 100 tenant associations in New York City. These groups have prevented thousands upon thousands of

New Yorkers from becoming homeless and are now used as models for other humanitarian efforts across the country.

In recognition of her untiring efforts, the Eviction Intervention Service established the Gloria W. Milliken Award for Homelessness Prevention and presented the first award to Gloria last year.

As a fervent housing activist with a passion for community involvement, Gloria has forever changed the face of women’s philanthropy in New York City. For her courage, compassion, and unwavering dedication, we are honored to present to Gloria W. Milliken the 15th Anniversary New York Women’s Foundation Century Tribute.