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New York City Steps Out for The New York Women's Foundation's First Gala

New York, October 3—On Thursday, October 2, The New York Women's Foundation® held its first evening gala, Stepping Out and Stepping Up, at Gotham Hall. The star-studded event, raised \$675,000 for programs benefiting low-income women and families in New York City.

Hosting the event was NYWF® board member and gala co-chair Grace Hightower De Niro. De Niro was joined onstage by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Diana L. Taylor, gala co-chair and Vice Chair of the NYWF Board of Directors.

Bloomberg and Taylor, presented the first Stepping Up Awards to supermodel, businesswoman and philanthropist Iman, New York City School Chancellor Joel Klein, and Klein's wife, Sony General Counsel Nicole Seligman.

“The gala was an evening of great excitement for the Foundation,” said NYWF® President and CEO Ana L. Oliveira, “We take heart that even during these trying economic times, people still stepped up on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers. We would especially like to thank Mayor Bloomberg for showing his support, as well our gala co-chairs Diana Taylor, Grace Hightower De Niro, Somers Farkas, Barbara M. Vogelstein and Susan R. Cullman. Their incredible creativity, passion and commitment made this event possible.”

Also in attendance were three hundred fabulous friends and supporters of the Foundation including Robert De Niro, Gayle King, Damon Dash, Felicia Taylor, and Jaime Niven. Guests were treated to a performance by American Ballroom Theatre Company, who executed a perfect medley of ballroom favorites. The hot ticket for the evening was a group viewing of the Vice Presidential debate.

For more information about The New York Women's Foundation, visit www.nywf.org

The New York Women's Foundation (NYWF) was established in 1987 as a public philanthropy to be a voice for women and a force for change. We are a cross-cultural alliance of women helping low-income women and girls in the five boroughs to achieve sustained economic security through expanded opportunities. We work together to transform the conditions of poverty and to create an equal and just future for low-income women and girls.