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**The New York Women's Foundation Announces \$1.6 Million in Grants to Address Needs of Women and Families in New York City**

*Awards 25 organizations working to advance economic security and justice for women and families across NYC*

New York (January 18, 2017) - **The New York Women's Foundation** (The Foundation) announced a total of \$1,605,000 in grants awarded to 25 organizations working to promote economic security and justice for women and families throughout New York City. Building on The Foundation's history of success, these investments show strategic growth and continue to strengthen their position as the premier women's fund in the country.

The grants address a range of issues across The Foundation's core focus areas of Economic Security, Anti-Violence & Safety, Health, Sexual Rights, and Reproductive Justice. In addition to focus areas by issue, they also transverse strategies integral to long-lasting change, including individual transformation, community engagement, mobilization, and systemic change.

Through key investment strategies, The Foundation is working to strengthen efforts that:

- Support girls, young women, and gender fluid youth of color to achieve their full potential to accelerate a shift towards gender and racial equity
- Deepen support of emerging grassroots organizations serving historically underinvested communities
- Develop partnerships with stakeholders and community members with place-based solutions promoting safety and security
- Strengthen efforts that eliminate the sexual exploitation of girls and transgender youth in NYC, and build shared ground for collective action against sex trafficking of minors.

Taken together, these grants address a continuum of complex needs faced by women, girls and families living at or below the poverty level. In 2016, The New York Women's Foundation distributed a total of \$7.6 million including \$250,000 in capacity building and technical assistance grants, and \$2.11 million as the administrator of The NYC Fund for Women and Girls in NYC. Since 1987, The New York Women's Foundation has distributed over \$58 million to over 350 organizations working to meet the needs of women and families across New York City.

The complete list of grants follows:

**A Better Balance** General Operating Support \$75,000

**A CALL TO MEN** New York Program \$100,000

**Center for Anti-Violence Education** Community Alliance Against Violence & Pride Protectors \$60,000

**Center for Court Innovation** Creating Change for Children Project \$60,000

**Center for Family Life/SCO Family Services** The New York City Cooperative Development Initiative \$75,000

**City Bar Justice Center/Association of the Bar of the City of New York** Fund, Inc. Trafficking and Empowerment Program (T-PEP) \$60,000

**Community Connections for Youth, Inc.** Girls & Women Leadership Development Program \$60,000  
**Correctional Association of New York** Women in Prison Project \$75,000  
**Covenant House New York** Covenant House Anti-Human Trafficking \$60,000  
**Day One New York** Anti Domestic Sex Trafficking Program \$60,000  
**DRUM - Desis Rising Up & Moving** General Operating Support \$60,000  
**Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS)** Support Services for Commercially Exploited and Domestically Trafficked Girls and Young Women \$80,000  
**Lilly Awards** The New York Women's Foundation Apprenticeship Award \$30,000  
**LiveOn NY (formerly Council of Senior Centers and Services)** Elder Abuse Initiative \$75,000  
**Minkwon Center for Community Action** Advocacy and Organizing \$60,000  
**National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health** New York Latina Advocacy Network (NY LAN) \$60,000  
**Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc.** General Operating Support \$60,000  
**Neighbors Together** General Operating Support \$60,000  
**NICE (New Immigrant Community Empowerment)** General Operating Support \$60,000  
**P.A.'L.A.N.T.E. Harlem** General Operating Support \$60,000  
**Participatory Budgeting Project** Participatory Budgeting in New York City \$75,000  
**Resilience Advocacy Project** General Operating Support \$60,000  
**The Door** – A Center of Alternatives Runaway and Homeless Youth Program \$60,000  
**United Women Firefighters** General Operating Support \$60,000  
**VOCAL-NY (Voices of Community Activists and Leaders)** Civil Rights and Housing Organizing \$60,000

### **About The New York Women's Foundation**

The New York Women's Foundation creates an equitable and just future for women and families by uniting a cross-cultural alliance that ignites action and invests in bold, community-led solutions across the city.

### **About The NYC Fund for Girls and Young Women of Color:**

The NYC Fund for Girls and Young Women of Color is the first fund of its kind in the United States, bringing together a growing and evolving collaboration comprised currently of 16 foundations committed to increasing philanthropic investments for advancing the leadership of girls and young women of color toward cultural and systemic change. The 2016 members of the NYC Fund for Girls and Young Women of Color are the Andrus Family Fund, Brooklyn Community Foundation, Cricket Island Foundation, Ford Foundation, Foundation For A Just Society, Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation, Ms. Foundation for Women, New York Community Trust, The New York Women's Foundation North Star Fund, NoVo Foundation, Pinkerton Foundation, Scherman Foundation, Schott Foundation, Surdna Foundation, and Third Wave Fund.

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