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NYWF Announces \$1 million Hurricane Sandy Response & Recovery Fund

Driven by our 25 year commitment to supporting the economic security of women and girls, serving the needs of the most vulnerable communities, and remaining responsive to the changing needs of New York City women and their families, we are announcing the establishment of The New York Women's Foundation Hurricane Sandy Response and Recovery Fund which will commit up to \$1 million over the next 4 years, as needed. The fund will provide both immediate and long term financial support to current and former grantee partners so they can restore, enhance and sustain their capacity to work with women and families towards stability and safety in those communities hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy in NYC.

We are committing to immediately distribute \$250,000 to provide assistance in this time of great need. Beginning in 2013, The Foundation will assess continuing needs and designate up to \$250,000 annually, through 2015, to address the longer term economic security, safety and health needs that may continue to be heightened for these families due to the lingering and extended effects of Hurricane Sandy's disruption.

In the immediate aftermath of the storm, we reached out to our grantee partners, assessing their needs and directing them to additional resources where possible. Many of the women and families they serve were already economically insecure and living in unsafe environments, and now as a result of the hurricane are facing additional and often overwhelming barriers when trying to secure safety and stability. We learned both of their immediate needs for supplies, transportation, power and critical safety measures, as well as major concerns regarding the long term effects of the storm: such as loss of income, housing, and mental and emotional support for so many women and their families in devastated communities.

We will leverage our incredible network of over 280 grantee partners who work effectively toward providing economic security and justice for women and girls in New York City, to get help on the ground where it's needed most. Our fund will support grantees partners who are already serving areas most devastated by Hurricane Sandy including Broad Channel, Classon Point, City Island, Coney Island, Far Rockaway, Lower East Side, Red Hook, and Staten Island.

For more information please visit our website, Facebook and Twitter pages for information regarding volunteer opportunities, resources, and other updates. We encourage you to spread the word to your family and friends about our Fund and the dedicated work of our grantee partners.

Please invest in your City and your Foundation.

Thank you for your generous partnership and for joining us in supporting those who are working tirelessly to serve the women and families in these communities and to restore this great city.

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