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New York, NY—Sept. 14—Senator John Sabini and Council Member Helen Sears joins The New York Women's Foundation® (NYWF®) in honoring two dynamic and visionary women leaders in Queens at its annual Neighborhood Dinner. The Helen LaKelly Hunt Neighborhood Leadership Award was established to promote the power of women acting in and for their communities and to honor women who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and committed involvement in neighborhood-based work on behalf of women and girls.

"I am glad that NYWF has chosen to host their annual event in our district' stated Councilmember Helen Sears. I believe that they will not only enjoy some delicious food but also see that the wonderful diversity that comprises our neighborhood reflects the populations these women work hard to serve."

This year's recipients are Luna Ranjit, co-founder and the Executive Director of the Long Island Citybased Adhikaar for Human Rights and Social Justice. Adhikaar addresses women's rights, domestic violence and access to reproductive health in the Nepalese community and Maria Archila, Executive Director of the Latin American Integration Center. The Keynote Speaker for the event is Purvi Shah, the Executive Director of Sakhi for South Asian Women. Ms. Shah is also an NYWF® board member.

"Ana Maria and Luna give many women in Queens the guidance and strength they need to overcome hardships like poverty and cultural alienation," said Senator Sabini. "I am proud to honor them and the New York Women's Foundation which has a long record of helping women and girls become successful New Yorkers."

The event will be held on Thursday, September 20, from 6 to 9p.m. at the Jackson Diner. To RSVP, please contact Dana Micheli at 212.261.4663 or at [dmicheli@oldnywf.gbtesting.us](mailto:dmicheli@oldnywf.gbtesting.us).

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. For more information go to [www.nywf.org](http://www.nywf.org)