

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

**The Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation will honor New York Women's Foundation® at their celebrating Bronx women entrepreneurs event**

New York, NY—On March 31, 2009, The New York Women's Foundation® (NYWF®) will be honored by Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation, during its Celebrating Bronx Women Entrepreneurs event. The award ceremony will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009, 8am – 10am, at the New York Botanical Garden, located at 2900 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY.

NYWF® is being honored for its significant contributions in fostering the efforts of women entrepreneurs and of nonprofit organizations by providing vital social and economic empowerment services to the women of New York.

The Guest Speaker will be Shirley Rodriguez-Remeneski, a statewide recognized figure for Latina Leadership development. Ms. Remeneski is the President of 100 Hispanic Women, Inc. ([www.100hispanicwomen.org](http://www.100hispanicwomen.org)). The organization started the Latina Leadership Institute in 2002, offering scholarships and support to help young Latina become the leaders of tomorrow. Ms. Remeneski also headed New York State's entrepreneurial development efforts as Vice President at the Empire State Development Corporation.

—We are honored to recognize the incredible contributions of Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation. Their vision, transformational leadership and dedication, has had a tremendous impact in the lives of women and families in the Bronx, ll said Ana Oliveira, President and CEO, NYWF® —They embody what is possible when each of us invest in making our communities a better place for everyone to live and work."

The Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation (HPEDC) was established in 1988 as a not-for-profit economic development corporation with the aim of improving and enhancing the diverse and challenging Hunts Point business environment. Included in the mission of HPEDC is service provision for local businesses, the cultivation of entrepreneurship and the empowerment of local residents to participate in the local economy.

Since 2001, HPEDC has been administering the U.S. Small Business Administration-sponsored Hunts Point Women's Resource Center, the first-ever women's business

center in the Bronx. The Center provides technical, educational and financial assistance to entrepreneurs and small businesses of the Bronx, as well as bilingual English/Spanish entrepreneurial training. Since 2001, more than 700 micro-entrepreneurs have been assisted by the Center.

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)