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**The New York Women's Foundation® Names Ana Oliveira as New President
and Chief Executive Officer**

New York, New York (January 18, 2006) – The Board of Directors of The New York Women's Foundation (NYWF) today announced the appointment of Ana Oliveira as the organization's President and Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Oliveira is a recognized leader in the health, human services, and social justice fields for more than 20 years, developing programs that have focused on the needs of women, substance abusers, prisoners and other underserved populations.

"Ms. Oliveira's public service successes and commitment to social justice issues will contribute greatly to the Foundation's work to empower women and girls to compete economically on a level playing field in society", said Barbara Wynne, Board Chair of The Foundation.

"Gender inequities and poverty are societal factors that often deter women and girls from achieving their potential. I am looking forward to working with the Foundation and its constituents to build on the Foundation's prominence and strong history of providing support and a voice for women to overcome these challenges. I am eager to sustain and expand the Foundation's remarkable ability to build partnerships between and among women who have the resources and the will to give, women who lead their communities and teach us so much about their neighborhoods and their needs, and women who are battling violence, inequity, and poverty on a daily basis", said Ana Oliveira.

Ms. Oliveira was previously the Executive Director of Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), the nation's first AIDS service and advocacy organization. She served as Director of Women's Educational Services and later as their Managing Director of Program Services before being appointed Executive Director, in 1999. While at GMHC she oversaw the establishment of ground-breaking initiatives, such as the Institute for Gay Men's Health and the Women's Institute. Prior to GMHC, Ms. Oliveira directed programs at the Osborne Association, Samaritan Village, and developed innovative acupuncture-based treatment approaches for the treatment of substance abuse at Kings County and Lincoln Hospitals.

In 2004, Ana was appointed by Mayor Bloomberg to the New York City Commission on AIDS, and was profiled in the July 18, 2005 issue of Newsweek as part of a new series, "America's Best," honoring ordinary individuals who use their extraordinary vision to make a difference. She has also received a commendation by the Office of the Comptroller, City of New York, and awards from the Association of Hispanic Healthcare Executives and the New York City Mayor's Office of AIDS Policy Coordination.

Other awards and acknowledgments include the Mutual Welfare League Certificate by the Osborne Association; the Liberty Award from the Lambda Legal and Education Defense Fund; the Community Service Award from the Empire State Pride Agenda; and NY State Senate Democratic Conference Community Civil Rights Award. Ms. Oliveira will begin her new position on February 21st, 2006.

The New York Women's Foundation is a cross-cultural alliance of women helping low-income women and girls achieve sustained economic security by providing financial support to programs led by women and girls, offering leadership to promote effective public policy and philanthropic giving, and promoting leadership and alliances among women and girls. For more information about the NYWF call 212-414-4342 or visit www.nywf.org.