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, 2016) - 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 $8.11 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

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