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### **The New York Women's Foundation® Elects Nine New Members to its Board of Directors**

New York, NY —The New York Women's Foundation® (NYWF®) is proud to announce its new leadership structure and the election of nine new members to its board of directors.

Antoinette E. La Belle and Rhonda Joy McLean were elected to serve as Co-Chairs of the 2008 Board of Directors. As Co-Chairs, they will accelerate the expansion of The Foundation's work at this important time in its history.

"We are honored to serve at this moment of great growth and impact of the Foundation towards improving the lives of women and girls in NYC. With our shared knowledge we seek to continue to expand the work of the Foundation towards its 25th Anniversary and beyond. We are very mindful of the trust the Foundation has placed in us to serve the community, and feel it is a privilege to do so."

The Board is happy to welcome its new members: Sayu V. Bhojwani, Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, Susan Rita Cullman, Grace Hightower De Niro, Somers Farkas, Lisa M. Holton, Yvonne S. Quinn, Rossana Rosado and Purvi Shah.

"We are very excited with our new leaders and welcome amazing new women who will bring their skills, experience and passion to the board," said NYWF® President and CEO Ana L. Oliveira. "We also say a reluctant farewell to our departing members, Martha M. Ferry, Silda Palerm, Rosemonde Pierre-Louis and Barbara Brizzi Wynne, who served as the Chair of the Board for the past three years and through her inspiring guidance leaves The Foundation stable and thriving. We are honored to have worked with them, and we thank them for their leadership and their tireless commitment to the mission of the 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. For more information, visit our website at [www.nywf.org](http://www.nywf.org).