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With 18 million women in poverty nationwide, and with women at the financial helm of two-thirds of U.S. families, supporting women’s economic security is more critical than ever.

Washington, D.C.— Today The New York Women’s Foundation (NYWF) joined 27 public U.S. women’s foundations, along with the Women’s Funding Network, in announcing Prosperity Together, a five-year, $100 million funding initiative to create opportunities and break down barriers to women’s economic security across the United States. This announcement, made at the White House’s Advancing Equity for Women and Girls of Color Summit highlighted the dire situations of low-income women across the country who face poor working conditions, insufficient wages, and lack of support for their overall wellbeing. Prosperity Together will build on the over 30 years of expertise and leadership of U.S. women’s foundations to fund programs that have proven effective nationwide including job training, child care, and research.

Women’s economic security has been a cornerstone of The New York Women’s Foundation’s work for 28 years. As the largest grantmaking women’s foundation in the U.S., NYWF has given over $50 million dollars since their founding, investing in programs across New York City that support the health, safety and economic security of women and families. The New York Women’s Foundation continues to seek out innovative strategies that address the changing needs and complex lives of women. NYWF’s grantee partners include worker cooperatives, entrepreneurship programs, and workplace advocacy organizations, recognizing that ownership,
flexibility, and choice are critical to the economic security of women and their families.

“For 28 years, The New York Women’s Foundation has supported women across the full spectrum of their lives, developing research, forging partnerships, and listening to community leaders in an effort to provide the right support where it is needed most. We know that low-income women, trans women, immigrant women, and women of color have been historically underinvested in and excluded from opportunities for advancement. Despite this, they have showed tremendous resilience as providers for their families and communities. We are proud to continue this work as a key leader in Prosperity Together, reaffirming our commitment to the economic security of women and families.” Ana Oliveira, President & CEO, The New York Women’s Foundation

About The New York Women’s Foundation:
The New York Women’s Foundation is a voice for women and a force for change. We are a cross-cultural alliance of women catalyzing partnerships and leveraging human and financial capital to achieve sustained economic security and justice for women and girls. With fierce determination, we mobilize hearts, minds and resources to create an equitable and just future for women, families and communities in New York City. For more information, visit www.nywf.org.