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### **Women Business and Civic Leaders Elected to Board of Women's Charity**

New York, NY -- The New York Women's Foundation (NYWF) announced that five women were elected to serve as new members of their Board of Directors. Elected were: Tuhina De O'Connor, Executive Director, New York Asian Women's Center; Julie Fontaine, Vice President of Publicity and Marketing, Cowboy Pictures; Carolyn Buck Luce, Partner, Ernst & Young; Laura M. Schachter, Dean for Diversity and Compliance at Hunter College; and Brande Stellings, Senior Litigation Counsel, NBC. New officers were also elected. Abigail E. Disney, President, The Daphne Foundation, was elected to serve a second year as President. Lisa Philp, Vice President of the Global Foundations Group at JP Morgan Private Bank and Hali Lee, a documentary filmmaker will be Vice Presidents; Lisa Holton, Senior Vice President and Publisher, Global Children's Books at Disney Publishing Worldwide is Secretary. Martha M. Ferry, Director of Finance & Administration at the Association of Junior Leagues International, will be Treasurer for a second year.

Also elected to serve as leaders of the NYWF Committee for the Future were: Maria Deknatel, a Director of The Stoneman Family Foundation, Chair. Meeka Bondy, Vice President of Legal Affairs for AOL Time Warner Interactive Video Group and Melanie Mullan, Consultant to The Center for Advanced Emotional Intelligence, were named Vice Chairs.

The New York Women's Foundation was founded in 1987. It is 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 pursue our mission by: providing financial support to projects led by women which seek to overcome fundamental barriers faced by women and girls; offering critical leadership to promote effective public policy and responsible philanthropic giving to benefit low-income women and girls; promoting leadership and alliances among women and girls that offer opportunities for individual, organizational, and community development.

This May the Foundation awarded \$1 million to 37 nonprofit organizations in New York City. Since its founding it has awarded over \$8.3 million to help make New York a better place for all women and girls.

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