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The New York Women's Foundation Praises Governor Cuomo's Office and Advocates for Advancing Economic Justice for Women and Families in New York

New York, NY (January 11, 2018) – Women's economic security is more critical than ever with now more than two-thirds of American households being supported by women as the primary or co-breadwinner. And yet, the racial and gender wage gaps persist with Black women in the U.S. making 64 cents and Latina women making 54 cents as compared to their white male counterparts for the same work. New York has made great progress on advancing economic security for women and families, and yet there is much work to be done.

The New York Women's Foundation applauds Governor Cuomo's office for today's announcement of the 2018 Women's Opportunity Agenda for New York, which highlights issues that are critical to the lives of women and families including steps to address maternal mortality rates, combatting sexual harassment in the workplace, and promoting women's leadership and Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBES). We are proud to serve as a member of the first-ever New York State Council on Women and Girls, joining key leaders in academia, advocacy, business, and media in promoting economic justice for women and families in New York.

We commend and will continue to support our grantee partners who have been key leaders in advancing policies that promote economic security, safety, and overall well-being for women, families and communities. We are proud to follow these advocates as they continue to uplift the critical needs of their communities and provide solutions that can create a state and city where women and families thrive, thus providing a national model for progress.

For more information on the 2018 Women's Opportunity Agenda for New York, [click here](#).

About The New York Women's Foundation

Since 1987, The New York Women's Foundation has advanced a dynamic philanthropic strategy based on the fundamental reality that, when women thrive, their families and communities also thrive. The Foundation is the largest women-led grantmaking organization in the United States, and one of the top two in the world. We invest in women-led, community-based solutions that promote the economic security, safety, and health of the most vulnerable women in New York City. We foster women's leadership, create partnerships that spark catalytic change, exchange insights with experts across sectors, and empower women by training them in activism and philanthropy to accelerate and sustain forward progress. Visit <http://www.nywf.org> to learn more about our work to transform lives, families, and communities – and create a better New York City for all.

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