The New York Women’s Foundation Elects New Board Co-Chairs and Welcomes Five New Board Members

(June 26, 2019 – New York, NY) – The New York Women’s Foundation (The Foundation), one of the largest women-led grantmaking organizations in the United States, announces new leadership of its Board of Directors. Members Grainne McNamara and Yvonne Moore have been elected Co-Chairs. Michèle O. Penzer now serves as Vice Chair/Treasurer.

Joining them on the Board of Directors are five new members whose exceptional capabilities, experience and shared commitment to economic, gender and racial justice make them significant additions.

The new Board members are:

Mary Baglivo: Ms. Baglivo is the Founder and CEO of The Baglivo Group, a brand consultancy practice for higher education, not-for-profit and commercial organizations. Prior to founding her advisory group, she served as Vice Chancellor for Communications and Marketing at Rutgers University. In 2011, Ms. Baglivo received the AAF Diversity Achievement Award, Industry Career Achiever and in 2006 was named New York Advertising Woman of the Year by the Advertising Women of New York.

Noorain Khan: Ms. Khan serves as Director in Ford Foundation’s Office of the President where she oversees grantmaking from the foundation’s Reserves Fund and leads cross-foundation strategic projects and initiatives. Previously, she was chief of staff to Wendy Kopp, CEO and co-founder of Teach for All and founder of Teach for America. Ms. Khan serves on the board of Girl Scouts of the USA and has sat on the boards of Libraries Without Borders and the Association of American Rhodes Scholars.

Tomasita Luz Sherer: Before her work as a member of the Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations practice group at DLA Piper, Ms. Sherer was MetLife’s corporate counsel for a decade, where she was the founding co-chair of its legal affairs pro bono program and co-chair of MetLife's pipeline programs committee.

Haydee Morales: With more than thirty years of experience, Ms. Morales has worked in organizations such as Planned Parenthood of New York City and the Committee for Hispanic Children and Families and the Hispanic AIDS Forum. She is Founder of Casa Atabex Aché, a community-based women’s health action organization in the South Bronx. She previously served as Director of Latino Initiatives of the national office of the March of Dimes.

Margarita Rosa: Appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo, Ms. Rosa was the first Latina woman and, at the time of her appointment, the youngest person to serve as the Commissioner of the New York State Division of Human Rights. From 1995-2015, she was Executive Director of the Grand Street Settlement in NYC, where she oversaw the delivery of early childhood education, after-school programs and support for adults of all ages to more than 10,000 New Yorkers annually. Ms. Rosa has served on the Boards of Directors of several not-for-profit organizations and as a Trustee of Princeton University.

Ana Oliveira, President and CEO of The New York Women’s Foundation, said, “We are pleased to welcome this impressive and accomplished group of women to The New York Women’s Foundation’s
Board. Their exceptional capabilities, experience and fierce commitment to social justice make them wonderful additions to our organization. I thank them for their time and commitment and look forward to working with them along with Grainne McNamara and Yvonne Moore, our new Co-Chairs, and Michele Penzer, our new Vice President/Treasurer, to ensure that all our City’s women and families thrive and lead healthy, safe lives.


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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’s grantmaking places it at the top of public women’s foundations in the United States, and in the top two in the world. We invest in women-led, community-based solutions that promote the economic security, safety, and health of women and families 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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