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New York Women's Foundation to Honor Women of Queens at Annual Neighborhood Dinner

(New York, NY) October 21, 2004 -- Two women community leaders of the Bronx were honored by The New York Women's Foundation (NYWF) at a dinner at Hostos Community College yesterday. The Honorees were Jane Sung E Bai, executive director of CAAAV: Organizing Asian Communities, a group that works for the rights of immigrant domestic workers, welfare recipients, and young people, among other groups; and Alexie Torres-Fleming, founder and executive director of Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice, a center dedicated to youth, community development and organizing.

This New York Women's Foundation event brought together a who's-who of New York's philanthropic and grassroots community for a special celebration of women in the Bronx.

The featured speaker was Gladys Carrión, executive director of Inwood House. Audrey Puente, meteorologist, CBS 2, was emcee. Yaya, an Afro-Caribbean percussion and vocal group made up of women of Puerto Rican and Dominican backgrounds, performed.

"The NYWF encourages and celebrates women, like our awardees, who are developing solutions to the challenges in their own neighborhoods and communities. Women like Jane Sung E Bai and Alexie Torres-Fleming have contributed to the incredible renaissance of the Bronx," said Hollis Cohen, the Foundation's executive director.

The 18 year-old New York Women's Foundation is a philanthropic organization where the donations of hundreds of women are pooled to fund grassroots nonprofits throughout the five boroughs. This year, the Foundation gave over \$1 million in grants to help New York City's low-income women and girls. The Neighborhood Dinner celebrates a different neighborhood every year. Previous dinners have been held in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Chinatown, and Harlem, and Astoria.