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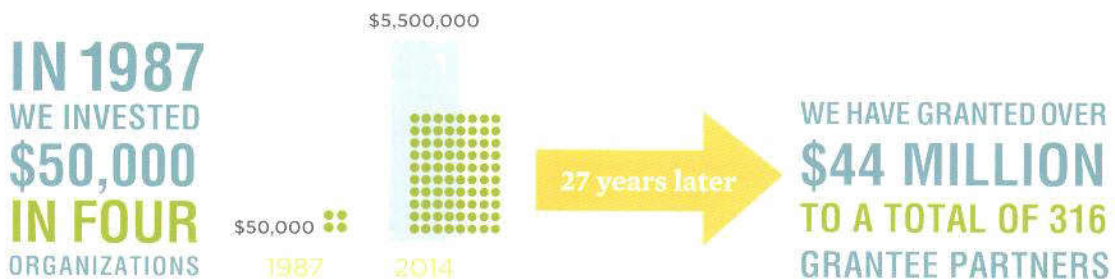
*IS A VOICE FOR WOMEN AND A FORCE FOR CHANGE*

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.

We advance the lives of women and families by funding organizations that promote the economic security of women; their right to live safely and without violence; their health, sexual, and reproductive rights.

We are women-led: everyone has an equal seat at the table. We take risks, partnering with new organizations that offer ground-breaking solutions. We believe that problems and their solutions are often found in the same place.

In our 27 years, over 6 million women and girls in New York City have been served by 316 Foundation-supported organizations that promote economic security, safety, and health.



We are now one of the top three women's funds in the world, and the largest grantmaking women's foundation in the United States.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND PRESIDENT & CEO

We start our letter with enormous gratitude for your generous support this past year! Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our grantee partners—and with you by our side—2014 was a year of transformative work for The New York Women's Foundation.

2014 marked the end of our bold, 5-year initiative—RISE-NYC! (Respond, Inspire, Solve, Engage)—which began in 2009, during the recession, at a time of philanthropic retrenchment. The Foundation took swift action in deepening our investment in the hardest hit communities. Consequently, 30,286 women and families were able to meet their challenges and regain economic stability.

Our Hurricane Sandy initiative, now entering its third year, supports the response and recovery of low-income communities hit by the storm. Going beyond addressing the emergency needs of such communities has proved to be necessary; our initiative is enabling affected women and families to rebuild their lives.

Our Initiative Against the Sex Trafficking of Minors continues to focus on the critical importance of early intervention, and the integration of prevention-focused strategies into programs that address at-risk youth.

In 2014, The Foundation supported three other initiatives. The Healthy Aging Initiative expands our grantees' capacity to enable older women to thrive and live in dignity. The Collaborative Bridge Partnership fostered dynamic and effective alliances between organizations, while our ongoing relationship with Citi Community Development—placing women corporate leaders on nonprofit boards—strengthens the sustainable capacity of our grantee partners.

Last year, as we expanded our efforts in public and private domains to enhance community-led innovations, we were gratified by the launch of the New York City Department of Small Business Services' WE NYC Initiative, focusing on women's entrepreneurship in underinvested areas of the city. In addition, we convened a round-table conversation between a group of grantee partners and the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, strategically addressing the issue of gender-based violence in the city.

We have continued to identify impactful solutions to critical issues in women's lives. In 2014, we launched a new series of reports, **Voices from the Field**, that highlights the status of underinvested women and girls, comprehensively identifying the challenges that arise in the varying stages of their lives. The first of these, *Blueprint for Investing in Women 60+*, was released in November 2014.

In 27 years of its history, The Foundation has invested \$44,714,480 in more than 316 organizations in NYC, working to achieve sustained economic security and justice for women and girls. In 2015 we will disburse an additional \$6 million, continue to launch new collaborations, and create and diffuse knowledge to strengthen the impact of our work. We have no doubt that with your support—your enthusiasm, commitment, ideas and economic resources—we will continue to dismantle barriers, and create a more just and equitable city for all of us. This is our commitment to you. We thank you for standing with us as we realize our mission with passion and determination.



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# NYWF HIGHLIGHTS: 1987–2014

<b>1986</b>	Gloria W. Milliken recruits Helen LaKelly Hunt, Joan Melber Warburg, Alice Cardona, Betty Terrell-Cruz and others to found a philanthropic organization to be run by, for, and about women.	<b>2007</b>	Abigail E. Disney makes a \$1 million challenge, "I Declare My Interdependence" at the Celebrating Women® Breakfast, raising an additional \$1.6 million.  NYWF honors Dolores C. Huerta with The Century Award at the 20th annual CWB.
<b>1987</b>	The New York Women's Foundation® is registered as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.	<b>2008</b>	The Foundation's first-ever evening Gala honors women and men for their commitment to New York City.  The Foundation publishes <i>The Economic Status of Women in New York State</i> report.
<b>1988</b>	At the first annual Celebrating Women Breakfast, The Foundation awards grants totaling \$50,000 to 4 grantee partners.	<b>2009</b>	RISE-NYC! (Respond, Inspire, Solve, Engage) partnership launched in response to the recession, increasing grantmaking by 20%.
<b>1990</b>	The Allocations Committee, known today as the Grants Advisory Committee (GAC), is created.	<b>2011</b>	The Foundation awards \$4 million to 77 grantee partner organizations.  NYWF releases its first gender budget analyses report, <i>A Harder Struggle, Fewer Opportunities</i> .
<b>1993</b>	The Foundation inaugurates the annual Neighborhood Dinner in Chinatown to celebrate community leaders.	<b>2012</b>	The Initiative Against Sex Trafficking of Minors is launched with the release of <i>Sex Trafficking of Minors in New York: Increasing Prevention and Collective Action</i> report.  Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State, is honored with The Century Award at the CWB.  The Foundation awards an unprecedented \$5.25 million to 80 grantee partners.
<b>1997</b>	23 grantee partners receive over \$500,000.	<b>2013</b>	NYWF publishes the <i>Economic Security and Well-Being Index for Women in New York City</i> .  Leymeh Gbowee, Nobel Peace Laureate, receives The Century Award at the CWB.
<b>1999</b>	The Committee for the Future is launched to introduce younger women to The Foundation.	<b>2014</b>	NYWF releases <i>Blueprint for Investing in Women Age 60+</i> , the first report from The Voices from the Field series.  Gloria Steinem, feminist activist and writer, receives The Century Award at the CWB.
<b>2000</b>	Board alumna Sara Lee Schupf underwrites the new Management & Leadership Institute.  The first Century Award, awarded to Elinor Guggenheimer at the Celebrating Women Breakfast, honors a woman whose significant achievements have influenced the lives of—and provided a role model for—women and girls.		
<b>2001</b>	9/11 Disaster Relief Fund raises and distributes nearly \$700,000 to support nonprofits working with women.		
<b>2002</b>	NYWF Founder Gloria W. Milliken is presented with The Century Award at the CWB.		
<b>2005</b>	Nobel Laureate Dr. Wangari Maathai is given The Century Award at the CWB.		
<b>2006</b>	Over 50 grantee partners are awarded \$1.65 million.  The Foundation launches the Circle of Sisters for Social change to enable socially conscious women to harness their resources and networks to support social change philanthropy in New York City.		



We believe that the challenges women face can best be solved by women working together. Some of us bring ideas, some of us contribute technical expertise, some of us give money, and some of us have an intimate knowledge of what it takes to make the difference. We create a community where everyone can make a difference. All of our human capital is essential. At The Foundation, we say: **Come as you are, do what you can!**

