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Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis receives $500,000 Grant from Walmart Foundation for National Philanthropic Collaborative of Young Women’s Initiatives

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – May 14, 2018 – The National Philanthropic Collaborative of Young Women’s Initiatives (NPCYWI) is the recipient of a 2018 Walmart Foundation Diversity and Inclusion Grant. The Collaborative was awarded a $500,000 grant to elevate its work focused on action around racial and gender equity/justice. Additional funding support is provided by Fidelity Charitable Trustees’ Initiative.

NPCYWI is a dynamic effort by eight leading women’s foundations that seeks to galvanize and invest resources to amplify the collective power of young women—particularly young women of color—to ensure that they are safe, healthy and economically prosperous in a world with gender and racial equity.

“As women’s foundations, we have our ears open to communities, and understand the networks of organizations that impact women and girls. Our convening power within communities is the result of a history and track record of relationship-building on the ground,” Ruby Bright, Executive Director and CAO of the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis said. “Our work is rooted in the belief that we need the leadership, activism, and advocacy for women of color in our communities. Now more than ever, community cohesion that cuts across movements and brings together leaders from across sectors, is urgent and critical.”

The eight NPCYWI organizations include: The Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis; The Women’s Fund of Greater Birmingham; The Women’s Foundation of California; Dallas Women’s Foundation; The New York Women’s Foundation; Washington Area Women’s Foundation; Women’s Foundation of Minnesota; and the Women’s Fund.

NPCYWI’s goals are to catalyze and invest funding focused on young women of color and to build cross-sector coalitions to work towards equity for young women of color. Our focus areas are economic prosperity, safety and anti-violence, health and well-being, educational opportunity and success, leadership, civic engagement, and advocacy.

Each of the eight partnering women’s foundations bring a potent combination of resources to the table: solid track records for creating platforms on which young women themselves can articulate and take action to improve their situations; proven abilities to create vibrant private-public partnerships; and robust capacities to identify and support solid best-practice approaches for promoting women’s safety, security and health.

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About the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis Founded in 1995, The Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis (WFGM) is a non-profit organization of women helping women break the cycle of poverty in Memphis though philanthropy, leadership and collaboration. Since 1996, WFGM has awarded...
more than $19.4 million to over 530 programs involving more than 100 local non-profits, including investments in advocacy and research. www.wfgm.org

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