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2017 POWER OF THE PURSE HONOREES The Women's Fund Miami-Dade inducts five women into Honor roll

MIAMI, Florida – November 15, 2016 - The Women's Fund Miami-Dade will hold its signature Power of the Purse Annual Luncheon and Auction at the Watsco Center at the University of Miami (formerly BankUnited Center), 1245 Dauer Dr, Coral Gables, FL 33146, on Thursday, March 16, 2017. Another sold-out event is expected, with over 800 of South Florida leaders, philanthropists, celebrities and government officials in attendance to celebrate the POWER of women and girls to create change in our community.

The luncheon will be co-chaired by Mary Young, Director of Ziff Graduate Career Services Center at University of Miami School of Business Administration, and Sissy DeMaria, President of Kreps DeMaria Public Relations & Marketing. The Silent Auction will be co-chaired by Kim Sarkisian and Dr. Michelle Segal. Multimedia journalist Erika Glover from NBC6 Miami will be the Master of Ceremonies.

This year, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade will be inducting five dynamic women into its Honor Roll.

The third annual Marilyn Gladstone Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Evelyn Cohan for being a visionary responsible for the founding of The Women's Fund Miami-Dade 24 years ago. The other Honor Roll inductees include Victoria Cummock, a leading activist for air disaster and terror victims; Tracy Wilson Mourning, philanthropist, community leader and founder of the nonprofit HoneyShine; Hannah Jean Wilson, Tracy's mother and role model; and Alina Villasante, designer, creator and visionary of Peace Love World Clothing. Each awardee has made an impact in the lives of women and girls in the Miami-Dade community.

Guests are invited to shop for a cause where they can purchase designer purses, jewelry, unique experiences and other amazing items while sipping cocktails and enjoying a delicious lunch which includes an emotional and inspiring program highlighting transformational stories of women and girls in Miami-Dade County.

Individual tickets are \$150 and tables of 10 are \$1,500. VIP tickets are \$200 and VIP tables of 10 are \$2,000. To purchase, please visit www.tinyurl.com/wfmdpop17. To sponsor Power of the Purse, please call 305.441.0506. To register for the silent auction, please visit www.bidpal.net/powerofthepurse2017.

About The Women's Fund Miami-Dade

The Women's Fund Miami-Dade's mission is to improve the lives of women and girls in our county. We take action based on our core belief: all women and girls have the right to economic security, freedom from violence, equal access to leadership and education, and the right to choose regarding their healthcare. After more than twenty years empowering women and girls by supporting hundreds of innovative programs, we now focus on collaboration, bringing together like-minded funders, community organizations and individuals to use our collective power to create change in policy and practice. Our goal remains the same: to create a just and safe Miami-Dade, where power and possibility aren't limited by gender. For more information, visit www.womensfundmiami.org.