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**The Women's Fund Miami-Dade Presents 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Raise the Bar**  
*All proceeds benefit The Women's Fund Miami-Dade & the Amy Karan Legacy Fund*

**MIAMI, Florida –** The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Raise the Bar, a networking cocktail reception and silent auction that brings together legal, accounting and other business professionals, will be held at the Freedom Tower at Miami Dade College, 600 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33132 on Thursday, June 11, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. This annual fundraising and awareness event enables The Women's Fund Miami-Dade to provide support to programs for survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking in our community. The Amy Karan Legacy Fund is a special fund created in memory of Judge Amy Karan that provides funding to help victims of domestic violence.

Board member, Co-Chair of the event and K&L Gates' Partner April Boyer stated, "Our professional community looks forward to Raise the Bar each year and with the support of our sponsors and community committee, we have raised more than \$235,000 to combat domestic violence and sex trafficking." Debbie Montero, Co-Chair of the event, from Robert Half Legal and Board Member of The Women's Fund, has worked with April Boyer since the inception of this event and shared, "With over 9,000 cases of domestic violence reported in the past few years, the community must come together to stop violence against women and girls."

Every year, Raise the Bar continues to break its fundraising goals while attracting a robust list of sponsors. This year's sponsors include K&L Gates LLP, Akerman LLP, American Airlines, DLA Piper LLP (US), GNR8N Kulture, Greenberg Traurig, Kaufman Rossin, Robert Half Legal, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., Bacardi, Daily Business Review, South Florida Luxury Guide, Miami Dade College and numerous others.

Professionals from the legal and accounting communities as well as long-time Women's Fund supporters will be in attendance, bidding on silent auction items and participating in a wine pull, while enjoying hors d'oeuvres provided by Pincho Factory, desserts by Sweet Treats by Marta, and sipping on wine, beer and delicious Bacardi cocktails.

Individual tickets are \$50.00. To purchase a ticket or sponsor Raise the Bar, please visit [www.womensfundmiami.org](http://www.womensfundmiami.org) or contact Lisa Pollack - 305.441.0506 - [lisa@womensfundmiami.org](mailto:lisa@womensfundmiami.org)

**About The Women's Fund Miami-Dade**

The Women's Fund Miami-Dade improves the lives of women and girls through grant making, research, advocacy and education.

Founded in 1993, The Women's Fund is Miami-Dade's only organization directing all of its energy toward creating equal opportunity, access and influence for women and girls. Through research, collaboration, and grant-making we expose the issues, give voice to the silent majority, and pool our collective giving power to provide grassroots solutions. We believe that by pooling our resources we can create a just and safe Miami-Dade, where power and possibility aren't limited by gender. The Women's Fund Miami-Dade improves the lives of women and girls through grant making, research, advocacy and education.

**About The Amy Karan Legacy Fund (Held at The Women's Fund Miami-Dade)**

The Amy Karan Legacy Fund is to provide support to not-for-profit organizations for the provision of education and services, including programs, seminars, and other events, dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence.

Retired Judge Amy Karan lost her brave battle with the rare neurological disease Multiple System Atrophy in September, 2013 at the age of 54. Judge Karan was a tireless voice for victims and survivors of domestic violence and her work will continue to benefit those for whom she advocated.

In 2012, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade, with the support of the Greenberg Traurig law firm, established the Amy Karan Legacy Fund as a tribute to her work. It honors Judge Karan's deep interest and lifelong dedication to protect victims of domestic violence and allay the problems, through education, training, support and services. In her name, this fund will support the invaluable community programs that advocate for and provide assistance to domestic violence victims and survivors.