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Status of Women in Florida by County Project is Launched

*Florida Women's Funding Alliance, an affinity group of Florida Philanthropic Network, commissions
Institute for Women's Policy Research*

TAMPA, Fla. – In response to Florida's D+ rating on the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) 2015 report, the Florida Women's Funding Alliance (FWFA) is commissioning a groundbreaking study of women in Florida by county. FWFA, an affinity group of Florida Philanthropic Network (FPN), will look deeper into key areas – population and diversity, poverty and opportunity, health and well-being, and employment and earnings – to develop actionable policy recommendations to shift that D+ to an A for Florida women.

"This research and analysis will position Florida Women's Funding Alliance to identify and prioritize issues needing strategic advocacy," said FPN Interim President & CEO Bill Hoffman. "In addition, funders serving at the county, region or state level will use this series of reports to target solutions in their respective service areas. The reports will establish baseline information to track progress over time and give an overview of how women from various populations groups fare, including women of color, young women, older women, immigrant women and women living with a same-sex partner."

FWFA will present information on the Status of Women in Florida by County project at FPN's 2016 Statewide Summit on Philanthropy in St. Petersburg on Thursday, February 25. Members of the affinity group will underwrite the project.

Current FWFA members include:

- The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida's Women's Giving Alliance
- Community Foundation for Ocala Marion County
- Community Foundation of Collier County's Women's Initiative Network
- Community Foundation of Tampa Bay
- Community Foundation of South Lake County

- Jewish Women's Foundation of the Greater Palm Beaches
- Joseph H. and Florence A. Roblee Foundation
- Lovelight Foundation
- Women's Foundation of Southwest Florida
- The Women's Fund of Miami-Dade

The goals of the Status of Women in Florida by County project are: 1) to analyze and disseminate information about women's progress in achieving rights and opportunities; 2) to identify and measure the remaining barriers to equality; and 3) to provide baseline measures for monitoring women's progress. The data presented in Status of Women in Florida by County will serve as a resource for advocates, policymakers and other stakeholders who seek to develop community investments, programs and public policies that can lead to positive changes for women and their families. The first report in the series will be released in fall 2016.

About Florida Women's Funding Alliance

Florida Women's Funding Alliance (FWFA), an affinity group of Florida Philanthropic Network (FPN), envisions a Florida where women and girls thrive. The FWFA mission is to transform the lives of women and girls through members' collective voices and resources. FWFA offers FPN members an opportunity to interact and connect with other staff and board members of foundations and other grantmaking organizations working to transform the lives of women and girls in Florida.

About Florida Philanthropic Network

Florida Philanthropic Network is a statewide membership network of nearly 120 philanthropic organizations working to build philanthropy to build a better Florida. FPN's members are private independent, corporate and family foundations, community foundations, public charity grantmakers and corporate giving programs – from Miami to Jacksonville; Naples to Pensacola – who hold over \$6.5 billion in assets and invest over \$435 million annually (excluding members located outside Florida) to improve the quality of life for our citizens. FPN members share a commitment to promoting philanthropy, fostering collaboration and advancing public policy by Florida, in Florida.

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