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Women's Giving Alliance Seeking Letters of Interest for 2017 Grant Cycle

Jacksonville, Florida – December 9, 2016 – The Women's Giving Alliance (WGA) is pleased to announce that it is accepting Letters of Interest, now through January 11, 2017, for its fifteenth grant cycle.

WGA, an initiative of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, is a collective giving grantmaking organization. Its current focus is on Breaking the Cycle of Female Poverty in Northeast Florida. WGA is accepting applications from tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations or units of local government with programs or projects that serve women and/or girls in Northeast Florida (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau or St. Johns Counties), with a specific focus on intervention and prevention. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, January 11th at 5:00 pm EST.

The grants, which range from \$10,000 to \$120,000 over the course of two years, support organizations whose goals help facilitate systemic change in the lives of women and girls. WGA believes this is done by applying creative solutions to research-based critical needs and producing measurable, sustainable impact. As WGA President Ellen Wiss says, "Our grantees are innovative partners in our collective and collaborative model for strategic philanthropy. And, grantmaking is at the heart of WGA."

A Letter of Interest is the first step in making application for a 2017-2019 grant. Nonprofit organizations that submit a Letter of Interest may then be asked to complete a Request for Proposal to complete the application process.

To learn more and to apply for a WGA grant, visit www.wganefl.org/apply-for-a-grant. All Letters of Interest must be submitted through this link.

About Women's Giving Alliance

The Women's Giving Alliance, an initiative of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, is a dynamic group of diverse women who pool their philanthropic giving to make a lasting impact on the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida. Since 2001, hundreds of women in Northeast Florida have become WGA members, making an annual contribution of \$1,500 each. Through those contributions, WGA has made grants totaling more than \$4.9 million to more than 45 non-profit organizations to support critical community services for women and girls. It also has built an endowment exceeding \$2.8 million to ensure the future of its philanthropic work. For more information: www.womensgivingalliance.org

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Now in its 52nd year, the Foundation has assets of more than \$312 million and has made grants of \$369 million since 1964.

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