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**Women's Giving Alliance Announces 2016 Grant Recipients  
and New Grantmaking Focus Area**

*Annual meeting also introduces third class of Delores Barr Weaver Fellows*

Jacksonville, Florida – October 26, 2016 – At its Annual Meeting today, the Women's Giving Alliance (WGA) announced \$432,000 in grants to six Northeast Florida organizations providing mental health services to women and girls in the region. The 2016 grants represent the culmination of WGA's five-year, research-based focus on creating sustainable programs delivering mental health services for women and girls in the region, during which the organization made nearly \$2 million in grants to 17 area agencies that have already helped more than 2,250 women and girls.

The 2016 grantees, whose funding will span two years and include consultation and impact assessment opportunities with WGA, include:

- Betty Griffin Center (\$100,000) for the *Hope in Recovery* program which provides services that combine treatment for substance abuse with services related to domestic and sexual abuse;
- Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center (\$100,000) to create a *girl-centered practice collaborative* that develops a continuity of care model to reduce the use of the juvenile justice system as a mental health provider for girls;
- Hubbard House *RISE!* program (\$100,000) which delivers individual and group mental health counseling services to women accessing Hubbard House domestic violence support services;
- Jewish Family & Community Services (\$100,000) for *sliding fee scale mental health counseling* that will provide individual and family treatment for women and girls, both at the center and in women's homes;
- Volunteers in Medicine (\$22,000) for the *Healing the Mind, Body, Heart and Soul* program that combines mental health screening, counseling, medication and psychiatric services to working, uninsured women in Duval County; and
- Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida (\$10,000) to deliver an impact evaluation report for WGA grantees working in the mental health field. Baptist Health is matching WGA funding with an additional \$10,000 for this work.

WGA also unveiled its next five-year focus area, "Breaking the Cycle of Female Poverty: Intervention and Prevention," which will form the foundation for the organization's future grantmaking and education initiatives. The new focus area was chosen following extensive research in partnership with Jacksonville University and WGA member focus groups to determine the area of highest interest and impact.

"The 2016 WGA grant recipients are continuing our collective work to advance mental health services for women and girls through sustainable programs with demonstrated impact," said Paula Liang, Women's Giving Alliance president. "Unveiling a new focus area today is a testament to the progress we've made in mental health and the incredible opportunities that remain to help improve the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida by looking deeper at the issues underlying female poverty."

At the meeting, WGA introduced the young professional women who represent the 2017 class of the Delores Barr Weaver Fellows Program. The program, made possible by generous funding from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund, offers a group of young women from Northeast Florida the opportunity to become full WGA

members through a shared financial arrangement for four years, with the Fellows continuing the membership on their own in year five and beyond.

WGA is pleased to welcome the following women to the 2017 class of the Delores Barr Weaver Fellows program: Allishia Bauman, Molly Davidson, Poppy Decunto, Stephanie Doran, Aidee Chavez Frescas, Jennifer Earnest, Moné Holder, Imani D. Hope, Laura Lothman Lambert, Marina Martin, Joni A. Poitier, Lauren Purdy, Amy Rice, Jamie Rich, Jacqueline Rudloff, TriciaRae Stancato, Annie Tutt and Mollie Williams.

For more information about the WGA Delores Barr Weaver Fellows program, contact Joanne Cohen at [jcohen@jaxcf.org](mailto:jcohen@jaxcf.org) or (904) 356-4483.

#### **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 \$4.5 million to more than 30 non-profit organizations to support critical community services for women and girls. It also has built an endowment exceeding \$2 million to ensure the future of its philanthropic work. For more information: [www.womensgivingalliance.org](http://www.womensgivingalliance.org)

#### **About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://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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