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OMEGA ANNOUNCES GRANT OPPORTUNITY: WOMEN SERVING WOMEN SUMMIT, MAY 29–31, 2013

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Annual Retreat for Nonprofits Serving Women & Girls Now Accepting Grant Applications Online

RHINEBECK, NY – Today Omega announced, for the first time ever, a unique grant opportunity that was previously extended by invitation is now available by online application. The Women Serving Women Summit, a gathering of nonprofits working to positively impact the lives of women and girls, will take place May 29–31, 2013 on Omega's Rhinebeck, New York campus, with the theme **Building Safety & Strength**. The Summit is part of Omega's annual Service Week program, which has offered retreat grants to nonprofits providing safety net services to vulnerable populations for nearly a decade. The Women Serving Women Summit grant application is now available on Omega's website with a deadline of March 11, 2013.

"The Women Serving Women Summit is a new program of the Omega Women's Leadership Center. We are focusing the 2013 summit on organizations working to ensure the safety of women and girls because their well-being is critical to worldwide social, political, and economic development," said Carla Goldstein, cofounder of the Omega Women's Leadership Center and chief external affairs officer at Omega. "We are pleased to cast our net wider this year by opening the application process online," concluded Goldstein.

Grant recipients for the Women Serving Women Summit will attend two-day, two-night organizational retreats on Omega's 200-acre campus in Rhinebeck, New York. The grant includes free room and board, a private meeting space, use of all the facilities at Omega, and a customized consultation with Omega's partner, the New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON).

Nonprofit organizations can apply to come on their own, or partner with another organization with similar objectives and apply to come together for the Multiple Organization Track. NYCON supports those on the Multiple Organization Track with an enriched program designed to enhance collaborative efforts.

The grant from Omega provides a rare opportunity and resources so organizations can take the time to plan, network, build capacity, and develop paths for future collaboration.

To apply for the Women Serving Women Summit grant, please <u>visit us online at eOmega.org/owlc</u> For additional information, please contact Sarah Urech, at 845.266.4444, ext. 412, or by email at SarahU@eomega.org

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