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**BPW FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$25,000 GRANT FROM
NBCUNIVERSAL FOUNDATION AND NBCUNIVERSAL OWNED TELEVISION STATIONS**
Funding supports career development for women who have served

Washington, DC – The NBCUniversal Foundation, in partnership with the NBCUniversal Owned Television Stations, provided \$1.2 million in grants in 10 markets for local non-profit organizations including Business and Professional Women's Foundation, which received a \$25,000 grant for its work with women who have served our country, including women veterans, military/veteran spouses and caregivers of wounded warriors.

In its second year, the 21st Century Solutions grant program recognizes and supports innovative, high-impact initiatives in the areas of Civic Engagement, Education, Environment, Jobs and Economic Empowerment, Media Arts and Technology.

BPW Foundation's free career development and mentoring program, Joining Forces Mentoring Plus, is based on a "Working Women Helping Women Work®" model, to support the career transition of women veterans, military/veteran spouses and caregivers of wounded warriors. NBCUniversal Foundation recognized BPW Foundation as addressing emerging and ongoing community challenges in new and creative ways.

"NBCUniversal and our NBCUniversal Owned Television Stations are in a unique position to engage communities across the country around social innovation and our 21stCentury Solutions program allows us to recognize those local efforts," said Beth Colleton, Senior Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility for NBCUniversal. "We are excited by this year's grant recipients and the impactful change they will create."

Representing BPW Foundation at the presentation ceremony on October 18th were Brigadier General Evelyn "Pat" Foote, U.S. Army (Ret.); Major General Irene Trowell-Harris, U.S. Air

Force (Ret.); BPW Foundation Board Chair Roslyn Ridgeway, and Business Development Director Mary Ann Sack. “Business and Professional Women’s Foundation is proud and grateful to accept this generous grant from The NBCUniversal Foundation, in partnership with the NBCUniversal Owned Television Stations. These funds will directly support women veterans, military/veteran spouses and caregivers of wounded warriors as they make the transition to successful rewarding careers,” Ms. Ridgeway said.

Joining Forces Mentoring Plus™ is a FREE, “High-Tech High-Touch” national mentoring program using both one-on-one contact and a sophisticated on-line platform of resources for this deserving cohort of women. Joining Forces Mentoring Plus™ is based on a career development model that can be used by women of all ranks, eras, and skill levels. Mentorships and resources extend beyond job attainment to support job retention and career advancement.

The grants were awarded in the 10 markets served by the NBCUniversal Owned Television Stations: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Francisco Bay Area, Washington, D.C., South Florida, San Diego and Connecticut.

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About BPW Foundation - With a legacy dating back to 1919, Business and Professional Women’s (BPW) Foundation was the first foundation dedicated to conducting research and providing information on working women. The mission of BPW Foundation is to promote systematic change in the workplace by strengthening the capacity of organizations and businesses to create environments that are inclusive and value the skills and contributions of working women, empowering them to achieve their full potential.