



**NY Grace LeGendre
Endowment Fund, Inc.**

124 Gateway Drive
Staten Island, NY 10304
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Dear NYS Women, Inc. Region Directors and Local Chapter Presidents,

30 years ago, a group of dedicated members of Business & Professional Women Clubs of New York (BPW - and now called New York State Women, Inc.) saw the need to provide support for women's education. On March 24, 1987, The NY Grace Le Gendre Endowment Fund (GLEF) was officially born as a tax-exempt organization - with the goal of providing a permanent funding source to support women pursuing their advanced graduate degrees at New York State colleges or universities. .

During these 30 years, 147 fellowships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500 have been awarded and \$385,041.12 has been raised to support these efforts.

In 2004, GLEF began awarding grants to NYSW, Inc. Chapters, organizations or individuals who sponsor educational or research opportunities to further the advancement of working women. Called the Special Grants Program, ten grants have been awarded (maximum \$500 each year) to NYS Women, Inc. Chapters & Regions for guest speakers and programs. These programs have ranged from financial decisions for high school students, youth leadership conferences to Domestic Violence Prevention and Diabetes Awareness.

To celebrate GLEF's 30th Anniversary, our goal is to raise \$30 (or whatever you can give) from 300 Donors by March 24, 2017. Your help is needed to continue the work of supporting women as they pursue higher education and organizations as they sponsor educational or research programs.

Will you help? Please be one of the 300 donors. Please tell your friends and colleagues. As the cost of education grows each year, it becomes more important to have endowment and scholarship programs such as GLEF. Can we count on you?

Please Donate. Send your check (Payable to NY GLEF) to the address on the attached flyer - Neale Steiniger, Fundraising Chair, 124 Gateway Drive, Staten Island NY 10304 or donate online at www.gracelegendre.org/Donate

Please specify if you would like your donation to be used for the

- Endowment Fund (funding for women registered for an advanced graduate degree)
- Or the Special Grants Program (education or research programs of NYSW Chapters, organizations or individuals)
- Full details on the attached flyer

With the Sincere Appreciation of the GLEF Board of Directors,

Barbara Ziegler, President

*Celebrate GLEF's 30th Anniversary
\$30 from 300 Donors*