



WNY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION
Strong Women. Stronger Community.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."
— Coretta Scott King

To our supporters, friends, and neighbors,

On behalf of the WNY Women's Foundation, I want to share more about how we as an organization are responding to the ongoing and evolving COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our work together.

Our Team

The health and safety of our team is of utmost importance. Accordingly, our team has already implemented measures aimed at protecting the health of our community, including remote work and transitioning all meetings to conference calls or virtual meet-ups.

Our business activities will continue with as little disruption as possible, including **making all planned payments to our Impact Grantees.**

Our Work

Our work will continue uninterrupted, but carried out in different ways. In accordance with public health guidance, **we will not be hosting in-person events until further notice.** This includes our upcoming [Pathways to Progress Speaker Series](#) event "Burnout Is Real!" on Friday, April 3, which will instead be held as a free webinar (*see below for details*).

During these uncertain times, we also recognize how a pandemic of this scale will especially impact and disrupt the lives of women.

The gendered experience of coronavirus is based in the gender inequalities that impact all of us, every single day.

The WNY Women's Foundation is actively continuing its leadership and advocacy for women's economic empowerment, paid sick leave, and affordable, accessible childcare for all.

We have already partnered with state-wide colleagues to communicate the issues and needs of our child care businesses—including those who will step in to care for first responders' children during this difficult time. And, we expect both federal and state provisions to be enacted regarding pandemic sick leave pay.

Efforts to build a gender equal Western New York are as important as ever. Stay tuned for more information on how we're working for the women of Western New York—and [visit our website](#) for updates.

As we face an unprecedented time, our community and our people are our greatest assets. Reach out to one another. **Take care of others. Take care of yourself.**


Thank you for your continued commitment to our mission and values. Stay well.

Sheri L. Scavone


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Executive Director

Additional Resources

- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC)
- [World Health Organization](#) (WHO)
- [Erie County Department of Health](#)
- [New York State Department of Health](#)



A PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS WEBINAR
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020
9 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.



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Pathways to Progress Speaker Series: "Burnout Is Real!" Webinar

Join us for our first-ever [Pathways to Progress Webinar!](#)

Aimee Neri of the UB School of Social Work and 8th Judicial District will present an informative and practical webinar on how to prevent, cope, and take care of yourself to avoid burnout.

Self-care is especially important during difficult times like these. So make yourself a cup of coffee and log on to our Pathways to Progress Webinar!

Register Today!

Please note that the in-person speaker series event is cancelled in accordance with public health directives regarding gatherings of large groups. We hope you can join us for this special webinar covering the same topic.

The mission of the WNY Women's Foundation is to create a culture of possibility so each woman and girl can live, grow, and lead to her fullest potential.

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