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### **The Maine Women's Fund Welcomes Four New Board Members**

Portland – The Maine Women's Fund named four community leaders with successful careers in academics and business to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. The board is responsible for virtually all policies of the 20-year-old Fund and activities including grantmaking more than \$1.5 million to 250 nonprofit organizations promoting lasting social change throughout Maine.

New Board Members include **Hannah Bass**, Associate Attorney at [Norman, Hanson & DeTroy, LLC](#), Portland; **Camille Hazeur**, Director of Affirmative Action and Manager of Institutional Diversity Projects, [Bates College](#), Lewiston; **Patricia Kimball**, Director of Community Development, [Volunteers of America Northern New England](#), Brunswick; and **Pamela Maus**, Principal, [Pamela J. Maus Consulting](#), Owls Head.

*"The MWF staff and current board are thrilled to welcome these new members. They each bring a great depth of professional and personal experience to our core work around the Women's Economic Security Initiative," said Elizabeth Stefanski, Executive Director of the Maine Women's Fund.*

The Maine Women's Fund is creating lasting social change by investing in the power of women and the dreams of girls. We invest in women because when women thrive, communities prosper. A woman's ability to take care of herself, her family and her community depends on her ability to obtain financial security. From a secure financial footing, a woman can make better choices about housing, healthcare, nutrition, employment for herself. And because women are often the primary decision makers about health and education, their financial status directly impacts their families' lives.

Through grantmaking, we are pushing for policy changes, investing in education and girls' independence. We are helping women build and expand businesses, train for better jobs and wages, build assets and make smart financial decisions. We are working with women as leaders and donors to prioritize women as key agents of change for their families, communities and Maine. In essence, we are helping Maine women and girls create their own stability so that they can pursue healthy, prosperous, independent lives.

#### About the Maine Women's Fund

The Maine Women's Fund is a public foundation creating lasting social change by investing in the power of women and the dreams of girls. We are passionate in our belief that all women and girls can reach their full potential. We champion these beliefs by investing in Maine nonprofit projects that are conceived and led by women and girls. We invest in women because when women thrive, communities prosper. In 20 years, the Maine Women's Fund has granted over \$1.5 million to organizations across the State. Last year, the Fund granted \$160,000 to nonprofits which are creating long-lasting change that will build the

economic security of thousands of women and girls. Learn more at [www.mainewomensfund.org](http://www.mainewomensfund.org).

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