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The Maine Women's Fund Continues Collaborative Partnership With SheChanges

Portland – The Maine Women's Fund recently resigned a Collaborative Partnership Agreement with Lael Jepson of SheChanges to strengthen its ability to offer high-quality programs to women within the Portland community. The partnership underscores the Fund's commitment to expanding its offerings and programs.

"Collaborative actions are at the heart of how the Maine Women's Fund builds and shares knowledge and experience," says Elizabeth Stefanski, Executive Director of the Maine Women's Fund. "We partner with innovative leaders as part of our strategy of creating lasting change for women and girls, their families and communities."

The Maine Women's Fund and SheChanges will work transparently, meeting frequently during the one-year partnership to ensure their work remains focused on their shared goals. The Maine Women's Fund and SheChanges are both committed to delivering programs that

- Engage and enrich women at every stage of life
- Encourage confident strides
- Support emerging leaders
- Create lasting change that improves our communities and the world for generations to come

Whether you are looking to answer the call as a woman leader or reconnect with yourself, this partnership offers something for a wide variety of women. Beginning this fall, SheChanges will offer two six-month women's circles - one to focus on coming home to ourselves and one to support women in stepping into something big whether it's themselves, a new venture or a new position. SheChanges will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Maine Women's Fund.

"More and more, I hear the desire from clients to convene with other women – either socially or within a structured conversation. They are hungry for space, community and validation." Lael Jepson, Owner, SheChanges, continues, "The women's circles and retreat are my answer to that call."

To learn more about the collaborative programs offered by the Maine Women's Fund and SheChanges, visit www.mainewomensfund.org or www.shechanges.com.

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. In fact, we are the only public foundation in Maine that invests in women and girls specifically. In 20 years, we have granted over \$1.5 million to organizations across the state. Through grantmaking, we build economic independence for women and girls and foster economic development. Through seminars, mentoring, and learning communities, our leadership programs strengthen the power of women and girls to lead in their professional environments and in their service to others. Learn more at www.mainewomensfund.org.

About the SheChanges

SheChanges offers a safe and courageous space for individuals and organizations to consciously create transitions in life. SheChanges offers individual, executive, and group

coaching; organization development consulting; and group workshops and retreats for women. SheChanges offers a call to action for those seeking it, creating catalytic moments that inspire and propel individuals and organizations toward a vision of their choosing. Learn more at www.shechanges.com.

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