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**WOMEN'S FUNDING NETWORK'S MICHELE OZUMBA
NAMED TO LEAD THE ORGANIZATION AS PRESIDENT & CEO**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 12, 2011 – The Women's Funding Network (WFN) Board of Directors today named Michele Ozumba as President & CEO of WFN. Ozumba joined WFN earlier this year as Chief Program Officer, bringing to the organization a history of leadership and advocacy that has advanced policies impacting the well-being of women from Nigeria to the United States.

"We are thrilled to welcome Michele Ozumba as the new President & CEO of the Women's Funding Network," said WFN co-chairs, Ana Oliveira and Lee Roper-Batker. "Ms. Ozumba is a passionate advocate for women's equality and justice, and brings unwavering vision, collaboration, and commitment to working with women's funds around the world to address both the symptoms and root causes of inequity. Her leadership will champion the work of our member funds who believe that a better world for women and girls is a better world for all."

Prior to joining the Women's Funding Network as the Chief Program Officer in May, 2011, Ozumba served as President and CEO of the [Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention \(G-CAPP\)](#) for 10 years. She was also the Director of the Office of Adolescent Health at the [Georgia Division of Public Health](#). While Ozumba worked as a lecturer in Urban Planning at the University of Nigeria, she was a co-investigator in the first national study on child abuse. The report's findings resulted in the creation of regional reporting centers, accessible to anyone in the community.

"I am honored to be the new President & CEO of WFN," says Ozumba. "I look forward to working with the passionate and energized leaders of the WFN board of directors and global member foundation community. In addition to making grants, our member funds invest in women's leadership in communities around the globe. We recognize that in order to work on the complex issues facing women and girls, we have to work beyond ourselves. It is a privilege to lead WFN at this pivotal time when networks are becoming increasingly important to creating significant social change."

The Women's Funding Network champions the work of member foundations that work toward strengthening the long-term security, stability and leadership of women around the world. WFN uses a networked approach to provide resources, connect women on the ground with leaders across many sectors, build collaborations and coordinate efforts necessary to achieve collective impact.

Collectively, WFN's member foundations give away more than \$70 million per year, investing in programs focused on systemic solutions. Member foundations further partner with community organizations and leaders to ensure these ventures have the money, resources and skills to succeed.

About [Women's Funding Network](#)

Women's Funding Network (WFN) is the largest philanthropic network in the world dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls. A network of 166 women's funds in 26 countries, WFN supports and champions the work of women's funds that believe a better world for women and girls is a better world for all.

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