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## **Women's Fund of Hawai'i Announces Newest Board Member, Elaine E. Rossi, Health and Community Development Advisor**

Women's Fund of Hawai'i (WFH) is pleased to announce its newest board member, Elaine E. Rossi, a Consulting Senior Advisor, working in health and community development. Focused on expanding access to integrated primary health care services in some of the globe's poorest communities, she is specialized in reproductive health, and programs for and by adolescents and young adults.

Based in Honolulu, Elaine has more than 30 years' experience internationally, with demonstrated success working in a variety of contexts in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. She retired as a Senior Advisor and Associate Director with an international health and education consulting firm with a \$325 million annual portfolio.

She earned her BA from Claremont McKenna College and graduate degrees from Columbia University and the University of Tunis (Tunisia). Elaine's husband, Dr. V. Ted Leon, is a primary care physician in Honolulu. They raised two children, and love to travel, hiking, visiting family and friends, and enjoying cross-cultural experiences around the world.

Elisabeth Case, Executive Director, shared, "We know by her past work both internationally and having raised her two daughters in Hawai'i, that Elaine will be a wonderful addition to our board and our work to improve the lives of women and girls, helping them to achieve economic stability and to live lives free of violence." Elaine noted: "Serving on the board of the Hawaii Women's Fund is an honor, and I'm looking forward to working with the dynamic board and leadership of this essential community funding source for girls and women throughout the Hawaiian islands."

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### **About Women's Fund of Hawaii**

*Women's Fund of Hawai'i (WFH) is the only grantmaking foundation dedicated to exclusively funding programs supporting women and girls in Hawai'i. WFH is focused on social change around a wide range of issues such as self-sufficiency, safety, health and wellness, substance abuse, homelessness, trafficking, incarceration, sexual orientation, inadequate childcare and sports inequalities, and creates positive impact statewide by giving grants to innovative, robust, grassroots programs that empower women and girls. WFH takes particular interest, all things being equal, in programs that serve Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander women and girls, because these two groups fare disproportionately worse than others on many measures.*

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