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YWCA Receives Transformational Investment from MacKenzie Scott

Phoenix, AZ, December 15, 2020 – YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix is pleased to announce the receipt of a transformational investment from philanthropist, mom, author, and advocate, MacKenzie Scott, to support their ongoing work to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

MacKenzie Scott focused her philanthropy on organizations who support people suffering the economic effects of the COVID-19 crisis. Some of these organizations fill basic needs, others are addressing long-term systemic inequities that have been deepened by the pandemic. YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix is honored to stand alongside their 59 sister YWCA associations, and the five other Arizona agencies, who also received funding.

“Like so many, COVID-19 has caused unprecedented instability for many we work with,” said Debbie Esparza, YWCA CEO. “From homebound seniors facing food insecurity to women facing financial instability to marginalized communities fighting for equity, this pandemic has significantly increased people’s needs for our services, not lessened. We are so thankful for Ms. Scott’s philanthropy.”

YWCA’s commitment to social change and community services runs deep. For more than 108 years they have been at the forefront of most critical social movements, standing against all forms of racism and oppression while working to address the community’s most critical needs. Since March they have served more than 95,000 meals to seniors, and are on pace to serve more than 114,000 meals in a year.

“This is a big day not only for YWCA, but for Phoenix,” said Maria Crimi Speth, YWCA Board Chair, “This gift will fuel the next phase of our social and racial justice work. We are grateful to MacKenzie Scott for her investment in creating just and equitable communities for everyone.”

About YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix:

Since 1912, YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix has been on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. We imagine an equitable and inclusive Phoenix for everyone. We focus on how race and gender impact the issues that impact Phoenix and we create safe spaces for courageous conversations. Additionally, we provide direct services to seniors and low-income women and their families through our home-delivered meals, senior center, and prosperity programs. YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix is part of an international movement serving over 2 million in the United States and 25 million worldwide. For more information about YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix, visit www.ywcaaz.org.

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