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KPMG U.S. Chairman and CEO Lynne Doughtie to Share Insights on Leadership and Success at The Bowery Mission's Fourth Annual "Inspiring Hope" Spring Benefit Lunch

NEW YORK – On Thursday, April 27 from 12:00-1:30pm (12:35pm formal program), at the Rainbow Room at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, KPMG U.S. Chairman and CEO Lynne Doughtie will serve as the keynote speaker of the fourth annual *Inspiring Hope: Spring Benefit Lunch* to raise awareness and funds for The Bowery Mission Women's Centers. Later this year, The Bowery Mission will open two short-term shelters for women – one in Manhattan and one in Newark – to meet a rising need and fill a critical gap in our care. The Mission's two shelters will be safe, temporary places to stay while women assess their options for long-term care.

Emmy-nominated Fox 5 Business Reporter Alison Morris will interview Doughtie. Also speaking will be The Bowery Mission's Director of Adult Services, Cheryl Mitchell and a student for The Bowery Mission Women's Centers. The event will draw 250 guests.

At The Bowery Mission's two new short-term shelters, women will stay up to 21 days at a time and have their immediate needs met in a dignified and caring environment, and be connected with resources that will help them take the next step out of crisis and poverty. Although men are the most visible homeless population in the New York Metro area, homeless women are the most vulnerable to abuse and exploitation.

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About The Bowery Mission Women's Centers

The Bowery Mission Women's Centers, located on the Upper East Side and Harlem, offer women a safe environment, a spiritual foundation and a caring community. We are a place of hope for women who have suffered homelessness due to abuse, domestic violence, cycles of addiction, financial exploitation, job loss, health crises or poverty. To help women make progress toward life transformation, we provide a program of community life, counseling, addiction recovery, family restoration, life skills classes and career training. The Women's Centers can serve up to 50 women at a time and include apartment-style housing for women working to save money for independent housing.

About The Bowery Mission

The Bowery Mission has served homeless and hungry New Yorkers since 1879. Last year, The Bowery Mission provided more than 505,000 meals to men, women and children, 97,300 nights of shelter and 56,200 articles of clothing, as well as showers, haircuts, and expert medical and optometric care. Each meal and every night of shelter is an invitation to residential recovery programs, where men and women get a second chance and lives are transformed from hopelessness to hope. The Bowery Mission's residential programs served nearly 300 men and women who are regaining sobriety, reconnecting with family and faith, pursuing educational goals, and preparing for work and independent living. To ensure that at-risk children have a positive first chance at life, The Bowery Mission's City Camp and Summer Camp served nearly 1,200 at-risk children from poor city communities. The Bowery Mission expanded its front-line services to new neighborhoods by opening its Community Hope Resource Center in Harlem and by uniting with Goodwill Rescue Mission in Newark, New Jersey. www.bowery.org

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