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ABOUT WORLD WOMAN SUMMIT:

The inaugural World Woman Summit is the global stage for celebrating women's voices around the world in business, entertainment, science and technology. The conference tackles key gender harmony issues by celebrating and creating a legacy of female leaders globally and locally. Leaders from various backgrounds and experiences will discuss bold, new ways women can contribute to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and accelerate women's leadership.

The World Woman Summit welcomes anyone interested in being an advocate for gender harmony and global economic growth. The conference is also ideal for community leaders, professionals and business leaders interested in entrepreneurship, innovation and filmmaking.

After the event, we will turn our words into action by launching the Global Mentorship Program. The World Woman Gender Harmony Report will be released within 60 days after the conference.

ABOUT GLOBAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:

The Global Mentorship Program is a six-week program that connects talented single mothers across Arkansas with experienced World Woman Foundation mentors. Focusing on professional development and capacity building, the mentorship program is an opportunity for Arkansas single mothers to innovatively address some of the world's largest problems.

Knowing that this work will take many forms, the Global Mentorship Fellows may be engaged in this change through work in a variety of fields including business, non-profit/non-governmental organization, public office/government (elected or appointed), advocacy initiative or community-based organization.

The World Woman Foundation will be seeking applications for the Global Mentorship Program from single mothers who are committed to tackling issues related to economic disparities and bridging the gender gap in the fields of business, science, technology, entertainment and medicine.

Eligible mentee applicants must:

- Be 18 years old or older
- Be studying or working for progress in a developing country
- Demonstrate high performance and measurable results
- Be committed to their cause beyond the duration of the mentorship program

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: According to [UN Female Labor Force Report], only 50 percent of women of working age are in the labor force, compared to 77 percent of men. Women are more likely to work in the informal economy. They also do on three times more unpaid care and domestic work as men on average. This discussion will highlight the challenges of women in the informal and formal sector—working without access to social protection, economic support and lower salaries.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Women as social entrepreneurs are at the forefront of addressing the most pressing social and environmental challenges, ranging from inclusive employment solutions, consumer waste, education, affordable health services and more. To address this social imbalance, we must answer two key questions. Are policies or systems in place within the social entrepreneurship ecosystem that prevent women from rising to places of leadership? If there is something holding back female leaders from scaling their social impact organizations, what can be done at a systems level to remove those obstacles?

GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY: Lower pay means women have less money to access necessary preventative and medical treatments for themselves and their families. This issue is especially magnified in rural communities. We will discuss the causes of female wealth inequality and the subsequent negative consequences on the health and wellbeing of these women, their families and their communities.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: The direct and indirect costs of violence against women are widespread throughout society. These costs manifest themselves as lost income, reduced profits, premature death, and pain and suffering. This conversation will focus on creating new ways to diminish violence as well as foster peace and economic stability for women.

QUOTE FROM RUPA DASH:

“Forty-one percent of single mothers with children in Arkansas live below the poverty level. This program will assist in finding economic solutions through principles that help women thrive,” Dash said. “Specifically, the World Woman Foundation Global Mentorship Program will provide a professional development and capacity building program for women 18 and older. It is intended to help bridge socio-economic inequalities and provide direct engagement in the World Woman Foundation Global Leadership Institute.”

“The inaugural World Woman Summit welcomes anyone interested in joining the global movement as an advocate for key gender equality issues,” Dash said. “The conference is also ideal for community leaders, professionals and business leaders who are interested in entrepreneurship, innovation and filmmaking – the experts who are interested in contributing to the Global Mentorship Program and are ready to give back to the community.”

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The foundation is headquartered in Los Angeles, but for the past nine months, Dash said, they have been considering locations in the mid-U.S. to launch their global initiative. Little Rock will serve as the base for mid-U.S. operations. "Little Rock was a very intentional choice, as it is truly a global village, hosting this global conference to send out a global message at an important time," Dash said. "I am so excited to partner with a community of heart-centered leaders to make an impact together locally and globally."