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POWER TO DECIDE AWARDED FOUR-STAR RATING BY CHARITY NAVIGATOR

(Washington, D.C.) — For the 11th year in a row, Power to Decide, the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy, was awarded a four-star rating by <u>Charity Navigator</u>, the independent, non-profit organization that provides donors with essential information they need to make informed decisions about charitable giving. The four-star rating is the highest rating a charitable non-profit can receive. Power to Decide has been awarded the four-star rating for 11 consecutive years. Only 1% of rated charities can claim this honor.

For more than 20 years, Power to Decide has been a recognized source for high-quality, accurate information on sexual health, contraception, and related topics. The organization serves as a trusted source for research-based solutions. It also supports professionals, mentors and works with policymakers, advocates, the press, entertainment media and key influencers. Lastly, Power to Decide serves as convener and catalyst, creating partnerships and offering a place for everyone.

"We are so proud to receive this recognition from Charity Navigator for the 11th year in a row," said Ginny Ehrlich, CEO, Power to Decide. "This special recognition puts us among the top 1% of organizations from a quality perspective and it reinforces the fact that every dollar of support will be maximized to ensure that all young people have access to quality sexual health information and the full range of contraceptive methods so that they can live life on their own terms."

Power to Decide was founded in 1996 when teen pregnancy and birth rates were significantly higher. Although unplanned and teen pregnancies rates have declined significantly, women of color and women living in poverty continue to experience unplanned pregnancies at unacceptably high rates. In addition, recent <u>research</u> conducted by Power to Decide shows that nearly 20 million American women live in contraceptive deserts—defined by their lack of reasonable access to public health care sites offering the full range of contraceptive methods.

"Despite significant progress, we must continue our efforts so that all women, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status have the power to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to get pregnant," concluded Ehrlich.

Power to Decide is a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization that works to ensure all people—no matter who they are, where they live, or what their economic status might be—have the power to decide

if, when, and under what circumstances to get pregnant and have a child. Please visit us at www.PowerToDecide.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.