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POWER TO DECIDE RECEIVES 2020 PLATINUM SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY BY GUIDESTAR

(Washington, D.C.) — Power to Decide, the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy, was awarded the 2020 Platinum Seal of Transparency by <u>GuideStar</u>, the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. The recent recognition marks the fourth time the Platinum Seal has been awarded to Power to Decide.

The platinum rating is GuideStar's highest level of recognition. In previous years, GuideStar has recognized Power to Decide with the silver, gold and most recently, with the platinum rating.

For more than 20 years, Power to Decide has been a recognized source of objective, evidence-based information about sexual health and contraceptive options and works to guarantee equitable access to and information about the full range of birth control methods. Power to Decide believes that all young people should have the opportunity to pursue the future they want, realize their full possibility and follow their intentions.

"We are honored to have received the 2020 Platinum Seal of Transparency recognizing our commitment to ensure all people have access to the full range of contraceptive methods and quality sexual health information," said Gillian Sealy, CEO, Power to Decide. "With recent efforts and rulings to dismantle women's access to basic health care, our work has never been more important."

Currently, more than 19 million women of low income in the U.S. live in <u>contraceptive deserts</u>, counties without reasonable access to a publicly funded clinic offering the full range of birth control methods.

"Women of color and women living in poverty continue to face barriers when it comes to accessing contraception, such as cost of transportation, child care and time off work. With every dollar we receive, we are committed to breaking down these barriers, so all people have access to the health care they need and deserve," continued Sealy.

Power to Decide's Contraceptive Access Fund, <u>BCBenefits</u>, helps women overcome commonly-faced barriers to access contraception. To learn more about BCBenefits, or to donate, please visit <u>here</u>.

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.