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Fund for Women and Girls Announces *CNN* anchor and author Soledad O'Brien as Keynote Speaker for April 7 Annual Luncheon

NORWALK, March 2, 2011— Soledad O'Brien will be the keynote speaker for the Fairfield County Community Foundation's Fund for Women and Girls 12th annual luncheon on April 7 at the Hyatt Regency in Greenwich.

Ms. O'Brien is an author, anchor and special correspondent for *CNN*: Special Investigations Unit. She will sign copies of her new book *The Next Big Story: My Journey Through the Land of Possibilities* following the luncheon program. Books will be on sale at the event.

Individual tickets begin at \$250, tables begin at \$2,500 and can be purchased online at www.fccfoundation.org, or by contacting Suzanne Peters, Director of the Fund for Women and Girls at sbpeters@fccfoundation.org or 203.750.3208.

Since 1998, the Foundation's Fund for Women and Girls has awarded over \$1.9 million in grants to help nearly 3,000 women and girls throughout Fairfield County. Grants are awarded to support — and create — local nonprofit programs designed around the unique needs of girls and women.

Currently the Fund for Women and Girls is helping low and moderate-income students supporting children get essential college education through its Family Economic Security Program, a working families initiative. It also funds programs helping middle school and high school girls learn how to address issues such as bullying, dating violence and sexual assault. They also learn how to get the most from their education and become leaders in their schools and communities.



The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes the growth of community and regional philanthropy to improve the quality of life throughout Fairfield County. Individuals, families, corporations and organizations can establish their own charitable funds or contribute to existing funds focused on specific areas of need or communities in Fairfield County. The Foundation also provides philanthropic advisory services, and develops and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. It is in compliance with the Council on Foundations' national standards for community foundations. The Foundation has awarded over \$123 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit www.fccfoundation.org.

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