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Women's Voices Now Presents '*The Breadwinner*' at United Nations

Hollywood, CA (March 2nd, 2018) -- Women's Voices Now announced today that they will host a screening of the Academy Award-nominated animated film, *The Breadwinner*, at The Aqua Room on March 13th from 4:30-6:30pm. This one night only presentation, *Women's Rights and Impact Cinema: Moving From Empathy to Action*, is a parallel event at the 62nd U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, taking place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

"As a celebration of a young girl's strength, perseverance and imagination in the face of oppression, *The Breadwinner* is even more important today than ever. Our hope is that the film will inspire people to move 'from empathy to action' on the myriad of issues facing women and girls today," states Executive Producer, Mimi Polk Gitlin.

After the feature presentation, the public is invited to stay for a moderated discussion featuring activists who challenge radicalism and work to heal victims of violence globally. Panel members include: Raheel Raza, President of The Council for Muslims Facing Tomorrow and the founding member of The Muslim Reform Movement; Zainab Zeb Khan, the President of MALA: Muslim American Leadership Alliance; and human rights activist Linda Church, of Censored Women's Film Festival and creator of Nika Water.

Tickets for *Women's Rights and Impact Cinema: Moving From Empathy to Action* have been made available on Eventbrite at: <https://tinyurl.com/movingempathytoaction>. Those who cannot attend this event are encouraged to donate to Women's Voices Now online to support their mission to further activism through the medium of film. Donations can be made at: womensvoicesnow.org.

This event is co-hosted by the Censored Women's Film Festival, a traveling global film festival bringing attention to the abuse of women in the name of religion and culture, that elevates the voices of marginalized and silenced filmmakers.

About The Breadwinner:

Executive Produced by Angelina Jolie and Mimi Polk Gitlin, *The Breadwinner* (2017) explores the journey of a headstrong young girl in Afghanistan who disguises herself as a boy in order to provide for her family. *The Breadwinner* has been nominated for an Academy Award in the category of Animated Feature.

About Women's Voices Now:

Women's Voices Now is a non-profit supporting the free expression of women worldwide and their struggle for civil, economic, political, and gender rights by creating platforms that connect conscientious art and media creators, activists, filmmakers, audiences, and advocacy organizations. Through the annual WVN Online Film Festival and the Fiscal Sponsorship program, Women's Voices Now provides an opportunity for filmmakers that share our mission in furthering women's rights and builds a community.