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Minneapolis, MN, March 19, 2024- Dream of Wild Health is honored to receive a transformative \$1 million gift from MacKenzie Scott's Yield Giving. Today, MacKenzie Scott's Yield Giving announced Dream of Wild Health as one of the Yield Giving Open Call's awardees working with people and in places experiencing the greatest need in the United States.

Dream of Wild Health (DWH) is an intertribal, independent 501(c)3 nonprofit that serves the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Native American community. Dream of Wild Health is one of the longest continually operating Native American organizations in the Twin Cities. This generous gift will go a long way in enabling Dream of Wild Health to expand its vital initiatives aimed at reconnecting the urban Native American community with traditional practices, particularly through education on Native plants' culinary, medicinal, and spiritual significance. Dream of Wild Health owns and operates a 30-acre farm in Hugo, MN, where they run educational programs and cultivate Indigenous foods, including rare seeds entrusted to them by Potawatomi elder Cora Baker.

Executive Director Neely Snyder expressed her profound gratitude for the gift. "We are so grateful for the opportunities this grant presents, enabling Dream of Wild Health to persist in fostering positive change for future generations," she said. "It will significantly transform our programs and initiatives, expanding our reach and bolstering our impact in the community. This funding will empower us to further promote healthy living, cultural revitalization, and food sovereignty, with the ultimate aim of fulfilling our mission to restore health and well-being in the Native community."

In March 2023, Yield Giving launched an Open Call for community-led, community-focused organizations whose explicit purpose is to enable individuals and families to achieve substantive improvement in their well-being through foundational resources.

The Open Call received 6,353 applications and initially planned for 250 awards of \$1 million each. In the Fall of 2023, organizations top-rated by their peers advanced to a second round of review by an external Evaluation Panel recruited for experience relevant to this cause, and underwent a final round of due diligence. In light of the incredible work of these organizations, as judged by their peers and external panelists, the donor team decided to expand the awardee pool and the award amount, awarding 361 organizations a total of \$640 million. "We are excited that our partnership with Yield Giving has resonated with so many organizations," said Cecilia Conrad, CEO of Lever for Change. "In a world teeming with potential and talent, the Open Call has given us an

opportunity to identify, uplift, and empower transformative organizations that often remain unseen.”

Dream of Wild Health extends heartfelt appreciation to Yield Giving for their generous support and reaffirms its dedication to advancing health, culture, and food sovereignty within the Native American community.

About Dream of Wild Health:

Dream of Wild Health (DWH) is an intertribal, independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Minneapolis-Saint Paul, MN. Established to serve the Native American community, DWH operates a 30-acre farm in Hugo, MN, where it conducts educational programs focused on traditional Native plants and cultural practices. Through initiatives such as the Indigenous Food Share (IFS) and youth programs, DWH promotes healthy living, cultural revitalization, and food sovereignty. Visit Dream of Wild Health’s website at www.dreamofwildhealth.org.

About Yield Giving:

Established by MacKenzie Scott to share a financial fortune created through the effort of countless people, Yield Giving is named after a belief in adding value by giving up control. To date, Yield’s network of staff and advisors has yielded over \$16,500,000,000 to 1,900+ non-profit teams to use as they see fit for the benefit of others. To learn more, visit www.yieldgiving.com.

About Lever for Change:

Lever for Change connects donors with bold solutions to the world’s biggest problems—including issues like racial inequity, gender inequality, lack of access to economic opportunity, and climate change. Using an inclusive, equitable model and due diligence process, Lever for Change creates customized challenges and other tailored funding opportunities. Top-ranked teams and challenge finalists become members of the Bold Solutions Network—a growing global network that helps secure additional funding, amplify members’ impact, and accelerate social change. Founded in 2019 as a nonprofit affiliate of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Lever for Change has influenced over \$1.7 billion in grants to date and provided support to more than 145 organizations. To learn more, visit www.leverforchange.org.