



women's  
FOUNDATION  
OF MISSISSIPPI

EVERY YEAR, Mississippi ranks as one of the worst states for women. Teenage pregnancy curtails aspirations. Career opportunities remain scarce. And lack of advanced education puts economic stability even further out of reach.

But the Women's Foundation of Mississippi is reversing these statistics – and creating opportunity. Because when women thrive, Mississippi thrives.

NO HEALTH CARE

LACK OF OPPORTUNITY

WE CAN REMOVE THE OBSTACLES.

OUR ADVOCACY WORK AND GRANTS TARGET THE  
ROOTS OF THE ISSUES FACING OUR WOMEN AND GIRLS.  
WE'VE ALREADY MADE GREAT STRIDES. BUT WE  
STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. AS WE EXPAND TO  
REACH EVERY COMMUNITY IN MISSISSIPPI, WE

MUST EXPAND OUR RESOURCES – FINANCIALLY AND  
INTELLECTUALLY. WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN  
FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGE THE GAME FOR MISSISSIPPI'S  
WOMEN AND GIRLS. PLEASE JOIN US AT THE TABLE  
AND HELP SHAPE A STRONGER MISSISSIPPI.

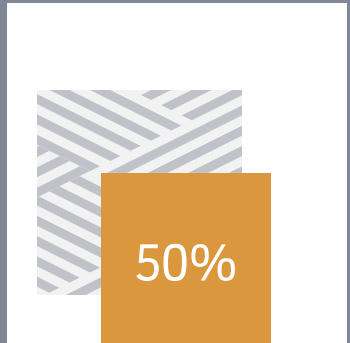


**\$155 million**  
EVERY YEAR

*Every year, unplanned teen pregnancies cost Mississippi \$155 million in lost economic potential.*

We're proud to say our efforts have already helped lower Mississippi's teen birth rate. But Mississippi still has one of the highest teen birth rates in the nation. Only 1/3 of teen mothers receive a high school diploma. What's more, daughters of teen mothers are more likely to become teen mothers themselves.

The Women's Foundation of Mississippi is working to slow this cycle of diminishing opportunity by ensuring teens have access to pregnancy prevention programs that work. We know what we're doing is working. We just need to reach more teens. And we will, with your assistance.



*Our goal is to reduce Mississippi's teen birth rate by 40% by 2019, and 50% by 2024.*

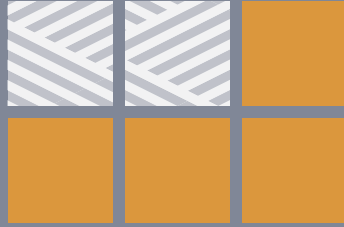
**REDUCE TEEN BIRTH RATE BY 50%**

More education means more job opportunity. So the Women's Foundation works with Mississippi community colleges to increase graduation rates for women.

In addition to the typical financial hurdles, Mississippi's women face unique challenges when it comes to continuing their education. The Women's Foundation commissioned a study that found 1/3 of Mississippi's female community college students are also supporting dependent children.

So the Women's Foundation of Mississippi is helping provide greater access to childcare, healthcare, financial resources and transportation. And we enable more women to complete degrees in less than 7 years in order to get a good job.

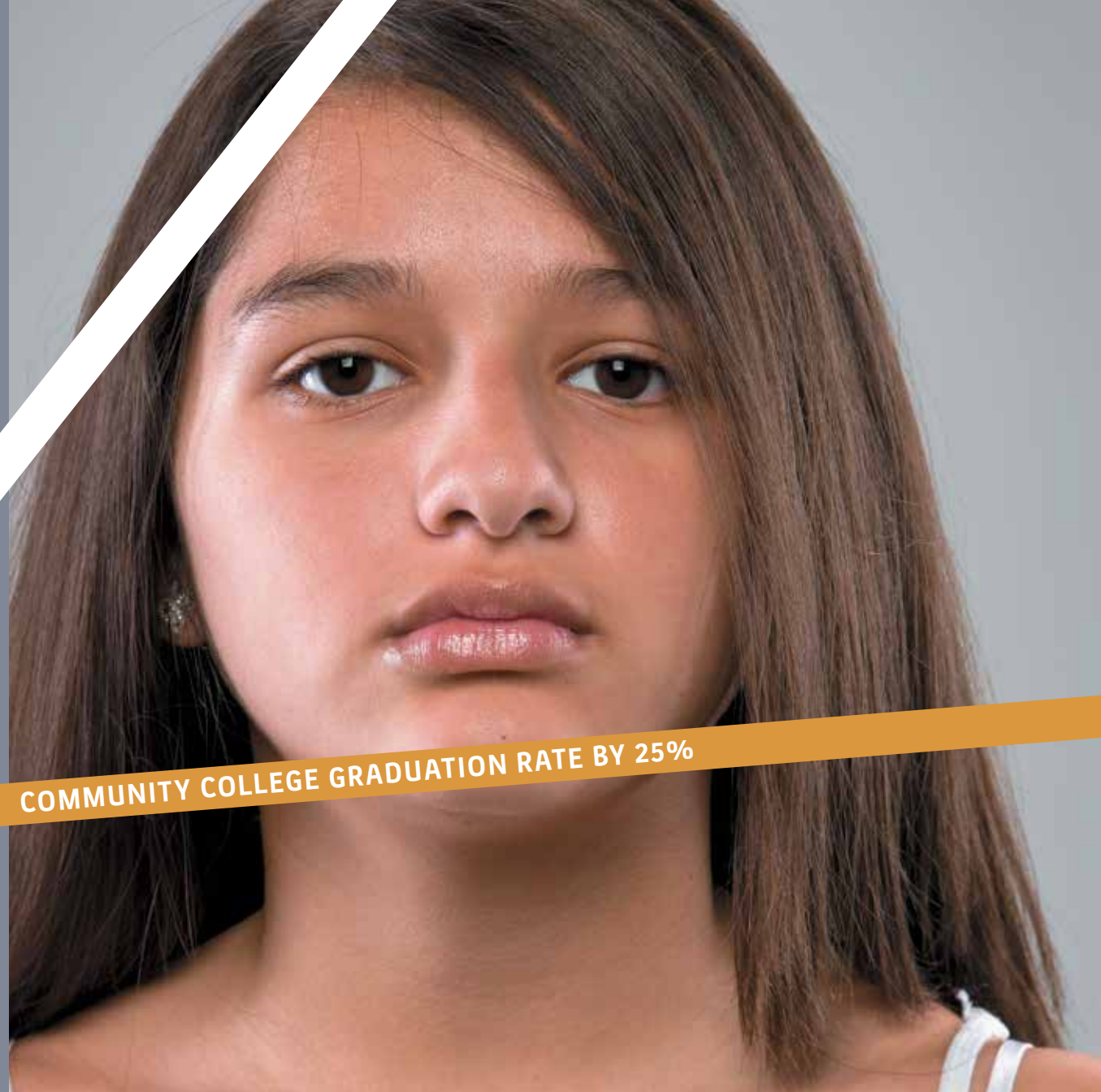
We can increase the female community college graduation rate by 25% by 2024 – which will dramatically improve Mississippi's economy for generations.



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*Due to barriers like childcare and transportation, it takes female community college students an average of seven years to complete a two-year degree.*

**INCREASE FEMALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATION RATE BY 25%**



WOMEN REPRESENT OVER HALF OUR POPULATION.

And we're doing much more. The Women's Foundation of Mississippi is the only advocacy and grant making organization dedicated to improving quality of life for women throughout the state. We don't just provide social services. We inspire social change.

We have the roadmap to a brighter future. But we need your help to get there.

**We invite you to join us at the table.**

**To make more of an impact.**

**To create more opportunities.**

**To help more women do more.**

LET'S GIVE THEM MORE THAN HALF A CHANCE.

2016



2019

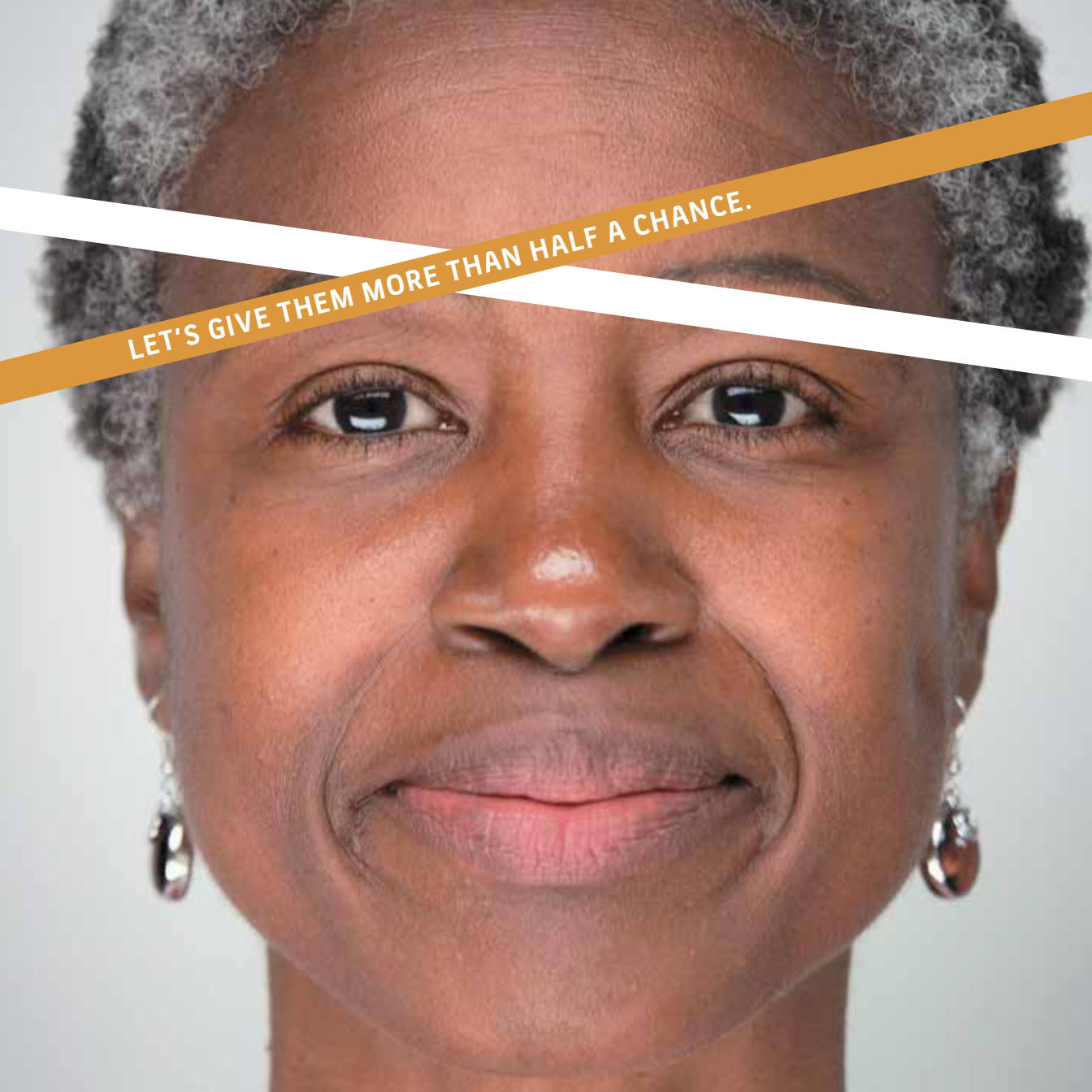


2024



Game Changers milestones:

- Donors and Advocates
- Grants
- Endowment





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