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## **Congress Takes Important First Steps But Needs to Do More to Support Nonprofits Fighting Coronavirus on the Frontlines, Says YWCA USA**

**Washington, D.C.** — The economic relief and stimulus package passed by Congress to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic provides important relief to YWCA and other nonprofits who are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis.

**In response, Alejandra Y. Castillo, CEO of the YWCA USA issued the following statement:**

“We applaud Congress for passing the CARES Act. YWCA USA deeply appreciates that charitable nonprofits like YWCA will be able to obtain some economic relief through this stimulus package. Emergency relief funding to address child care, domestic violence, housing, and other human services are critical to relieving the COVID-19 crisis in communities across the country.

Even with this step forward, more is needed so that nonprofits can continue to employ our workers and deliver services that communities desperately need right now. We call on Congress to provide even greater support to the nonprofit sector which has been so financially devastated by coronavirus but continues to help our most vulnerable neighbors. Frontline healthcare workers are relying on us to watch their kids when they go to work fighting coronavirus. Survivors of domestic violence who can't safely self-quarantine at home are relying on us for shelter. The elderly and other vulnerable people are relying on us for meals and medical support. And now the nonprofit sector is relying on Congress to give us the relief that we desperately need to continue serving the people.”

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### **About YWCA USA**

*YWCA is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities. We are one of the oldest and largest women's organizations in the nation, serving over 2 million women, girls, and their families.*

*YWCA has been at the forefront of the most pressing social movements for over 160 years — from voting rights to civil rights, from affordable housing to pay equity, from violence prevention to health care reform. Today, we combine programming and advocacy in order to generate institutional change in three key areas: racial justice and civil rights, empowerment and economic advancement of women and girls, and health and safety of women and girls. Learn more at [www.ywca.org](http://www.ywca.org).*