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Nissan Foundation supports New York's One To World as it fosters Citizen Diplomacy and International Understanding

New York (June 28, 2018)– The Nissan Foundation this week named One To World as a 2018 grant recipient. The Nissan Foundation grant will help fund One To World's variety of cultural understanding programs.

"We are so pleased to have the support of the Nissan Foundation again this year," said One To World Executive Director Jen Clarke. "The Foundation's generous support will help make possible our hundreds of programs that further cross-cultural understanding and international harmony. With the visible intolerance of cultural differences we are seeing far too often today, One To World's work is even more important."

The Nissan Foundation's 2018 grantees include 29 nonprofit organizations located in Southern California, North Central Texas, Middle Tennessee, Central Mississippi, Eastern Michigan and the New York and Atlanta metro areas. In total, the Nissan Foundation is awarding grants amounting to \$730,000.

In 1992, Nissan North America formed the Nissan Foundation in response to the civil unrest that occurred near Nissan's then U.S. headquarters in Southern California, following the Rodney King trial verdict. Every year since, the Nissan Foundation has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars to organizations that offer educational programs that inform, inspire and celebrate diversity among the various cultural and ethnic groups that make up society.

Over its 26-year history, the Nissan Foundation has awarded more than \$10 million to approximately 120 organizations promoting respect and understanding among cultural and ethnic groups.

"It is a privilege to recognize One To World with a Nissan Foundation grant for the work it is doing to promote the value of racial, ethnic and cultural diversity," said Nissan Foundation President Scott Becker, who is also senior vice president, Administration, Nissan North America, Inc. "The Nissan Foundation has a proud history of recognizing and supporting organizations making a real impact in this regard."

One To World is the only organization dedicated to connecting Americans with the nearly 1,000 Fulbright scholars and the 100,000 international students—representing 140 countries—who are studying on New York-area campuses. One To World's programs create vibrant opportunities for sharing perspectives, face-to-face, in mind-opening, life-changing ways. The organization has been creating opportunities for citizen diplomacy for 40 years.

While many international students are satisfied with their academic experience, too many say that they feel unwelcome, invisible, and isolated, and have few American friends. They too often return to their home countries without having made the connections that strengthen the possibility for positive international relationships in the future. At the same time, there is an urgent need for Americans to increase their awareness and understanding of other cultures, and far too few opportunities for this to happen. One To World provides hundreds of programs each year that connect international students with Americans and with each other.

Amanda Sotto, a Fulbright grantee from Mexico, said, "I've discovered through One To World that there is a shared human essence that has nothing to do with background. It's a deeper kind of connection, and I know the difference it is making will last through our lifetimes."

About One To World

To advance global cooperation, One To World fosters intercultural understanding by creating face-to-face experiences among local communities, international students and Fulbright scholars. The organization was founded 40 years ago to bring Americans together with outstanding young leaders from around the world, sharing similarities and appreciating differences, to build cross-cultural understanding and respect. To read more about One To World's services for international students, Fulbright grantees, and international educators, as well as their *Global Classroom* program in New York area K-12 schools, visit www.one-to-world.org.

About the Nissan Foundation

Established in 1992, the mission of the Nissan Foundation is to build community through valuing cultural diversity. The Nissan Foundation is part of Nissan North America's commitment to "enrich people's lives" by helping to meet the needs of communities throughout the U.S. through philanthropic investments, corporate outreach sponsorships, in-kind donations and other charitable contributions. In its 26th year, Nissan Foundation maintains its singular focus on recognizing nonprofits promoting respect among racial and cultural groups.

About Nissan North America

In North America, Nissan's operations include automotive styling, engineering, consumer and corporate financing, sales and marketing, distribution and manufacturing. Nissan is dedicated to improving the environment under the Nissan Green Program and has been recognized annually by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as an ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year since 2010. More information on Nissan in North America and the complete line of Nissan and Infiniti vehicles can be found online at www.NissanUSA.com and www.InfinitiUSA.com, or visit the U.S. media sites NissanNews.com and InfinitiNews.com.

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