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A conversation about working together to support the changing paradigms of men and women's roles and the launch of our Men & Women as Allies initiative.

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Chloe Angyal holds a PhD in Media Studies from The University of New South Wales, in Sydney, Australia. Her dissertation is about sex, gender, and power in Hollywood romantic comedies, and explores the current state of the only film genre made for and about women. She is a freelance journalist whose writing about gender, politics, and popular culture has been published in *The Atlantic*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Reuters*, *The Guardian*, *New York Magazine*, and many other national and international outlets. She is a regular guest on MSNBC and Al Jazeera. She is Senior Editor of *Feministing.com*, the world's most read feminist publication. She is also a Senior Fellowship Leader for the OpEd Project, which is devoted to increasing diversity at the byline level and beyond, and a Senior Advisor to The Harry Potter Alliance.

Ted Bunch is the co-founder and co-director of A Call to Men. He is recognized both nationally and internationally for his expertise in organizing and educating men in the effort to create a healthier and more respectful manhood. He is dedicated to strengthening community accountability to end all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls. Ted is formerly the Director and co-creator of the largest program for domestic violence offenders in America. He has worked with Police and Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics and other first responders to domestic violence. He is a recognized trainer, lecturer and consultant on male accountability. A committed ally for more than a 15 years, Ted has gained leadership status in the domestic violence, rape and sexual assault prevention communities across the country. Ted brings a great enthusiasm and a wealth of knowledge to his work. He has trained at many colleges and universities throughout the United States as well as the National Football League. In addition, he has had guest appearances on national television and radio programs and has been a script consultant for Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. He has traveled abroad speaking in places like Israel, Suriname, South Africa, Ghana, Brazil and Puerto Rico as well as being an invited guest presenter for the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women and the UN Alliance of Civilizations. Ted is an international lecturer for the U.S. State Department, and was appointed by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon as a Committee Member to UNITE, an international network of male leaders working to end violence against women.

Abigail E. Disney is a filmmaker and philanthropist. Her longtime passion for women's issues and peacebuilding culminated in her first film, the acclaimed *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*. Abigail produced the groundbreaking PBS mini-series *Women, War & Peace*, the most comprehensive global media initiative ever mounted on the role of women in peace and conflict. She has played a role in many film projects and is currently at work on a film highlighting the key role of women in the *Arab Awakening*. She founded the Daphne Foundation, *Peace is Loud* and co-founded, along with 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee, the Gbowee Peace Foundation, USA.

Carlos Andrés Gómez is a poet, actor, and writer from New York City who appeared in HBO's "Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry" and Spike Lee's #1 movie "Inside Man" with Denzel Washington. He is the author of "Man Up: Reimagining Modern Manhood," released by Gotham Books, an imprint of Penguin, a memoir that seeks to challenge the limiting and destructive narrative of machismo that inundates what so many young males are taught.

Michael Kimmel is SUNY Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at Stony Brook University where he directs the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities. He's also been an activist to engage men for gender equality since he founded Santa Cruz Men Against Rape in 1978, and co-founded the National Organization for Men Against sexism two years later. He's the author of many books, including the best seller *Guyland*, *Angry White Men*, *The Guy's Guide to Feminism*, and *Manhood in America*. He lectures at college campuses, in corporations and public sector organizations, and for governments, and has delivered the International Women's Day lecture at the Parliament of Europe.

Don McPherson is an NFL veteran, College Football Hall of Famer, sports analyst, and social activist, who, for more than 20 years, has used the power and appeal of sport to address complex social issues. Upon retiring from pro football in 1994, he joined Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society as national director of Athletes in Service to America, turning his focus to the issue of men's violence against women. Don has conducted workshops and lectures for more than 200 college campuses, community organizations and national sports and violence prevention organizations, reaching more than one million people. He currently serves on an advisory committee for the National Football Foundation.

Marianne Schnall is a widely published writer and interviewer. She is also the founder and Executive Director of Feminist.com, a leading women's website and nonprofit organization. For nearly twenty years, Feminist.com has been fostering awareness, education, and activism for people all across the world. Marianne is also the cofounder of EcoMall.com, one of the oldest environmental websites promoting earth-friendly living. She is the author of *Daring to Be Ourselves: Influential Women Share Insights on Courage, Happiness and Finding Your Own Voice* based on her interviews with a diversity of well known women. Marianne's new book is *What Will it Take to Make a Woman President? Conversations About Women, Leadership and Power* which features interviews with politicians, public officials, thought leaders, writers, artists, and activists exploring the changing paradigms occurring in politics and in our culture. Through her writings, interviews, and websites, Marianne strives to raise awareness and inspire activism around important issues and causes.

Esta Soler is an expert on violence against women and children. Esta founded Futures Without Violence over 30 years ago and transformed it into one of the world's leading violence prevention agencies. Futures Without Violence has set the pace for innovative educational programs, public education campaigns, policy development, and leadership training designed to prevent and end violence against women and children worldwide. Under Soler's direction, Futures Without Violence, then Family Violence Prevention Fund, was a driving force behind passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994—the nation's first comprehensive federal response to the violence that affects families and communities. Her work to prevent violence against women has been featured on MAKERS, an innovative video and documentary project, and her TEDTalk charts 30 years of tactics that have shaped the movement to end domestic violence. Soler's many awards include a Kellogg Foundation National Leadership Fellowship, a Koret Israel Prize, and a University of California Public Health Heroes Award. She is also the recipient of the Leadership Award from the Coro Center for Civic Leadership and the Mathew O. Tobriner Public Service Award from the Employment Law Center in San Francisco for pioneering work on behalf of women and children. Soler holds an honorary doctorate from Simmons College in Boston.

Niobe Way is Professor of Applied Psychology at New York University. She is also the co-Director of the Center for Research on Culture, Development, and Education at NYU and the past President for the Society for Research on Adolescence. Way's research focuses on the intersections of culture, context, and human development. Way has published numerous articles and books including *Everyday Courage: The Lives and Stories of Urban Teenagers* (NYU Press, 1998); and *Deep Secrets: Boys' Friendships and the Crisis of Connection* (Harvard University Press, 2011). Her coedited or co-authored books include: *Urban Girls: Resisting Stereotypes, Creating Identities* (NYU press, 1996); *Adolescent Boys: Exploring Diverse Cultures of Boyhood* (NYU Press, 2004) and *Growing up Fast: Transitions to Adulthood among Inner City Adolescent Mothers* (Erlbaum Press, 2001).

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