

CHIME FOR CHANGE LAUNCHES NEW APP TO CONVENE, UNITE AND STRENGTHEN THE VOICES SPEAKING OUT FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF GIRLS AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

CHIME FOR CHANGE launches app featuring the voice of co-founder Beyoncé Knowles-Carter, available free at the App Store

CHIME FOR CHANGE calls on the global community to lend their voices and #CHIMEIN in support of girls and women who inspire them

7th March 2014, Paris, France – On the eve of International Women's Day, CHIME FOR CHANGE, the global campaign for girls' and women's empowerment founded by Gucci, has launched a new app which will help the campaign continue to unite, convene and strengthen the voices calling for change for girls and women, through Education, Health and Justice - the three key pillars of the CHIME FOR CHANGE campaign.



Unveiled today by CHIME FOR CHANGE at a press conference on the eve of International Women's Day, the app will enable supporters to lend their voices by issuing #CHIMEIN



messages, and to further create change by funding projects supporting girls and women through Education, Health, and Justice. Available in four languages (English, Italian, French and Spanish) and free from the iTunes App Store, the app was inspired by #CHIMEHACK, a 3-day hackathon hosted at Twitter's San Francisco HQ in December 2013, which convened the brightest minds and visionary leaders in technology to create innovative mobile app solutions to support girls and women.

Gucci Creative Director and CHIME FOR CHANGE co-founder Frida Giannini, said: "Since launching CHIME FOR CHANGE last year, we have raised significant funds and awareness for girls and women around the world, but our work has only just begun. We believe in the power of technology and partnerships to drive change, as we are all stronger together. With the launch of this app, we are calling on our community to lend their voices – together, we can call for change in the loudest voice possible."

CHIME FOR CHANGE co-founder Beyoncé Knowles-Carter created a signature bell sound for the new app, lending her vocals from "Pretty Hurts." By sharing her voice, she is calling on others around the world to **#**CHIMEIN: "I am honored to be a part of the continuing work of CHIME FOR CHANGE on behalf of women and girls around the world, and especially at this time to mark International Women's Day."

Users will be able to activate the sound, and see the visual swinging bell, by simply shaking their iPhones. To mark International Women's Day, CHIME FOR CHANGE is encouraging supporters to #CHIMEIN, and create a global reverberation of the signature bell, as voices around the world unite in support of girls' and women's empowerment. The CHIME app is available free from the App Store at: ichime.in/chimeapp.

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For images and b-roll from today's press conference please go to: http://www.image.net/ChimeforChange

To stay informed, visit <u>www.chimeforchange.org</u> and join our community on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/chimeforchange</u> and on Twitter at @ChimeforChange

Download the CHIME app at ichime.in/chimeapp

To watch and download the films please go to www.chimeforchange.org or www.youtube.com/chimeforchange

To download the imagery, logos, biographies and press releases for the CHIME FOR CHANGE campaign please click <u>http://www.chimeforchange.org/</u>



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ABOUT CHIME FOR CHANGE

CHIME FOR CHANGE, founded by Gucci, campaigns to convene, unite and strengthen the voices speaking out for girls and women around the world, with a focus on using innovative approaches to raise funds and awareness for Education, Health and Justice projects. Through its crowdfunding partner Catapult, CHIME FOR CHANGE has fully funded more than 280 projects in 81 countries through 87 non-profit partners. In addition to Catapult, CHIME FOR CHANGE strategic partners include the Kering Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Facebook, Hearst Magazines, P&G Prestige, Twitter and Kellogg's Special K.

CHIME FOR CHANGE reports on the impact of these projects, and shines a spotlight on powerful stories of girls and women globally through journalism and film. To learn more about the campaign and the girls and women it reaches, visit <u>www.chimeforchange.org</u> and <u>www.facebook.com/chimeforchange</u>, and view the CHIME FOR CHANGE short films at <u>www.youtube.com/chimeforchange</u>.

The CHIME FOR CHANGE Founding Committee includes Frida Giannini, Beyoncé Knowles-Carter and Salma Hayek Pinault. The CHIME FOR CHANGE Advisory Board includes Hafsat Abiola, Muna AbuSulayman, Valerie Amos, Humaira Bachal, Jimmie Briggs, Gordon and Sarah Brown, Lydia Cacho, David Carey, Joanne Crewes, Minh Dang, Juliet de Baubigny, Waris Dirie, Carolyn Everson, Helene Gayle, Leymah Gbowee, Yasmeen Hassan, Arianna Huffington, Musimbi Kanyoro, Alicia Keys, Yang Lan, John Legend, Madonna, Pat Mitchell, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Alyse Nelson, Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy, Francois-Henri Pinault, Julia Roberts, Jill Sheffield, Alison Smale, Jada Pinkett Smith, Peter Soer, Caryl Stern, Meryl Streep, the Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Mpho Tutu, and Monique Villa.

GUCCI

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The Kering Corporate Foundation

Launched in 2009, the Kering Foundation combats Violence Against Women. It supports NGOs and social entrepreneurs, helps raise awareness on Violence Against Women and encourages employee involvement in Americas, Western Europe and Asia.

More than 140,000 women benefited from the Foundation's support since its inception. <u>www.keringfoundation.org</u> @KeringForWomen



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Facebook

Founded in 2004, Facebook's mission is to make the world more open and connected. People use Facebook to stay connected with friends and family, to discover what's going on in the world, and to share and express what matters to them.

Catapult

Catapult is the first crowd-funding platform solely dedicated to advancing the lives of girls and women around the world. Catapult connects trusted organizations with a new global audience to increase funds and engagement. Organizations can post projects online, and donors can browse and fund the issues that speak to them most. Every dollar donated goes to the organization and donors receive reports about the project's progress. Catapult beta-launched on October 11, 2012, with the support of notable partners, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Global Fund for Women and the United Nations Population Fund.For more information go to www.catapult.org, and follow Catapult on Twitter: @wecatapult and Facebook at facebook.com/catapult.org. Catapult is a project of WOMEN DELIVER, a 501c(3) organization. Invest in girls and women. It pays!

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ABOUT P&G Prestige:

P&G Prestige is the producer of Gucci Parfums. Its President Joanne Crewes, also a CHIME FOR CHANGE Advisory Board Member, teamed up with Giannini to create the Gucci Parfums donation program launched in 2013. Gucci Parfums announced a minimum pledge of \$1 million to support CHIME FOR CHANGE projects through the sales of five designated iconic Gucci fragrances: Flora by Gucci, Gucci Guilty pour Femme and Gucci Guilty pour Homme, Gucci Première and Gucci Made To Measure. With a unique donation code in each product,



consumers will be able to help improve the lives of girls and women by choosing to support projects promoting Education, Health or Justice. Gucci Parfums is encouraging consumers to redeem their donation codes online at <u>www.chimeforchange.org/gucciparfums</u>, and to share their involvement, spreading the message of the campaign.