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**New York City Mission Society Statement on Voter Turnout**

(New York, NY) – New York City Mission Society President, Elsie McCabe Thompson, issued the following statement urging young people to vote on November 6, 2018:

“Your ideas and opinions are necessary to shaping our society’s future. Indeed, since Mission was founded in 1812, young adults in every generation have often been the first and loudest voices for social change. From workers' rights, civil rights, and gender equality, to environmental protection, educational reform, and more—the votes of young people have often made the winning difference in electing leaders who will build the kind of society we can all be proud to share.

But the first step is to VOTE! You have the right and the power to create change. In fact, the right to vote is a dream that many of our ancestors fought their entire lives to secure. When you vote, take pride in knowing that you are fulfilling the dream of generations.”

**About the New York City Mission Society**

The New York City Mission Society has been on the frontlines of the war on poverty for more than 200 years. Today, our progressive portfolio of educational, workforce development, cultural enrichment, and community-building programs, make a positive, long-term impact on the City’s most underserved communities by promoting academic achievement, and providing career opportunities and cultural enrichment. Each year, we serve more than 10,000 children and families throughout New York City with our programs, supportive services, and community events. Learn more at <http://www.nycmissionsociety.org>.