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Cheryl Lynn Brannan has been an advocate for women and girls globally for more than 30 years, driven by a passion for promoting women's empowerment. President of the Brannan Solutions Group, a multifaceted consulting firm, Ms. Brannan specializes in eliminating health disparities in communities of color. She also works on women's empowerment, STEM education, strategic management and social responsibility.

Ms. Brannan serves a broad clientele, facilitating the award-winning Yonkers Healthy Connections for L-Y-F-E Coalition, which includes more than 100 diverse stakeholders. Its

mission is to create health equity and the adoption of healthy lifestyles, while fighting obesity among underserved populations.

A former executive at Xerox Corporation with a career spanning more than 20 years, Ms. Brannan founded the Xerox Black Women's Caucus Group, N.Y. Chapter, one of the first of its kind in corporate America. She is also founder of Sister to Sister International, Inc. (STSI), an organization that recently celebrated 20 years linking women of African descent to resources that connect, advance and strengthen them. Ms. Brannan led the organization's efforts to earn Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council, and also helped create an award-winning Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM) Camp, now in its sixth year, that has grown into a year-round academy for Black and Latina girls. Ms. Brannan spearheaded the creation of a Black Women Girl-Child Coalition in Westchester County that includes more than 25 women's organizations.

Ms. Brannan was the youngest woman to be elected county-wide president of the Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus, an organization that encourages black women to seek elected and appointed positions. She also started the Yonkers chapter and serves as a mentor to many women who have sought and won political positions.

Most recently, Ms. Brannan served as Chairperson of Westchester County Women of Color for Hillary. She is an award-winning toastmaster and has attended conferences in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean as a delegate and keynote speaker. She shares her expertise on various boards, and has received many accolades for her global work on behalf of women and families and social justice causes.

Ms. Brannan is a lifelong resident of the City of Yonkers. She and Lloyd Douglas are the proud parents of Sayidana Lynn Brannan Douglas, a freshman college student enrolled in the Women in Science and Engineering Program at Stony Brook University.