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25 FOR 25 SERIES

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25 for 25 is an original content series by Gucci and CHIME FOR CHANGE to mark the historic milestone of Beijing +25 in March, as well as Women's History Month. The series will highlight activists, CHIME Advisory Board members, partners and supporters who represent the progress made on gender equality over the past 25 years, and the emerging next generation continuing this critical work.



In the lead-up to International Women's Day on March 8, CHIME is proud to continue 25 for 25 with Arianna Huffington, Founder and CEO of Thrive Global and CHIME Advisory Board member, as she shares her vision and inspiration for gender equality.

What are your hopes and expectations for gender equality in the next 25 years?

We're going to see much more acknowledgement that the current male-dominated model of success isn't working for women, and it's not working for men, either. I believe women will take the lead in changing the way we work and live — with benefits for women and men alike.

What does gender equality mean to you?

Workplace cultures that truly value women, and a world in which women can not only take their place at the top of the world, but change the world.

What keeps you energized and committed as a leader for gender equality?

My daughters. Watching them come into their own and take their places in the world inspires me each day.

What advice would you give younger generations on how to advocate / work for gender equality as they get older?

Do not buy into the idea that burnout is the price you have to pay for success. Your productivity and creativity will flourish if you prioritize your well-being, and that will make you more likely to succeed at whatever you do.

Who do you look to as an example / role model in the fight for gender equality?

There are so many amazing role models, but one of my biggest role models was my mother. She taught me that "failure is not the opposite of success, but a stepping stone to success," and she always made me feel that if I did fail, she wouldn't love me any less.

