

# THE CARE ECONOMY

## WOMEN, WEALTH & WORK IN THE U.S.



# 87.7%

of the healthcare and care support workforce 4.5 million workers are women.

The "typical" U.S. caregiver is a 46-year-old woman who works outside the home and spends more than 20 hours per week providing unpaid care to her mother.



Three out of every four unpaid family caregivers are women.



Caregiving can last from less than a year to more than 40 years.

# >50%

Over half of women in personal care & healthcare support jobs live in or near poverty.

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