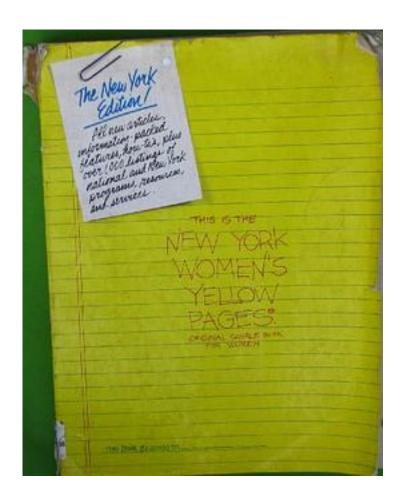
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In the summer of 1972, several months after the Women's Action Alliance, Inc. formally announced its

existence, we were faced with thousands of requests from women across the country for assistance and information. It was clear then, and continues to be confirmed daily, that women are almost totally isolated from the very services, information, and assistance they most desperately need. Even when assistance is available, it is all too often unresponsive to the special circumstances of women in our society. We are convinced that women are in urgent need of resources to help them deal more effectively with their own daily survival needs and those of their families. As a national clearinghouse of resources and information, the Women's Action Alliance, Inc. found itself unable to respond individually to those thousands of New York women who called or wrote to us for help. It was when we were feeling most frustrated that we received a copy of the only Boston edition of the Women's Yellow Pages. It was the first publication we had seen that responded sensitively and practically to what were clearly the vital needs of women. We all wished that women in every community (particularly ours) could have a version of this book. When the Boston Women's Collective sought our assistance in putting together a New York edition, we literally leaped at the opportunity to participate in this project. Here was the perfect chance to answer in one book many of our letters and calls. Toward these ends, we provided our carefully compiled resource files and our support.

Through the New York Women's Yellow Pages we

began to realize a piece of our dreamto connect women
with the services and information they need, to work
together to combat sexism and sex discrimination, and,
above all, to build a community of women helping women.
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