

## Women's Foundation of Minnesota to share results of latest research, July 10, in Grand Rapids

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota will convene a public meeting to share key findings from its latest research report, Status of Girls in Minnesota, for Grand Rapids and the greater Grand Rapids community on Thursday, July 10, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Blandin Foundation, located at 100 North Pokegama Avenue. The event is free of charge.

The community presentation in Grand Rapids is one of 17 such events held across the Minnesota, as part of the foundation's statewide Road to Equality Tour. The foundation kicked-off the tour with a press conference on April 28, at the Minnesota State Capitol to publicly release Status of Girls in Minnesota. The Road to Equality Tour

includes travel to 10 cities in greater Minnesota from May to July, including Marshall, Willmar, St. Cloud, Rochester, Duluth, Virginia, Moorhead, Bemidji, Warroad, and Grand Rapids.

Additionally in each city, a focus group will also be held with community, business, and political leaders to gauge their response to the girls' research on a local and regional level, and gather new information on the health and well-being of girls and women in the community. The information gathered from the tour will culminate in a new report of public policy recommendations related to women and girls in Minnesota, to be released late summer 2008.

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