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Girls, Girls, Girls

Research and Action

On Monday, the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, in partnership with the Institute for Women's Policy

Research, released research on the **Status of Girls in Minnesota** and announced their plans to take action by convening meetings across the state in the **2008 Road to Equality Tour**.

"The research shows that despite the fact that girls work hard inside and outside of the home, get good grades and hold high aspirations for their futures, they are confronted with the challenges of **poverty, racism, sexism, physical and sexual abuse, and low self esteem**," said **Lee Roper-Batker**, president and CEO of the **Women's Foundation of Minnesota**.

According to Roper-Batker, the huge disparities that exist between the social, economic, and health conditions of girls of color and white girls in Minnesota threaten all our futures.

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"The research tells a story of two Minnesotas," said **Erica**

Williams, Study Director from the [Institute for Women's Policy](#)

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[Research](#). "One in which girls are largely doing pretty well, working hard, have low poverty rates overall [and] another in which girls of color have drastically higher poverty rates, and actually are more likely to be poor than girls of color in the nation as a whole."

At the press conference for the study's release,

Representative Neva Walker argued for greater responsiveness from our state legislature to the needs of girls, pointing out that there is a real necessity for both men and women to better understand the lives of girls in 2008, and to act in the best interest of their futures. Rep. Walker also highlighted the significant number of seats in the legislature that are not "locked in" by long-term incumbents, opening the door for more women of color, younger women, and women in general to join the state legislature.

2008 Road to Equality Tour

To deepen the understanding of the research and gather more information about girls around the state, the Women's Foundation will go on a 15-community **Road to Equality Tour** in the month of May. The information gathered from the tour will culminate in a new report of public policy recommendations

related to women and girls in Minnesota. **We encourage you to join up with the tour in your area**, and share the wealth of your knowledge and experience with the Women's Foundation as they seek to uncover more about the true challenges and successes of girls in our state.

Hooray!

The White House Project applauds the work of the Women's Foundation to shine a spotlight on the often-overlooked needs of girls. We encourage everyone to show their support by joining the Foundation on the road!

"It was the Women's Foundation of Minnesota that was the first in the country to study the lives of girls through research in the early 90's," recalled White House Project President Marie Wilson. "The Foundation's innovative work paved the way for the decade's 'Girl Power' phenomenon, and the increased attention paid to the needs of our girls. Supporting girl-centered programs is crucial to the health and vitality of our communities and our country—**because when we support our girls, they become great women.**"

Have a great week,

Liz and Catherine

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