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Our Vision:

Women and girls at their personal best

Our Mission:

The Women's Foundation raises, invests, and grants funds to promote equity and opportunity for women and girls.

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Community Forum
registration information enclosed

Community Forum

Reviewing research findings from

Voices from the Heart of America Women's Concerns, Needs and Priority Issues Study

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Friday, November 14, 2008
9:30 am - 4:00 pm
UMKC's Pierson Auditorium
50th & Rockhill Road

Results...Action...Change

A Time of Concern & Opportunity

In 1991, The Women's Foundation commissioned an 8-county community-wide study to obtain baseline research on the needs and priorities of Kansas City women and girls. The study examined the significance of six major categories: education, employment and finance, family and child welfare, health, quality of life, and violence toward women and children. Findings from that initial study were used by The Women's Foundation to construct targeted strategies, services, and programs to better meet the basic needs of women and girls in Kansas City.

Today, the Foundation has replicated and expanded the earlier study, and invites you to share its findings in a community forum. More than 1,000 individuals and organizations assisted the Foundation Research Committee in the year-long study to re-examine the priority needs and issues of women and girls in the metropolitan area. The community forum will seek answers to questions such as: Have the needs and priorities of Kansas City's women and girls changed? What resources are needed to address the continuing challenges faced by women and girls? What can we do as a community to help develop solutions that address the pervasive nature of problems that keep women and girls from reaching their full potential? Please join us and be a part of drafting a community agenda that supports a vision of women and girls at their personal best.

Who are we?

The Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City, the metro area's voice for women and girls, has improved the lives of more than 20,000 women and girls through grants exceeding \$1.5 million to programs targeting the needs of local women and girls, and has accumulated a \$7.5 million endowment to continue its mission. An organization committed to improving the lives of women and girls through research, communication and advocacy, The Women's Foundation seeks to

empower the most vulnerable in our community by connecting those in need to those who want to help, and providing resources through philanthropy.

The Women's Foundation is committed to supporting programs that promote equity and opportunities for Kansas City's women and girls. **To continue our success we need you at this conference, we need your voice on the issues, and we need your ongoing commitment to work with us.** Register for the forum and join us in investing in the future of our community's women and girls.

Agenda

- 9:30 am Registration Opens
- 10:00 am Welcome
- 10:10 am Presentation of Research Findings
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 12:00 pm Keynote Speaker
Barbara Gualt, Ph.D.
Vice President & Director of Research
Institute for Women's Policy Research
- 12:45 pm Break
- 1:00 pm Small Group Discussions
Session #1
- 1:45 pm Break
- 2:00 pm Small Group Discussions
Session #2
- 2:45 pm Break
- 3:00 pm Reconvene and Wrap-up
- 4:00 pm Adjourn

Registration Form

One form per person. Please duplicate if necessary.

Complete and mail to:

The Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City
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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

\$10 Registration Fee includes lunch and conference materials. Scholarships are available.*

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Please select a first and second topic for the small group discussions you would like to attend. Assignments will be made in the order registration forms are received.

- Health Employment & Finance
- Violence Quality of Life
- Education Family & Child Welfare

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