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WGF launches GirlGov project to engage Allegheny County girls in the political process

GirlGov (www.girlgov.org), a new project created by the Women and Girls Foundation's Allegheny County Change Agents, aims to encourage girls from Allegheny County to become more informed, engaged, and interested in pursuing politics as a future career path. Thirty young women between the ages of 13-17 will participate in this one-day legislative shadowing program for girls in grades 8-12 living in Allegheny County. Participants in the program will shadow a Pennsylvania State House Representative for an entire day on Monday, March 8th, 2010 (International Women's Day) at the Capitol Building in Harrisburg, PA. The Women and Girls Foundation will sponsor the day-long trip to Harrisburg for all participants.

EVENT: **“GirlGov”**

DATE: **Monday, March 8th, 2010**

TIME: **8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

WHERE: **State Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA**

Through their participation in GirlGov, girls will learn about effective government practices and the political process firsthand. This initiative will provide an opportunity for girls to explore a career in government service and will help to influence girl's future professional decisions and career aspirations. Additionally, in launching GirlGov, the Women and Girls Foundation seeks to make participating legislators more aware of issues effecting women and girls in Southwest Pennsylvania.

GirlGov is an initiative of the Allegheny County Change Agents. Regional Change Agents is a project of the Women and Girls Foundation. For more information about the Women and Girls Foundation, Regional Change Agents or GirlGov, please visit our website at www.wgfpa.org. To interview a GirlGov participant or WGF representative, please contact Elizabeth Waickman at 412-434-4883 or Elizabeth@wgfpa.org.