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Vermont Commission on Women Celebrates 50th Anniversary

- WHO:** Vermont Commission on Women
- WHAT:** 50th Anniversary Celebration
- WHERE:** **Cedar Creek Room, Vermont State House**
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, April 9th, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**
- WHY:** This organization remains the only Vermont state agency singularly focused on women's issues, evolving and responding to the needs of Vermont women and girls while holding fast to its commitment to reduce discrimination and increase opportunities. The Commission is currently active on the issues of incarcerated women, minimum wage, paid family leave, domestic violence, reproductive health, sick leave and the gender wage gap.
- DETAILS:** Speakers include: Governor Peter Shumlin, Governor Madeleine Kunin, Commissioner Marion Milne, Chair Marcia Merrill, and representatives from Vermont's Congressional delegation, including reference to [Senator Leahy's Congressional Record statement](#) commemorating the Vermont Commission on Women's 50th anniversary. Remarks by VCW Executive Director Cary Brown will focus on the unfinished agenda for women and girls in Vermont. RSVP appreciated at vcwanniversary.eventbrite.com
- NOTE:** **Tuesday, April 8th, @ 9:30 in the Governor's ceremonial office the day before this event, Governor Shumlin will sign a proclamation recognizing Equal Pay Day**, the symbolic day in 2014 when women's earnings finally catch up to men's from 2013 because of the gender wage gap. Vermont's wage gap is currently tied for second lowest in the U.S. – Vermont women make 85% of the money that Vermont men make, second only to Washington DC, where women make 90% of what men make. However, the last time this data was collected, women in Vermont were making 87% of what men made. The wage gap is growing. Legislators, policy makers and others will join the Governor for the signing. Wearing red on this day symbolizes women being “in the red” due to the wage gap.