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The Vermont Women's Fund Annual Celebration

Who doesn't want to be inspired?! Susan Stamberg of National Public Radio, the first woman to hold the nightly news anchor spot on NPR's *All Things Considered* is coming to Vermont to speak about "Inspiring Women" at the Vermont Women's Fund annual celebration next **Thursday, November 12 at 5:30 pm** at the UVM Davis Center. Jane Lindholm of VPR is the emcee. And bring your cellphones! You are also eligible to win Susan Stamberg recording your voicemail message! Tickets and info here.

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Change The Story With Us!

Change The Story is a collaboration spearheaded by The Vermont Women's Fund, the Vermont Commission on Women, and Vermont Works for Women focused on leveraging systemic changes in where women work, what they earn, and whether or not they are likely to live in poverty as elders. We can and must do better - for women, for their families, and for Vermont's economic vitality. Help us Change the Story: on Facebook, at changethestoryvt.org, or through an enews subscription. Change the Story facilitated the first Vermonter role model on the national FabFems STEM women professionals database, Sherry Chang! Know others? They can sign up at FabFems.org.

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Money In Politics: Whose Democracy Is It? Presented by the League of Women Voters of Vermont Sunday, November 8, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Montpelier City Hall, Memorial Room, 39 Main Street, Montpelier

Presenter Ann Luther is a member of the national League's Campaign Finance Task Force and Constitutional Amendment Study Committee and serves as Treasurer and Advocacy Chair of the League of Women Voters of Maine. She also serves as Treasurer of Maine Citizens for Clean Elections, a nonprofit that advocates, defends, and works to improve the Maine Clean Election Act and related campaign finance law. Free and open to the public. VCW Advisory Council member League of Women Voters Vermont, is a nonpartisan political organization, encouraging informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

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Attend a Local Building Bright Futures Regional Council Meeting

<u>Building Bright Futures</u> (BBF) is a statewide nonprofit, public-private partnership, with 12 regional councils, focused on improving well-being of young children and families by improving systems that serve them. BBF Regional Councils serve as a conduit between local communities and the state to improve the quality of early care, health, and education of children through age 8, pregnant women and families. Monthly Regional Council meetings happen all around the state. These gatherings are a great place to network, learn more about what's going on in your community, and hear updates on rules changes, funding opportunities, and new state initiatives. For more information, contact your <u>BBF Regional</u> Coordinator.

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Vermont Commission on Women is on the front of the national Department of Labor, Women's Bureau website! Link here to view!

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Women's Leadership Circle (WLC) of the Upper Valley

January to June 2016 Marlboro College

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Be part of this group of powerful women supporting each other to meet the challenges of leadership with clarity and confidence. Participants identify their strengths and develop an individualized plan to effectively embody their leadership. Participants explore the link between personal well-being and leadership, and take action in support of their improved health. Circle members sustain these friendships long after the formal portion of WLC is completed, and often continue to meet as a group for years. Applications are due November 23. Learn more here.

JUST UPDATED: Domestic Violence: A Workplace Issue

VCW just worked with Heather Holter, coordinator of the <u>Vermont Council on Domestic Violence</u> to update our publication. Learn more about what you can do to make your workplace safer <u>here</u>.

Resources for Vermont Kinship Caregivers

Caring for grandchildren, nieces and nephews? A. You rock! B. You're not alone! Find resources and support from these Vermont organizations:

Vermont Kin as Parents (VKAP) supports caregivers and educates the public, 802-871-5104

Vermont Family Network helps families understand and advocate for their children with special needs, 800-800-4005

<u>Voices at the Table blog</u>, where Vermont's kinship, foster, and adoptive families can share knowledge and concerns, and access information about educational opportunities, including classes relevant to kinship caregivers.

Click here to read or listen to National Public Radio's series #15Girls, profiling teen girls around the world.

Let's Grow Kids Week

November 16th - 20th

Join in this statewide social media campaign promoting early childhood and the need for high-quality, affordable child care. Participants will take action each day, such as sharing a video on social media. See the calendar of daily action steps and sign up to participate here.

A celebration of **Barbara Snelling**'s life will be held November 13th, 2 PM at the Statehouse, with a reception to follow in the Cedar Creek Room. All are welcome.

Small business owners support federal legislation to provide all workers access to paid sick days, paid family and medical leave, and an increased minimum wage, according to a <u>new report, Voices of Main Street from the Main Street</u>

Alliance.

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England Story Slam & 50th Anniversary Party
December 1st, 7:00 p.m., Higher Ground, 1217 Williston Road, South Burlington

When Planned Parenthood of Northern New England was founded fifty years ago, abortion was illegal, birth control was prohibited for unmarried couples, and women had no control over deciding when and if they wanted to have a child. Come to PPNNE's story slam (similar to Moth Radio hour) and hear anecdotes like this and more from supporters who have been standing with Planned Parenthood for fifty years. Share your own "I stand with PP" story at the story booth. Light appetizers, dessert and a cash bar provided.

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The <u>Vermont Humanities Council's Vermont Reads statewide community reading program</u> books for 2016 are Jennifer Armstrong's <u>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World</u> and Caroline Alexander's <u>The Endurance</u>: <u>Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition</u>. These two books by women authors offer the opportunity to consider, among other things, the power of vision, courage, and perseverance, the nature of leadership, and the spirit of adventure and exploration. Learn more <u>here</u>.

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Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor's NEW Women Build, Protect, and Move America Portal

This portal provides a repository of information for women job-seekers and service providers, in the construction, transportation and protective services career fields, including:

- Occupation information
- Training, apprenticeships, supportive services, mentoring and scholarship programs
- Professional and trade organizations, associations, and unions
- Promising practices for recruiting and retaining
- Rights on the job information
- Personal success stories of women in these sectors

Portal link is here.

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Calendar Note: **Early Childhood Day at the Legislature** will be Wednesday, March 9th.

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Peace & Justice Center's Social Justice Activist Award Ceremony

Saturday, November 21, 7pm-midnight Union Station, 1 Main St, Burlington

The Center is a statewide non-profit membership organization with a mission to create a just and peaceful world. The Center's work focuses on the interconnected issues of economic and racial justice, peace, and human rights through education, advocacy, training, non-violent activism and community organizing. Awards are presented at this annual fundraising event for the Social Justice Activist of the Year and the Social Justice Organization of the Year. This year's recipients are Eugene Jarecki, documentary filmmaker known especially for his film "The House I Live In" about the war on drugs; and Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform, a grassroots advocacy and education group striving to keep people out of prison. Tickets are available at the Peace and Justice store at 60 Lake Street in Burlington, through email or by calling 802-863-2345 x8.

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Vermont Workers Center's 17th Annual Celebration Dinner

Saturday, November 14th, 6pm - 9pm @ Old Labor Hall in Barre

Join the Vermont Workers' Center at this celebration of their work. More here.

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The National Coalition of Anti Violence Programs releases its 2014 Report on Intimate Partner Violence in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and HIV-Affected Communities in the U.S.

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) released its report Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and HIV-Affected Intimate Partner Violence in 2014. For this report - the most comprehensive of its kind - NCAVP collected data concerning intimate partner violence (IPV) within LGBTQ and HIV-affected relationships from 16 anti-violence programs in 13 states across the country, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Texas and **Vermont**. Find the report here.

Full STEM Ahead!

Survey: High School Students' Perceptions of STEM Careers

The National Girls Collaborative Project is collaborating with the Educational Research Center of America, Destination Imagination, and National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity on nationwide research focused on high school students' perceptions of STEM careers. High school educators may request a package of student surveys and instructions related to this research effort. Students complete surveys so their perceptions and experiences are included. To receive the surveys, e-mail your name, high school name, and mailing address to info@studentresearch.org with the subject line: STEM Career Survey.

America After 3PM Special Report: Full STEM Ahead!

The <u>Afterschool Alliance</u> has released a special report on afterschool STEM learning. *Full STEM Ahead: Afterschool Programs Step Up as Key Partners in STEM Education* is the first comprehensive look at parental perceptions of STEM programming offered by afterschool providers and examines demand, access and satisfaction both nationally and by state. More <u>here</u>.

Cary Brown, Executive Director of the Vermont Commission on Women joined others on the radio for <u>Taking the Lead:</u> <u>Women & Families in the Workplace in Vermont</u> from WDEV Radio Vermont, The Vermont Conversation with host David Goodman, (aired 10/28/15)

Check out the fabulous new <u>Click! The Ongoing Feminist Revolution</u> - an on-line exhibit that highlights the achievements of women from the 1940s to the present. Watch videos, review the timeline, and learn, learn, learn! From Clio Visualizing History, a non-profit educational organization.

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