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International Day of the Girl – October 11, 2012 Fact Sheet

Introducing International Day of the Girl:

The United Nations has declared October 11, 2012 to be the First “International Day of the Girl” to provide an opportunity to recognize young women around the world as important citizens and powerful voices of change.

Attend a Special Event:

The Manitoba Status of Women will be holding a special event, hosted by the Minister of Family Services and Labour, to celebrate this important occasion. This will be a wonderful opportunity for girls to come together from all parts of Manitoba and discover their potential to create positive change in their communities and develop leadership skills.

Nominate a girl you know:

Do you know a special young woman who is making a difference in your community? If so, nominate her today. We are seeking nominations for girls ages 12 to 17 from across the province to attend this event at the Manitoba Legislative Building.

Twenty girls will be selected to join us for a fun and interactive day that will feature a keynote speaker(s), local entertainment, and the opportunity for the girls to interact with members of the Legislative Assembly. There is no cost for the selected young women and their chaperones to attend. The young women selected for this event will gain increased skills and confidence, increase their network of friends and gain a greater understanding of themselves as leaders.

Who is Eligible:

Nominees for the event include any young woman from Manitoba who:

- has an interest in creating positive change in their communities
- could benefit from an opportunity to increase their untapped leadership qualities
- is interested in promoting culture and heritage in their communities
- has demonstrated courage and bravery while overcoming personal obstacles
- cares about social injustice and human rights
- is a role model in their community for their peers
- wants to meet other like-minded girls from across the province in a fun and interactive environment

Who can Nominate:

Nominations can come from community organizations, community leaders, schools, parents, guardians, siblings, teachers, coaches, mentors or anyone who has a relationship with the young woman. Nominations may even come from girls themselves.

Submit your nomination to our office no later than August 15, 2012 to:

Manitoba Status of Women
409 – 401 York Avenue
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Email: msw@gov.mb.ca
Fax: (204) 945-6511

Applications may be submitted by fax, email, or mail.

The Selection Process:

The International Day of the Girl (IDG) Selection Committee will review all nominations received by the nomination deadline. The Committee will ensure that participants for the event reflect Manitoba's rich diversity and regional representation.

A notice of receipt will be sent after the application has been received by our office. Successful nominees will be notified by the end of August 2012.

Thank you for nominating a special young girl you know.

If you need assistance filling out the nomination form, please call our office at:
(204) 945-6281 or toll free at: 1-800-263-0234.