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Girls Share Their Voice Report Launch

Girls Share Their Voice is a comprehensive study of the current needs of girls in the Delaware Valley, generously funded by the Elizabeth & Baretts O. Benjamin Foundation and the Valentine Foundation. The report focuses on the ways in which the Alice Paul Institute's programs have addressed these needs over the past ten years.

Founded in 1993, the *Alice Paul Leadership Program* has provided a menu of leadership development programs for adolescent girls. Extensive research has documented patterns of diminished confidence, lowered self-esteem, plummeting academic performance and social withdrawal among girls. Intervention during adolescence is crucial to arresting these downward trends.

APLP programs, which are unique in their focus on history, are designed to provide adolescent girls with the skills and confidence they need to reverse negative self perceptions and to develop their own leadership styles.

So during the past 10 years, what have we achieved through these programs and how are we thinking of expanding? For example, plans for the future include: developing an E-mentoring program, partnering with school in a new county of New Jersey, and obtaining funding for a summer teacher's institute.

Join us to find out on Thursday, November 15 at 12 noon at the Mt. Laurel Public Library. Can't make it? We would be happy to send you a copy of the report. We will also be scheduling brown bag sessions at local schools, organizations and companies. If you are interested in bringing *Girls Share Their Voice* to your workplace, we will provide copies of the report and a one hour presentation on the current needs of girls in the Delaware Valley.



The Girls Share Their Voice report has already gained a national forum. API's Director of Programs, Dana Dabek-Milstein, has been asked to present the report at *Freedom on Our Terms—a national conference for women and girls (November 10-11 at Hunter College in New York City)*, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the first National Women's Conference held in Houston in 1977.

EVENT

INFORMATION:

If you are interested in attending the November 15 event, obtaining a copy of the report, or would like information about brown bag sessions, please email Rhonda DiMascio at rdimascio@alicepaul.org or call 856-231-1885 by November 9, 2007. A light lunch will be served. For directions to the Mount Laurel Library, visit <http://www.mt.laurel.lib.nj.us>.



A Successful Fundraiser: Cast a Ballot for Alice

Cast A Ballot for Alice, API's recent non-

event fundraiser, has brought in more than \$15,000 in total donations, thanks in part to the following corporate/business sponsors: **American Water, Capmark Finance, Inc., The Costume Gallery and Duane Morris LLP**. The above sponsors each supported a component of the 2007/2008 *Alice Paul Leadership Program*, which serves adolescent girls throughout southern New Jersey. Thanks to all of you who responded to the invitation and cast your ballot for Alice!



Best of New Jersey



API was recognized in the March 2006 issue of *New Jersey Monthly* magazine as a "Best of Jersey" for,

Advocate. Our State boasts some impressive philanthropic endeavors, but one of our favorite is the relatively unsung Alice Paul Institute in Mount Laurel, which works tirelessly to promote self-worth and leadership qualities in girls.



Spotlight on API Community Partner Amper, Politziner, & Mattia

API is grateful to Amper, Politziner & Mattia for both their people power and financial support. Kristen Ward, a volunteer for more than two years, is an active member of the Corporate Relations Committee.

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Amper is also committed to the communities it serves, as evidenced by its Amper CARES Volunteer Initiative and the Amper Foundation. Amper is pleased to support the Alice Paul Institute and the inspiring work it does in developing young women in leadership and in preserving the legacy of Alice Paul.

Sponsors and Volunteers Needed: Join the Team!

There are numerous opportunities available for you and your company at the Alice Paul Institute. Volunteers help at special events, participate on committees, serve on the Board, as well as support programs and events through sponsorship. To get involved, please call 856-231-1885 for more information.



ALICE PAUL EQUALITY AWARDS SAVE THE DATE!

The Alice Paul Equality Awards will be held on **April 30, 2008**, when our distinguished honorees will receive Alice Paul Equality Awards at a gala dinner at the Princeton Hyatt. Watch for details, including nomination forms and sponsorship opportunities in our next *Community Partners* newsletter.



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