

## CELEBRATING THE COURAGE OF GIRLS



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### JOIN US TO CELEBREATE A LEGACY OF COURAGE!

with inspirational performances, exciting auctions, and remarkable speakers.

### **CELEBRATION OUTCOMES**

- Connect with community and celebrate in gratitude
- Spark a girl's potential and brighten her future
- Invest in immediate and longterm impact opportunities for girls in Minnesota
- Commit to closing gender equity gaps in our state
- Inspire girls to use their power to advocate for themselves and their communities
- Build cross-sector partnerships

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#### SUPPORTING GIRLS & INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS

For 26 years, the purpose of the Ann Bancroft Foundation (ABF) has been to invest in the futures of girls\* and equip them with the skills needed to thrive. ABF supports and fosters high levels of achievement and empowerment in girls by leveraging grants, mentorship, and development opportunities to boldly inspire girls to imagine something bigger and instill in them the belief in their ability to succeed. To date, ABF has awarded more than 5,200 Minnesota girls in grades K-12 funding a wide range of activities and experiences. Grants from ABF are not transactional. They do not just cover an activity or pay for a pre-college trip. Our grants are transformational. They tell girls they are valued, that we celebrate their dreams, and that we believe in the future they see for themselves.

### THE URGENCY TO POSITIVELY IMPACT GIRLS

Without a doubt, the last few years have impacted everyone, and existing gender disparity gaps continue to widen. In Minnesota, data shows that girls (grades K-12), especially from historically excluded communities, have been among those most impacted in health, safety, and education. In addition, data from the CDC shows that adolescent mental health-related ER visits have gone up 31% during COVID-19. Girls accounted for a 50% increase in suspected suicide attempts, boys experienced a 4% increase.

Minnesota girls need us now more than ever. Thankfully, we know that self-efficacy is one of the protective psychological barriers known to mediate the effects of traumatic events. We also know that ABF grants allow girls to participate in activities and experiences that increase self-efficacy and equip them with the skills needed to thrive and believe in their ability to be unstoppable.

#### CELEBRATING COURAGE AND RESILIENCY

As we read through grant applications from girls across Minnesota, it remains clear that amidst all adversities, Minnesota girls have continued to dream big and imagine their futures with hope, tenacity and courage.

We celebrate this year with a renewed commitment to reaching more girls across all counties in Minnesota as we create a pipleline of tomorrow's leaders who believe in their power and courageously wield it to transform their communities. Your support of our annual celebration will help us do just that. Thank you for your partnership to help Minnesota girls achieve their vision and reach their full potential. It matters so very much.

<sup>\*</sup> Includes those who identify as cisgender, transgender, gender non-conforming, and gender non-binary.



# Imagine Something Bigger



With your donation, you support Ann Bancroft Foundation's mission to create a world where every girl has a chance to live her dream and reach her full potential. Thank you!

For more information regarding your donation, please contact Susan Diamond at susand@annbancroftfoundation.org or 952-926-4411.

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