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Dear Friend,

The fourth Ventura County Women's Forum, hosted by the Ventura County Women's Forum Collaborative, will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011 at California State University Channel Islands. Past forums focused on Economic Justice (2006); Educational Justice (2008); and Economic Insecurity and Women (2009). This year, we will continue the discussion with a focus on Organizing for Empowerment. We will view the topics of human rights, immigration, labor, media, and consumer awareness through a women's lens, exploring the specific challenges for women, identifying potential opportunities and developing coordinated action plans for improving prospects for the women of Ventura County.

Producer and director Almudena Carracedo and Robert Bahar and others from the "Made in LA" documentary team will be presenting their powerful film and participating in breakout discussions and action planning workshops around issues of labor & organizing, women's empowerment, immigration and consumer awareness.

We are writing to solicit your support and ask you to join forces with us in making this event a success. This series of forums has become a signature event for women in Ventura County, providing a vehicle for women leaders from all sectors to come together to tackle the issues that stand as barriers to gender equality and equal opportunity.

Participating organizations in this year's event are AAUW Camarillo Branch; CAUSE; CAWA/WIN; CBW (Concerned Black Women of Conejo Valley); Community Action of Ventura Co. Inc.; Congress of CA Seniors; CSUCI; NWPC-Ventura Co; Business and Professional Women of Conejo Valley; SEIU 721; Planned Parenthood Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Luis Obispo Counties; Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network; Learning in Communities. And the list is growing!

Detailed sponsorship information is attached, including sponsorship levels and vendor information. We are also accepting donations to cover attendance costs for students and women of limited financial means interested in attending the event.

Future forums will focus on the remaining Critical Areas of Concern developed at the Beijing International Women's Conference in 1995: Health, Violence, Power Sharing, Peace, Environment, and the Girl-Child. We will continue to move Ventura County forward by thinking globally and acting locally.

For more information about sponsorships, contact Helen Conly (805) 746-0199 or Celeste Weingardt (805) 340-7046 or send an email inquiry to [info@vcwf.org](mailto:info@vcwf.org). For more information about the Forum, go to [www.vcwf.org](http://www.vcwf.org).

Sincerely,

Kim Marra Stephenson, Co-Chair  
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Socorro Lopez Hanson, Co-Chair  
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Ventura County Women's Forum Collaborative  
**Organizing for Empowerment**

April 2, 2011

**Sponsorship Packages**

**Eleanor Roosevelt**..... \$1,000.00  
*VIP Seating, Full Page Ad, Special Recognition, 8 Forum Tickets*

**Mother Jones** ..... \$500.00  
*VIP Seating, Half Page Ad, Special Recognition, 4 Forum Tickets*

**Florence Kelley** ..... \$250.00  
*Quarter Page Ad, 2 Forum Tickets*

**Katie Quan**..... \$100.00  
*Business Card Size Ad, 1 Forum Ticket*

**Vendor Display Space**..... \$50.00  
*Space is limited. Subject to availability.*

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Sponsorship Level \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Display  yes  no \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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check enclosed  will pay online ([www.vcwf.org](http://www.vcwf.org))

*Ventura County Women's Forum Collaborative is a 501c3. (application pending) EIN #27-3122895. Contributions are tax deductible.*

**Anna Eleanor Roosevelt** (1884 –1962) was the First Lady of the United States from 1933 to 1945. Roosevelt was one of the co-founders of Freedom House and supported the formation of the United Nations. She chaired the UN committee that drafted and approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. During the JFK administration, Roosevelt chaired the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women. In 1999, she was ranked in the top ten of Gallup's List of Most Widely Admired People of the 20th Century.

**Mary Harris "Mother" Jones** (1837 –1930) was a prominent American labor and community organizer who protested lax enforcement of child labor laws, helped co-ordinate major strikes and co-founded the Industrial Workers of the World. She worked as a teacher and dressmaker but after her husband and four children all died of yellow fever and her workshop was destroyed in a fire in 1871 she began working as an organizer for the Knights of Labor and the United Mine Workers union. The magazine Mother Jones is named after her.

**Florence Kelley** (1859 –1932) was a social and political reformer from Philadelphia. Her work against sweatshops and for the minimum wage, eight-hour workdays and children's rights is widely regarded today. Career highlights include Chief Factory Inspector for the state of Illinois, a newly-created position and unheard-of for a woman; founder of the National Consumers' League; and in 1909 Kelley helped create the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

**Katie Quan** is Associate Chair of the Labor Center at UC Berkeley. Her areas of specialization are labor strategies in the global economy, policies that promote the rights of immigrant workers, and equity issues for women workers. Katie chaired the founding convention of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, and her organizing experiences have been documented by Ruth Milkman in *Women in Unions* (Cornell ILR Press, 1993), and by Xiaolan Bao in *Holding Up More than Half the Sky* (University of Illinois Press 2001).