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Women's Leadership: Creating Opportunities in Maine

Talk Leadership. Meet People. Create Opportunity.

Portland: The Maine Women's Fund will host its first annual Leadership Luncheon at the Holiday Inn By the Bay on Thursday, June 10 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm. The event theme is "*Women's Leadership: Creating Opportunities in Maine.*"

The Luncheon features an impressive panel, including [Hon. Karen Mills](#), Administrator of the US Small Business Administration, [Hon. Hannah Pingree](#), Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, and [Roxanne Quimby](#), philanthropist and co-founder and former CEO of Burt's Bees. [Meredith Jones](#), President and CEO of the Maine Community Foundation, will moderate a conversation with panelists on the themes of leadership, philanthropy and women's role in creating economic opportunity. Participants can offer their voice and ideas to these important topics during facilitated conversations at each table.

"This is a great forum for women to dive into the hot topic of women's leadership, network with business and community leaders, and invest in creating long-lasting change for women and girls in Maine," stated Elizabeth Stefanski, Executive Director of the Maine Women's Fund. "We invite all women to be part of the change and join us on June 10."

Additionally, the Maine Women's Fund will honor three outstanding women leaders who are making positive change happen and improving the lives of women and girls through their exemplary philanthropic efforts. We will present [Hon. Karen Mills](#) with the 2010 Tribute to Women in Industry (TWIN) Award, Hon. Hannah Pingree with the 2010 Sarah Orne Jewett Award, and Caribou High School student, [Kellene O'Hara](#), with the Samantha Smith Award.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$45 per person. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets, please visit www.mainewomensfund.org/leadership or call 207-774-5513.

About the Maine Women's Fund

The Maine Women's Fund has granted over \$1.5 million to organizations across the state over the past 20 years. Last year, the Fund granted nearly \$80,000 to nonprofits which are creating long-lasting change that will build the economic security of thousands of women and girls. Through grantmaking, we are pushing for policy changes, investing in education and girls' independence. We are helping women build and expand businesses, train for better jobs and wages, build assets and make smart financial decisions. We are working with women as leaders and donors to prioritize women as key agents of change for their families, communities and Maine. Learn more at www.mainewomensfund.org.

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