

## **Maine Legislature Declares February 25<sup>th</sup> Maine Nonprofit Day-- Coastal Studies for Girls Selected as Nonprofit Representative**

Freeport , ME – Maine nonprofits employ one in seven Maine workers, contribute over 15% to the state's gross product (an amount equal to that of the construction and manufacturing industries combined), yet are often overlooked as a vital economic engine.

In an era of declining revenues and increasing demand, how can we ensure the well being and prosperity of our citizens and the qualities that make Maine the place we all love?

Coastal Studies for Girls joins the Maine Association of Nonprofits at the February 25th Maine Nonprofit Day at the State House - A day for nonprofits and government to assert their commitment to working together in order to efficiently and effectively create the public structures that stimulate the economy and protect our residents and our environment.

Coastal Studies for Girls is the country's first residential science and leadership semester school for 10th grade girls located at our newly renovated 1800's farmhouse living and learning center on Wolfe's Neck Farm in Freeport. Our mission is to inspire train and empower girls to become scientists, environmental stewards and leaders. The focus on science is important as Maine positions itself to be on the cutting edge of science and technology; yet we must inspire and prepare our young people for those opportunities.

Coastal Studies for Girls is please to have been selected to participate in the annual event sponsored and hosted by the Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP). The exhibiting organizations are:

- Coastal Studies for Girls, Freeport
- The Iris Network, Portland
- Museum L-A, Lewiston
- Maine Support Network, Readfield
- Charlotte White Center, Dover-Foxcroft
- Ferry Beach Ecology School, Saco
- Volunteers of America Northern New England, Brunswick
- Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, Bangor
- The Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast, Belfast
- Community Television Network, Portland
- Maine Community Action Association, Augusta
- Day One, South Portland

At noon, Governor John E. Baldacci has been invited to receive the newly-released report, Partners in Prosperity: The Maine Nonprofit Sector Impact, 2010 and will make remarks to this important sector of the Maine economy – the nonprofit sector.

Nonprofit Day takes place on February 25, 8:30am – 1pm, in the Hall of Flags at the State House in Augusta. To register, visit [www.nonprofitmaine.org](http://www.nonprofitmaine.org) and click on 2010 Nonprofit Day under News and Events. For more information on this event, please call the Maine Association of Nonprofits at 871-1885. For more information on Coastal Studies for Girls , please call Ginger Jones, (207) 865-9700 office or (207) 317-0096 cell.