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Day-long workshop breaks down stereotypes, exposes girls to nontraditional jobs

MINNEAPOLIS – Feb. 18, 2009 – The YWCA of Minneapolis and Women in the Trades (WIT) are partnering to present Power Girls, a day-long workshop teaching 60 girls, ages 9-13, about nontraditional jobs and exposing them to the tools of the trades.

Girls meet firefighters and K9 police officers, build "egg mobiles" with the Society of Women Engineers and learn how to handle tools, wire circuits and construct projects under the watchful eye of local Twin Cities' tradeswomen.

WHEN: **Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009**
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 9th Annual YWCA Power Girls Event

WHERE: **Dunwoody College of Technology**
818 Dunwoody Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55403-1192
Dunwoody Main Building

Power Girls is a partnership between the YWCA of Minneapolis and Women in the Trades with support from the Construction Careers Coalition. The event is hosted by Dunwoody College of Technology.

The **YWCA of Minneapolis** is a nonprofit organization working for the empowerment of women and girls and the elimination of racism. Power Girls is organized by Girls Incorporated® at the YWCA of Minneapolis, offering girls specific programming to over 500 girls annually, ages 8-18 and working to empower girls and eliminate racism by inspiring all girls to be strong smart and bold.SM

The **Construction Careers Coalition** is an organization of construction building trade associations. The Coalition runs a summer high school construction program that introduces youth to the construction trades so that they might consider and explore the possibilities of construction as a career choice.

Women in the Trades is a nonprofit organization dedicated to tradeswomen and women's leadership in the construction trades and related industries.

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