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Audience at Keynote Address

“Black is the color we wear to mourn the absence of love,” activist Marilyn Cuneo told the crowd as a group of 17 women calling themselves Women in Black took the stage. One by one, each woman stepped forward to name a country where women struggle for their rights: South Africa, Argentina, Serbia, Israel and Palestine, India, the United States.

It was a poignant invocation for an event whose theme, said Minnesota Advocates Executive Director Lynn Thomas, was the role of women’s rights as an essential component of international peace.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION

As a snowy blanket of white deepened outside, a different color held the attention of the 300 or so women and men who braved a late-season winter storm to gather in the St. Paul Student Center on the University of Minnesota’s St. Paul Campus for the opening of the Seventh Annual International Women’s Day Celebration, co-sponsored by Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, the Women’s Foundation of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Student Unions.



Sunplug’d



Women in Black vigil

A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY AND DIVERSITY

On November 30, 2001, the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights Refugee & Immigrant Program hosted its Fifth Annual Celebration of Community and Diversity at the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota. This event was an opportunity to thank the many volunteers, interns and clients for their immense contributions to the Refugee & Immigrant Program. Over the course of the evening, guests enjoyed Pan-African music performed by Sunplug’d and shared diverse ethnic cuisines generously provided by 25 Twin Cities’ restaurants. The evening was a great success with over 150 attendees. Once again, thank you to everyone who made this event possible!