



## An Invitation into the Future with The Minnesota Project

**In 2039, what will we be eating; how will travel; and will our teens still be celebrating their high school prom? The Minnesota Project will provide a light and humorous look into the future of sustainability at its 30th anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 24th at the Stepping Stone Theater in St. Paul. The evening will include theater, local foods, friends, and a stirring vision of what's to come.**

**SAINT PAUL, Minnesota, October 6, 2009** – The Minnesota Project will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-10 pm at the Stepping Stone Theater in Saint Paul. At the event, The Minnesota Project will share its vision for a sustainable future while guests will enjoy an array of local foods prepared by the famous Chowgirls.

“This celebration is about the next thirty years. Creating an active legacy for our children and talking about what’s new in clean energy, agriculture, and local food,” said Executive Director Rebecca Baumann. “Our intent is to have fun, celebrate our first 30 years, and introduce our new programs, while tasting just how great the future can be.”

The event will feature an original Stepping Stone Youth Theater production commissioned by The Minnesota Project. The production, *Prom Night, 2039*, tells the story of a St. Paul high school romantic rivalry as a means of envisioning a future in which light rail transit, solar and wind power, and organic family farms have all become facts of ordinary life. Afterwards, representatives from the board of directors will describe the projects by which The Minnesota Project plans to champion the sustainable production and equitable distribution of energy and food in communities across Minnesota.



Throughout its long history, The Minnesota Project has been a leader in advancing sustainability. Most recently, The Minnesota Project gleaned more than 13,000 pounds of fruit for local food shelves as a part of its Fruits of the City initiative. In addition to gleaning, Fruits of the City helps Twin Cities residents establish community orchards and offers workshops in fruit tree training, pruning, and overall care. Another new initiative, Community Energy, seeks to help Minnesota communities achieve greater self-sufficiency through developing solar, wind and other renewable sources of energy. The goal of both projects is, in Baumann’s words, to insure “sustainable and safe food and energy for all of us.”

Everyone is invited to attend the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. To register, please visit [www.mnproject.org](http://www.mnproject.org) or contact The Minnesota Project at 651-645-6159.

### Media Contact

Rebecca Baumann  
Executive Director  
The Minnesota Project  
[rbaumann@mnproject.org](mailto:rbaumann@mnproject.org)  
651-789-3322