

Take Our Daughters To Work Day  
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Welcome Remarks  
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Welcome to this, our seventh Take Our Daughters to Work Day! We have a full day planned for you so I hope you had a hearty breakfast to start you on your way this morning, and that you're wearing your walking shoes.

Every year that we have invited you to the Bank on this day, I have had the privilege to welcome you. You know I travel a lot around New England and around the country on business, but I've been lucky that I've been home EVERY year on THIS day. In fact, I sat out there for a few years when my daughter came for Take Our Daughters to Work Day. She's in college now, and a little too old to join us today.

One of the purposes of this day is to expose you to some of the work your moms and dads do here. You know there isn't one job in this Bank that a woman can't do -- not ONE. We have women in every

department and unit -- Protection, Cash Services, Property Management, Accounting, Human Resources, Information Technology, Legal, Bank Examination, Marketing and Customer Services, and even our Corporate Policy Office, that's where I work. Today you may hear about a career that interests you. Let us know if you would like to learn more about it. Who knows, we may have a future internet specialist here, or a structural engineer, or a protection officer, or maybe even a future president of the Bank among us!

Each year some of you ask about having boys at this event. This day was designed to be a special day for daughters -- a chance for you to see the world of work and the possibilities and opportunities that are available to you. We have never meant to exclude boys, but to make the day special just for girls. Jane recently met with some employees around the Bank to get their ideas about this day and about boys. We want to get your ideas, too, and have included a question about including boys on your evaluation sheet that you will receive at the end of today. Your opinion is important to us, so let us know what you think.

As you came onto the fourth floor today, you probably noticed that we have a gallery of pictures of "Leading Woman" on display. These women live here in New England, and are being recognized by the Patriot's Trail Girl Scout Council for the contributions they make to our area. Take a few minutes today to read the short stories about their accomplishments. I think you will find K.K. Gregory's story interesting-- she's the youngest "woman" in the gallery. At the age of 10, she was an inventor! (She invented "wristies," finger-less, long woolen gloves that, with the help of her mother, she patented.)

Who wants to be a millionaire? Well, today each of you will have a million dollars! We're sorry that you won't be able to take the money home with you, but for a few seconds you will hold a million dollars during your visit to our Cash Services Department.

Do you like the "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" game? Our Career Competition game has been moved to a PC and made into that game – life lines and all! We think you'll have a lot of fun answering questions

about careers and famous women. And, of course, there are fabulous prizes--not a million dollars, though!--for the winners.

Did you notice all the construction around the Bank when you came in this morning? We have the Big Dig, the Central Artery/Tunnel Project, right in our front yard. This morning you will go on a tour of the project -- you won't actually be in any dirt or in the big hole, but you will be there via videotape that was made especially for you.

On one of your tour stops, however, you WILL be in dirt! How could you avoid it during your visit to our Landscape Unit?

We have 95 daughters here with us today -- our largest group ever! Your parents work in 21 different departments around the Bank. For more than half of you, this is your first Take Our Daughters to Work Day at the Bank. How many of you are here for the first time? A special welcome to you and, as always, to our "veterans!" 26 (13 pairs) of you have a sister here with you, and 3 (3 sisters from the same family) of you have 2 sisters here. 2 of you have been here for each of our seven

years--Monique and Katrina, where are you? (Monique Cottman and Katrina Saschuk) If any of you have any questions, just ask Monique or Katrina!

I will let you get started on your tour, and say good bye. I hope you have a wonderful day and, who knows, you may even find your future career today!