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## 2011 Theme - Our History is Our Strength

Our shared history unites families, communities, and nations. Although women's history is intertwined with the history shared with men, several factors - social, religious, economic, and biological - have worked to create a unique sphere of women's history.

The stories of women's achievements are integral to the fabric of our history. Learning about women's tenacity, courage, and creativity throughout the centuries is a tremendous source of strength. Until relatively recently, this sphere of women's history was overlooked and undervalued. Women's achievements were often distorted, disdained, and denied. But, knowing women's stories provides essential role models for everyone. And role models are genuinely needed to face the extraordinary changes and unrelenting challenges of the 21st century.

While women's history is a relatively new field of study, one important scholar is Gerda Lerner. She is credited with teaching the first women's history course, establishing the first graduate program in women's history, and publishing numerous books and treatises on women's history. In recognition of Gerda Lerner's pioneering role in establishing the field of women's history as well as her generous role in mentoring women's history scholars, the National Women's History Project is honoring Gerda Lerner by offering her latest book Living with History/Making Social Change at a 30% DISCOUNT.

Gerda Lerner supported our work even before we were the National Women's History Project. We will always be indebted to her not only for her tenacious, unrelenting, and pioneering work in the field of women's history, but also for her well-documented research which demonstrates that *Our History is Our Strength*.