

Voices

News from Girls Inc. of Washington County



“
When I first came here, staff treated us like family. They are always very helpful and when I need someone to talk to, there is always someone right there!
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-Naleah, 4th Grade

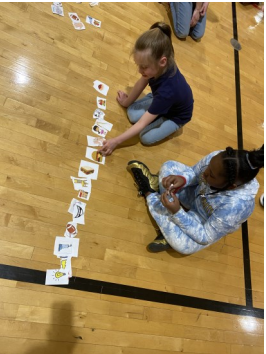
Empowering girls to reach high

Woman’s History month is a time to reflect on the trailblazers that made and continue to make a difference in the world. It is a time to honor the many women who are comfortable making others uncomfortable for a common goal of protecting women’s rights. Women’s History Month is a time to highlight the many audacious women who are blazing trails for all of us.

From all of us at Girls Inc., thank you to the phenomenal women working and leading so tirelessly in our community as well as those on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic who continue to support our most vulnerable as doctors and nurses, teachers, scientists and more.

For our girls, knowing women’s achievements expands their sense of what is possible. For all of us, knowledge of women’s strengths and contributions builds respect and promotes self confidence.

Honoring, recognizing and celebrating women’s success leads to greater achievements and it acts as a mirror for the next generation of woman leaders. We draw strength and inspiration from those who came before us – and those remarkable women working among us today.



Outreach Programming

Served **1,083** students as of 2/10/2022 in our county middle schools’ 6th & 8th grade Health Classrooms.

3Rs—Rights, Respect, Responsibility: A K-12 Curriculum, Fostering responsibility by respecting young people’s rights to honest sexuality education

3Ps—Positive Prevention Plus: Sexual Health Education for America’s Youth

In our *After the Bell* programming at Salem Avenue Elementary, we are working to improve the educational lives of **50*** students.

Enrichment through leadership development, learning, health and fun! This program for 3rd—5th graders and focuses on wellness, yoga, tutoring, academic enrichment, sports, games and social learning.

**In partnership with OnTrack Washington County*

Having Some Fun 'Round Here... Colossal Collage

Learning and experiencing require hands-on activities which allow our youth to create connections between the material and the project, while also providing memories and life-long friendships. Fun holidays and exciting adventures always provide smiles, laughter and even research-based programming! No kidding! And thanks to donors like you, we are able to capture and treasure these moments!

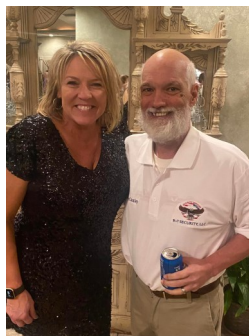
We strive to provide a fun and exciting environment the girls desire to come to! We maintain a safe, girls-only and fun-required center where girls come in with so many ideas, stories and imaginations!



Adapting & Thriving

We welcomed sponsors and guests into our signature event, Grapes for Girls, on February 26, 2022. With over 250 attendees, the support exceeded \$65,000, funding programming to include after-school and summer camp for girls in our community! The overwhelming support of each attendee reached monumental heights, exponential growth, and phenomenal partnerships.

Staff, Board, families, girls and donors celebrated how we've conquered changes through the rising pandemic, adapting and thriving! Thank you, again, to all donors, businesses, sponsors and guests for such a tremendous, successful event!



Save the Date

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY!

JOIN US ON MAY 10, 2022 FROM 12AM TO 12AM

WASHINGTON COUNTY **GIVES** 2022
An Initiative of The Community Foundation of Wash. Co, MD, Inc.



Your Funding... Your Commitment... Their Journey

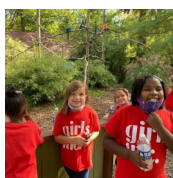
Take a look at what the girls have been up to, what they've learned, seen and experienced! All because of you!



Montgomery County K9 Unit



Hula Hoops & Trampolines



Catoctin Wildlife Preserve

Impact

Our center has provided after-school and summer programming to more than **250** girls ages 6-17!

Your commitment helps make this possible!

Top Lesson Plans These Last Six Months:

- ☑ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) - girls can be found making slime, building bridges, learning computer applications, and calculating!
- ☑ Gardening—girls are learning the process of photosynthesis and germination!
- ☑ Arts & Crafts—girls put their imaginations to work and create masterpieces, following the project specifications!
- ☑ Cooking Club—girls are trying out their skills (and learning a lot, too!) in the kitchen! Chefs they shall be!



Ballet and All That Jazz Nutcracker Performance



Orioles Baseball



Summer's Farm



Donor Spotlight

Noel's Fire Protection, LLC is located in Williamsport, MD and has been giving to Girls Inc of Washington County since 2017, funding over **\$10,000** in programming for our girls.

"Girls Inc inspires leadership, self-esteem, and community involvement - meeting girls where they are at in life and supporting their goals giving them the opportunity to be the future of Washington County.

We support Girls Inc because every girl, regardless of whatever her situation is at this moment, should never be limited by life circumstances!" -Melissa Noel



Stronger, Smarter, Bolder

Plenty of work remains to erase the inequities that prevent girls from reaching their full potential as successful adults and leaders. Girls Inc. will play a crucial role in shaping how our society rises to that challenge in the coming decade.

Stronger, Smarter, Bolder: Girls Take the Lead proposes four crucial supports that allow girls to reach their potential and become strong leaders: *the right relationships; encouragement to develop and use their voices; a positive self-image; and intellectual confidence.*

With these key supports, girls change their own circumstances. They change the world. Stay tuned for more information about the multi-faceted and evidence-based programming as we continue to provide a nurturing environment for girls to succeed and lead.

BUILDING STRONG LEADERS



MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS

SELF-ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY INFLUENCE

POSITIVE SELF-IMAGE

INTELLECTUAL CONFIDENCE

#STRONGERSMARTERBOLDER