



Girls Incorporated of the Island City
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Hear from some of our families:

"When my girls first came to Girls Incorporated of the Island City they had low self-esteem, but they gained skills from the structure of the program **to be empowered and have confidence**; and they've matured the last 3 ½ years. My husband and I could have never gotten through the last 3 ½ years without the support of Girls Inc. (and I don't mean financially only) Just look at them now, Girls Inc. had a lot to do with that!"

Foster parent of two girls

"During this economic downturn, my company has reduced my salary as an admin by 20% ... We are a family of five and currently struggle to make our house payments, provide care for our 2 year old toddler while working full time, and still try to provide a positive and active environment for our 6 year old and for my teenage son. "

Parent of 3 children

"I am a single mom who works 2 days a week... We don't have much family, my daughter doesn't go outside to play much because we live in an apartment building with no outside area for her to play... Being exposed to other cultures, ethnicities and outside air keeps her with a healthy mind and soul.

Single mother

Economy Impacts Scholarship Need For Summer

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While times are difficult, optimism and generosity abound in our county. Last year, generous donors helped us to reach our goals, this year the demand for scholarships is much greater. Girls Incorporated of the Island City needs your support more than ever. The compound effect of the downturn in economy has affected many of our families; as a result Girls Incorporated of the Island City has seen an increase in the needs of our families.

Wherever you look, there are girls who would benefit from strong role models, a safe summer place, better money management skills, and more realistic body images. With your support, Girls Inc. of the Island City can reach these young women with nationally-proven, research-based workshops in health and sexuality, economic literacy and media literacy. For many, those programs will be the life-changing opportunities. No girls should be turned away for a lack of funds; we need your help to keep our commitment to offer programs to all girls regardless of financial capabilities.

It just takes one caring person to make a lifelong, positive impact on the future of girl. Please use the enclosed envelope to send in your donation **by June 21** to help fund the summer program and make the program available to all girls. **Any amount inspires girls to be strong, smart, bold.**

Thanks for your support,

Karen Kenney
Executive Director, Girls Incorporated of the Island City



*You may have recently received a mailing from Girls Inc. of Alameda County, they are a sister affiliate that serves girls primarily in Oakland and San Leandro.