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Dear Friend,

Raising girls today is challenging, especially for a single father. When Roman, a single dad, was looking for a safe place for his seven-year-old daughter Deanna to go last summer, he turned to Girls Inc.

"I liked the fact that Girls Inc. offers an all-girl program where Deanna can concentrate on girl stuff," he said. "Raising her on my own, I have found there are certain things that are harder for a man to teach his daughter, and Girls Inc. really helped me out a lot."

Roman likes the diversity at Girls Inc., the quality of the programs, and that there are female role models for his daughter. In addition, he says the low cost and financial support at Girls Inc. allow him to send Deanna to summer camp without having to work overtime – and that gives him more time with his daughter. Deanna shares his enthusiasm.

"She's been talking about Girls Inc. all school year, even though I had to put her in a different program," Roman said. "I only wish Girls Inc. had a bus to take her from school to the center because it is not safe for her to walk, which is the main reason I didn't enroll her for the school year."

Currently 400 girls and teens participate in our programs each year. Our vision is to increase that number to 1000 girls by 2015. We've already taken steps toward our goal by piloting a project to offer our programs after school at Washington, Ruby Bridges, and Paden schools in Alameda. We've also raised half the money we need to purchase our first minibus so we can transport girls from their schools to our center.

With your help, we can grow both of these initiatives and ensure that more girls like Deanna and more parents like Roman can benefit from our programs. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Sincerely,

Karen D. Kenney
Executive Director



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