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Girls Inc. Looking for Women in Power

Girls Inc. of the Island City is looking for nominations of women and teen girls to receive awards at the organization's 9th Annual Women Who Dare Awards Event. **The deadline to submit applications is March 1, 2008.**

This year's theme, "**Women in Power**," is an obvious one for Girls Inc. given what is happening in our country today. It is unprecedented and historical that a woman is running for president. While this is a great feat, it was only possible because of the courageous efforts of thousands of women across the country, who have taken on positions of power at the local level.

Alameda is a perfect example of a community that supports women in power. In Alameda, women currently occupy a disproportionate percentage of powerful positions – in politics, public service, the media, health and educational institutions, faith communities, and in other positions of authority. Therefore, this year, we want to honor some of these powerful women and teens from our community, the Bay Area, and beyond.

Girls Inc. is looking for nominations for women and teens who dare to embrace power, and who do so in meaningful and honorable ways. Nomination forms can be found at www.girlsincislandcity.org. The winners will be recognized at our 2008 Women Who Dare Awards Event, where they will be honored by girls from Girls Inc.

For the purposes of this award, Girls Inc. selected the following descriptions of women and girls who dare to be powerful - in politics, public service, the media, institutions, faith communities, and in other positions of authority:

- A woman or girl who possesses or exercises authority or influence
- A woman or girl with the ability, resources, or position to act, or accomplish something
- A woman or girl in a position to make decisions for groups of people
- A woman or girl who has control in government
- A woman or girl with legal authority
- A woman or girl who possesses control or influence over public opinion

The mission of Girls Incorporated of the Island City is to inspire all girls to be **strong, smart and bold**^(SM) through innovative programs, activities and advocacy.

Girls Inc. of the Island City is an affiliate of the national organization Girls Inc. Since 1964, Girls Inc. of the Island City has provided the only program in Alameda designed specifically for girls. Our programs “fill in the gap” on issues that parents and schools don’t always have the time or resources to cover and we provide more than 25,000 hours of programming each year to girls ages 6 to 18. At Girls Inc., girls and teens are challenged to explore science, math and computers, examine how money is earned and invested, and to ask questions about and take leadership roles in the world.

The organization also offers a licensed childcare service called Alameda Island Kids for both girls and boys at seven elementary schools around Alameda, including Bay Farm, Earhart, Edison, Franklin, Lum, Otis, and Paden. For more information about Girls Inc., call (510) 521-1743 or visit our website at www.girlsincislandcity.org.

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