



Helping unload a Red Cross van filled with early food donations for the annual "Scouting for Food" drive are (center) Cmdr. Hileman, executive officer of Naval Air Station Alameda; members of the Alameda Girls' Club (from left) Lauren Davis, Carman Johnson, Janna Dinkler and Sara Martindale; and from the Alameda Red Cross Youth Services, Paula Angelo and Pedro Toledo. Volunteers will pick up bags of groceries from residences Nov. 19 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Local youth groups 'Scouting for Food'**

Youth groups have distributed bags to the doors of Alameda homes and apartments, and the annual "Scouting for Food" drive is underway.

On Nov. 19, the volunteers will return to pick up the bags, which organizers hope will be full of non-perishable food donated by residents.

The event, which brings in thousands of food items for the Alameda Food Bank and Alameda Chapter of the American Red Cross to feed the hungry on the island, is chaired by local real estate broker George Cassidy.

Volunteers from various Scout groups (Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Sea Scouts), the Key Club at Alameda and Encinal high schools, the Alameda Girls' Club, the Bayfarmers 441 Club and the Alameda Chapter of the American Red Cross Youth Services helped to distribute empty grocery bags to homes across the island for residents to fill.

Also participating are a number of adult groups and community organizations, including the Alameda Breakfast Lions Club, St. Barnabas Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, First Congregational Church, the Kiwanis Club of Alameda, First Christian Reformed Church, the Alameda Rotary Club, Amelia Earhart Elementary School and the Exchange Club of Alameda.

This year's goal is 30,000 cans of food.

Anyone who did not receive a bag may fill any bag with food, clearly mark it "Food Bank" and leave it outside their door the morning of Nov. 19 for collection.

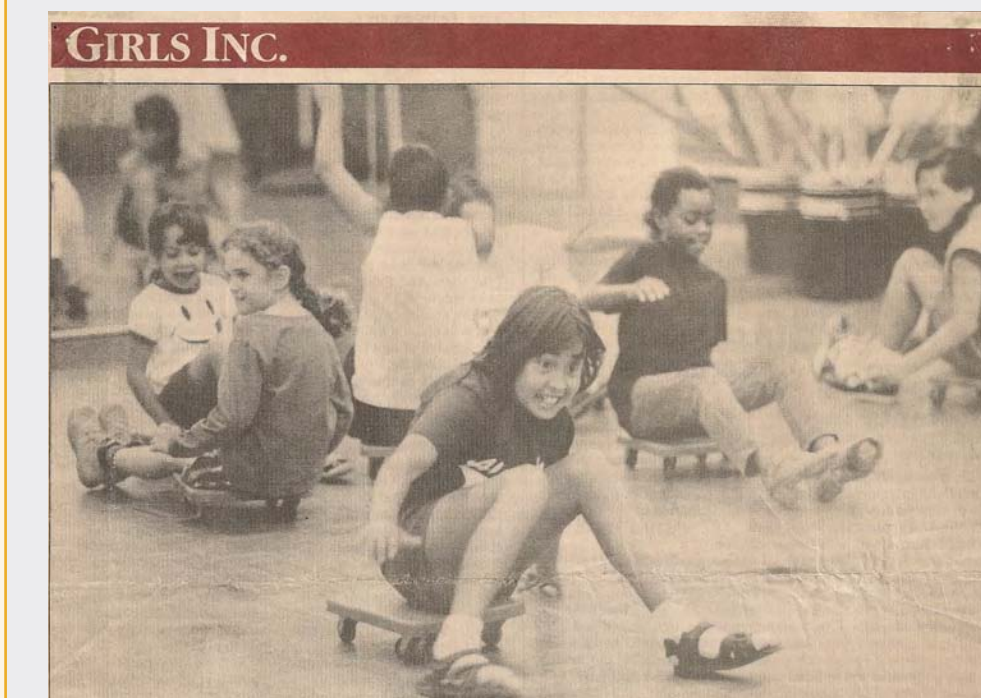
Supper Club transformed to Youth Power—a special group for girls 10 and over that focused on community service, team building, and social skills. The girls also learned about different career fields.

1994



With high rates of teen pregnancies across the nation, prevention is stressed in a new program called Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy for girls and their parents.

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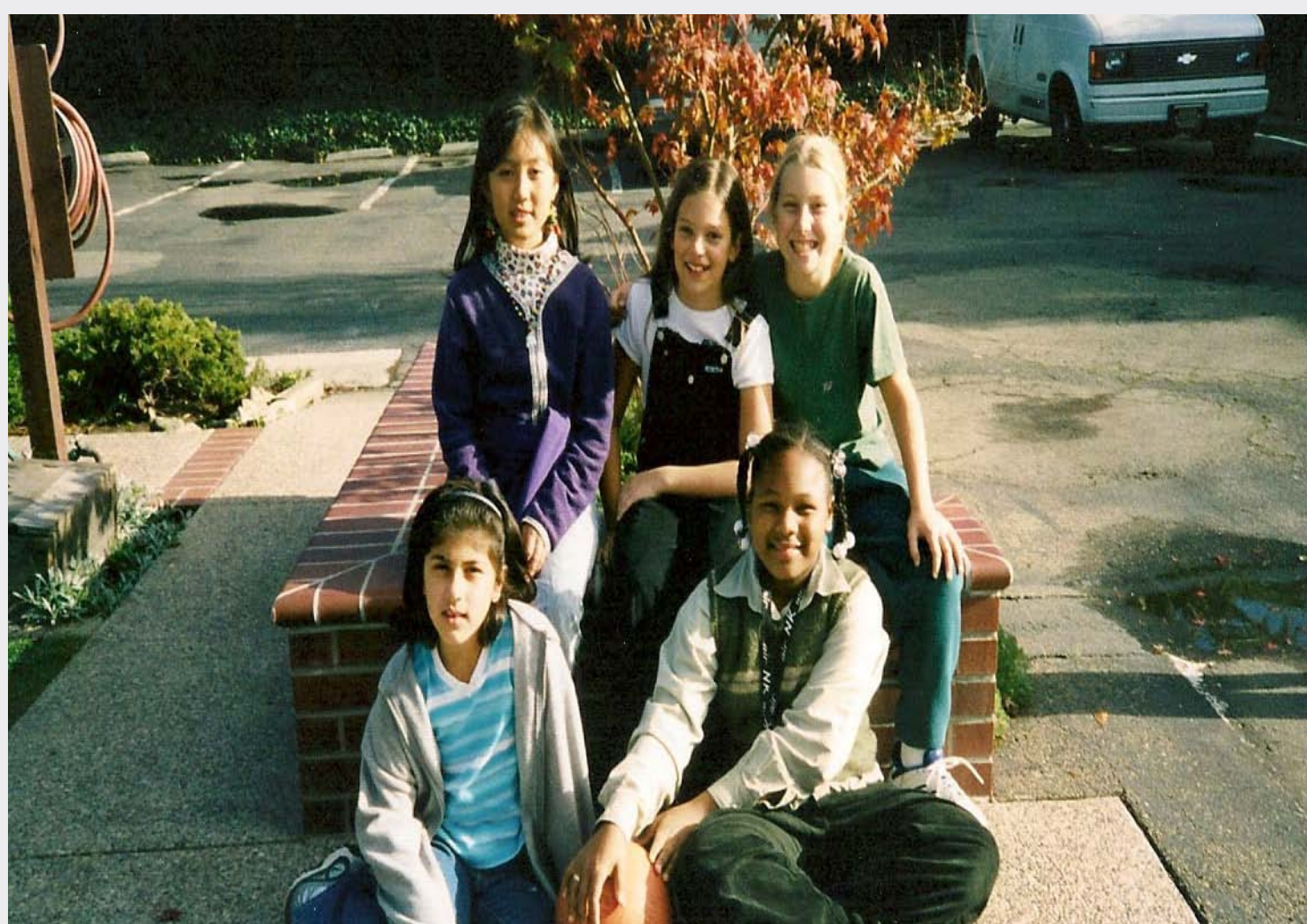
Organization changed its name to Girls Incorporated of the Island City.

1996



Girl Power service project named a national award winner in the 24th annual search of the country's best community service projects by young Americans. Girl Power, formerly called Youth Power, planned and prepared a dinner for local, homeless people at the Midway Shelter.

1997



Girls Inc. Friendly Peersuasion is implemented. The program was designed to encourage healthy and productive alternatives to substance abuse by using cross-age peer-leadership. After training, the girls in the program, who were between 11 and 14, worked with younger girls (ages 6-8) on communication, stress management, peer and media pressure and substance awareness.

1998



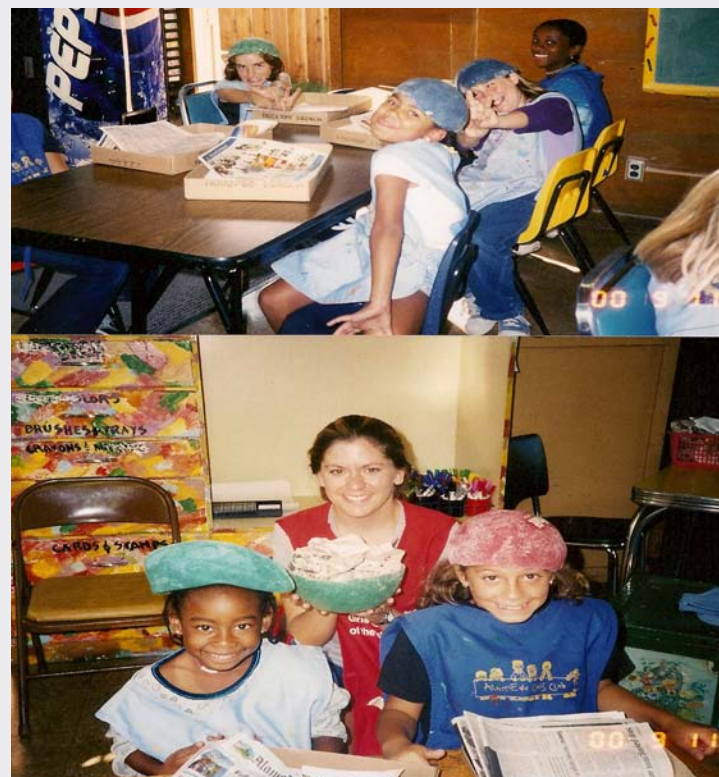
Girls Inc. of the Island City piloted the Mini Society Program which taught the girls about entrepreneurship, economics, government, career options, consumer issues and value clarification in a hands-on, fun way.

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Mission is changed inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold(SM) through innovative programs, activities, and advocacy and to provide before and after school child care services supporting youth and their families through Alameda Island Kids.

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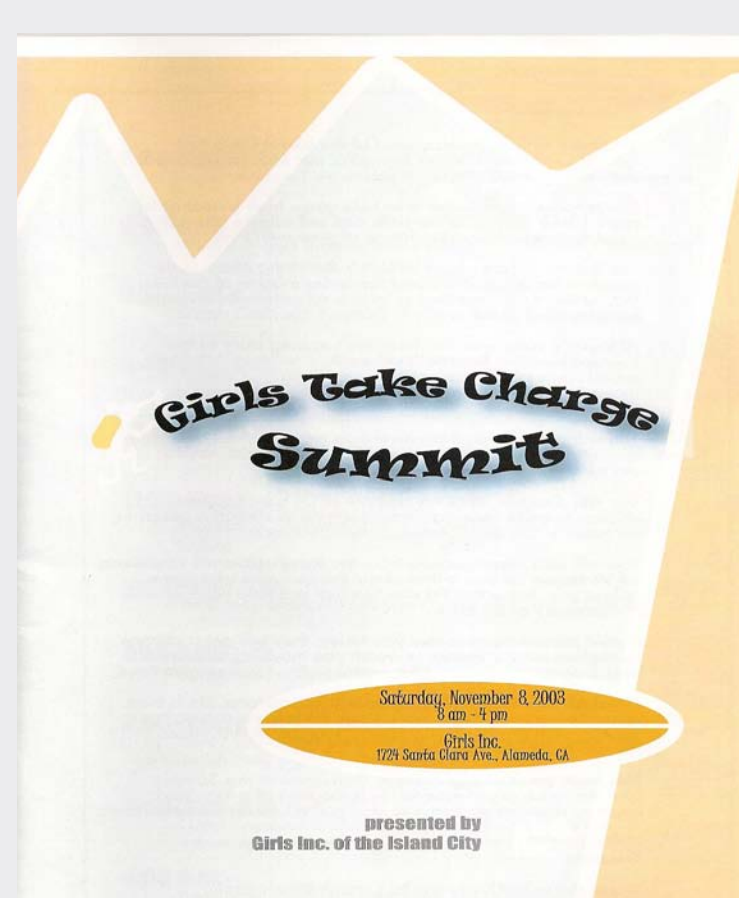
Best Foot Forward program—a multi-workshop program developed at Girls Inc. of the Island City earned a National Program Award for Outstanding Program in Self-Reliance and Life Skills in 2002. The Magic Within— a program created and facilitated by Advisory Board Member Melissa Mischak to engage girls in exploring and sharing their hopes and dreams- received an Annie E. Casey Foundation Strengthening Families Program Award.

2002



Launched Courageous Women Program. The program allowed everyday women from the community to share their wisdom about their careers or other important life experiences with girls (ages 9-13)

2002



First Annual Girls Take Charge Summit for high school aged girls occurred. The theme of the summit was geared toward helping girls take charge of their own lives. The summit included Sarah Gerhardt, who was a surf pioneer, as keynote speaker, workshops, lunch, a panel discussion about issues important to today's girls, and a wrap-up art activity.

2003



Inspired by the First Annual Girls Take Charge Summit, Alexis Hazewood, Jasmine Walls, Natasha Walls, Nicole Oliver, and Sara Heaps form the Blueprint Program. A program for teenage girls to come together and address social issues affecting women. In the first year, the group created information pamphlets and presentations to other youth on the topic of teen dating violence.

2003

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