The 2011 Holiday Giving Catalog
Our Recipe for Growing Great Girls

Girls Inc. has been growing great girls since 1976. Our mission is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold. But how does Girls Inc. do that?

In our after school and summer camp programs, we offer a structured curriculum that teaches girls ages 5-14 how to live healthy, educated and independent lives. Our teachers are dedicated professionals and our wonderful volunteers are the best role models a little girl could have.

The national Girls Inc. curriculum is based on sound research, created by educators and delivered in age appropriate formats to our girls. We also offer the nationally acclaimed MicroSociety® program which teaches our girls entrepreneurial skills in a creative way. Of course, there's lots of time for girl talk, too.

How can you help to grow great girls?

Make a gift today to fund one of the important ingredients of our success – and double your gift through a generous matching grant from Girls Inc. board member Cookie Boudreaux. It will be the sweetest investment you will ever make!

With thanks and best holiday wishes,
Stephania Feltz
Executive Director
Starting from birth, listen and learn about girls’ issues and perspectives. Make sure girls know you understand their point of view. Validate their feelings and recognize their importance as individuals.

Positive influences that reinforce self confidence, individuality and acceptance are key. Good listeners are essential to provide a sounding board for girls who just want to be heard.

Provide good role models.

Listen to what girls have to say.

$25 will support one week of the mentoring program at Girls Inc.

$50 will provide one hour of one-to-one counseling
Provide girls with nutritious food choices and many options to keep them active. Lead by example and choose healthy foods and activities for yourself.

Teach girls the value of laughter, even in tough situations.

$100 will provide a healthy snack for 150 girls for one day.

$150 will provide a mentor and girl with journals and games for 10 months.

Nurture healthy eating and exercise habits.

Laugh with the girls, not at them.
Encourage girls to discover their various options in a particular situation and to make their own, informed decisions. Place emphasis on each girl’s ability to be a leader.

Empower girls to make smart choices.

$200 will provide a trained professional to teach computer science and research skills for three weeks.

Teach girls to be kind and empathetic.

Help girls learn how to make friends and how to be a friend. Allow girls to take charge of their own lives, while being sensitive to the needs of others. Discourage gossip and unkind words and actions.

$250 will fund anti-bullying instruction for one month.
Teach girls to channel their energy and emotions into positive action and change. Work with them to develop character and show respect for themselves and others.

Encourage girls to speak up and speak out.

$500 will fund the election process of girls who want to represent their peers in our MicroSociety® government.

$1,000 will provide a summer scholarship for 10 weeks so a girl can explore science and math, arts and student government, sports and TV at summer camp.

Support their interests.

Provide girls with many opportunities to explore and sample a variety of interests and activities. Encourage them to dream big dreams.
Help girls to grow from the inside out. Empower girls to concentrate on their interests and abilities, rather than their looks.

Focus on strong minds and bodies, not body image.

$1,500 will help fund operational costs of the athletic center and pool.

Be there for the girls, no matter what.

Unconditional acceptance – it’s what we all want. Whatever choices the girls make, support and encourage them to find the power they have to be everything they want to be.

$2,000 will guarantee a little girl learns how to live a healthy, educated and independent life – every afternoon for 10 months.
Cookie Boudreaux, wonderful friend and generous donor of Girls Inc. Sarasota, has made a very special holiday gift to our girls. For every dollar you give between now and December 31, Cookie will give an additional dollar to Girls Inc. – up to $25,000.

There has never been a more important time to make a difference in the life of a little girl – and you can double your impact by sending your gift before the end of the year.

Please help us Grow Great Girls – by making your gift online NOW at www.girlsincsrq.org or returning the form on the next page in the enclosed envelope.

P.S. For your gift of $100 or more, we will be glad to send you Miss Tricia’s secret recipe for gingerbread cookies – always a favorite with the girls at the holidays!

Thank you – and Ms. Cookie – for making a difference in the life of a little girl!
Help us fill Cookie’s Jar this holiday – and double your gift to Girls Inc.