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Inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT COUNT!

Girls Incorporated of Pinellas is a member of a national organization that provides a unique out-of-school environment for 300+ girls every year and *inspires ALL girls to be strong (healthy), smart (educated), and bold (independent).*

Since 1961, our award-winning programs have provided an all girls experience; offering young women an environment where they feel safe, valued, encouraged, and empowered. Our distinctive year-round After School Enrichment Program and Operation SMART Summer Camp place emphasis on literacy, art, health, wellness, life skills, and STEM education. Girls Inc has had a profound and life-changing impact by addressing social issues like anti-bullying, violence prevention, economic literacy, and media awareness.



On a daily basis, the girls in our **Afterschool Enrichment Program** can be found indulging in scientific curiosity with hands on experiments, helping in our organic garden, learning yoga and hip hop, working in our computer lab, reading in our library, or receiving tutoring assistance.

Operation SMART, an innovative summer camp program where science is embedded within the larger camp experience, allows us to expose an additional 200 girls every year to STEM. With professional mentors and other volunteers, the girls participate in activities that include research, experimentation, exploration weekly field trips to museums, labs, engineering programs and research facilities.

At Girls Inc, *it's cool to get your smart on!* Being a Girls Inc girl can be one of the most important opportunities they will ever receive – Girls Inc provides what they simply cannot get anywhere else. When they step through our doors, their minds are opened up to a world filled with wonder, awe, and infinite possibilities.

Our **STEM Advisory Committee**, comprised of STEM professionals and community stakeholders, embrace the mission to expand the STEM programs at Girls Inc through the engagement of the technology community and sponsorship of the **STEM Woman of the Year Awards**. Partners include representatives from major STEM corporations, higher education, government and the medical community.

We recognize that education and empowerment through youth development is key. Empowering young women to take charge of their health and seek economically independent paths in life has a far-reaching impact on the individual, family, community, and society. Healthy, informed choices made with confident intelligence will reduce poverty, increase literacy, increase high school graduation and college attendance rate, and decrease risky teenage behaviors. **These are reasons we have made a commitment to our mission at Girls Incorporated of Pinellas and why we request you to do the same.**

