



Welcome to  
**Harriet Tubman  
Village Charter School**



To whom it may concern,

It is with great enthusiasm to write this letter of endorsement for Girls Incorporated of San Diego County. I'm familiar with Girls Inc. through their program at Harriet Tubman Village Charter School, where I am the school counselor, and from personally participating in Girls Inc. programs as a teenager.

This is the first year Girls Inc. has been implemented at Harriet Tubman and I have noticed a sense of unity and empowerment amongst the girls in the group. Teachers have also shared that student behavior and academics have improved and girls have been displaying more leadership and role model qualities. Our school site was in need of a female support group for our at-risk students and Girls Inc. has become an invaluable service for them. Girls Inc. has been extremely accommodating, welcoming, and professional since our first interaction. To start, they hosted a Mother-Daughter workshop at our site and then later opened a space for our school to participate in their weekly semester-long program. I have specifically been working with Rosa Alvarado who has been absolutely wonderful supporting our school site. The students adore Rosa and look up to her a positive role model and mentor. Students have shared that Girls Inc. has become a fun part of their week they look forward to and love attending. One student shared that Girls Inc. is a safe place for her and others to be themselves and open up. Another student stated that she loves learning something new and important to her life every week.

Harriet Tubman has been extremely grateful for Girls Inc. and looks forward to continuing our partnership. The staff support this program and deeply believe in Girls Inc.'s mission statement of inspiring bold, smart, and strong girls. The generosity of Girls Inc. has allowed our Title I school site to receive on-site resources that our students would not have been able to experience or have access to otherwise.

Personally, I have experienced the influential benefits of Girls Inc. programming firsthand. As a teenager in the Bay Area, I attended a handful of workshops and events through Girls Inc. I was empowered and inspired from what I learned and talked about in these workshops. In addition, I loved meeting and connecting with other girls my age and experiencing positive peer relationships. When brainstorming for female programs at Harriet Tubman, I immediately thought of Girls Inc. because of the powerful impact it left on my life.

I'm thrilled to have Girls Inc. now at the school where I work and to see the life-changing guidance reach a new generation of girls. Girls Inc. is a phenomenal program that continues to be relevant and current to the needs of female students. The personal, social, and cultural benefits reach the girls who need it most, and I hope this program continues to expand, grow, and be supported. I would be happy to provide any further information needed about my experience with Girls Incorporated of San Diego.

Sincerely,

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