ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Continuing Our Legacy

strong, smart, and bold

girls inc.
of Omaha

Every girl is a legacy in the making!

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Members of the Girls Inc. Family,

As the new Executive Director of Girls Inc. of Omaha, I am filled with much gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility. It is my profound honor to lead an organization with such a rich history of empowering young girls to be strong, smart, and bold. My passion for advocacy and commitment to social change have led me to this role. Fueled by my belief in the boundless potential of every girl, I am thrilled to have joined this incredible community. I promise to uphold the legacy of excellence and impact set by my predecessors.

Transition and Transformation

Leadership transitions are powerful opportunities for growth and renewal. Let's honor the remarkable work of Roberta Wilhelm and the leadership that has gotten us to where we are today. As we move forward together, we will build on our strong foundation for even greater impact.

Ms. Roberta handing me her office keys marked a new chapter in the history of Girls Inc. of Omaha. My commitment to you and every girl we serve is to listen, learn, and lead with a heart full of purpose and an open mind open. By continuing to provide essential programs, mentorships, and support, our girls will thrive while exploring new ways to address the evolving challenges they face in our world.

A Vision for the Future

My vision for Girls Inc. is one of inclusivity, innovation, and empowerment. I believe in a future where every girl has the confidence to pursue her dreams, the resilience to overcome obstacles, and the support to reach her fullest potential. To achieve this, we will:

- Strengthen partnerships and expand outreach
- Deepen our commitment to equity and justice
- Invest in the highest quality tools and training to develop of our staff and volunteers
- Advocate for policies that support girls and young women
- Nurture a community where every girl feels valued, heard, and compelled to lead
- Inspire the next generation of leaders to carry forward the torch of change

Thank you for your unwavering support as a part of the Girls Inc. family and for championing the dreams and aspirations of our girls.

With gratitude and anticipation,

Candias Jones
Executive Director, Girls Inc.

the power of every girl

"As I step into leading our team Girls Inc., I know we must illuminate others of the profound power that is found within each and every girl. Seeing our younger girls grow through real-life, hands-on experiences brings me joy. Watching our older young women stand tall full of self-confidence and self-respect fills me with hope for the future. This is the rich legacy to which we belong- the Girl Legacy!

Program Partners

Our Girls Inc. programs are built on a long history of collaboration with local and regional partners who bring specialized expertise to the classrooms, sports fields, science labs, yoga mats, teaching kitchens, art rooms, and beyond. This access and engagement has inspired generations of girls, helping them to explore and build a strong foundation for their future growth and development.

2023 PROGRAM PARTNERS

4-H Nebraska Extension
African Culture Connection
American Midwest Ballet
Approach Climbing Gym
Beyond School Bells - Grow Nebraska
Big Garden
Laura Bonnet
Boys Town - Institute for Human Neuroscience
Audwin Brown
Morgan Brummels
Budget to Success
Build a Hut
Charles Drew
College of St. Mary - Operation S.M.A.R.T.
Confidently Me
Creighton Health Sciences Pipeline Program
Culxr House
Descendants of DeWitty
Do Space
Durham Museum
EGO Golf
Everyday Science & Science Support
First Tee Golf
Fontenelle Forest
Football for the World
Fostering the Future
Girl Scouts Programming
Girl Scouts Summer Camps
HDR
Steph Huntwork
Brittany Jones
Ladies in I.T. (LIIT)
Links Locs Love Program
Joe McNair
Methodist Counselors
Metro Stars Gymnastics
Metropolitan Community College
Nebraska Game & Parks
NOAH
No More Empty Pots
NorthStar High Ropes Course
Omaha Permaculture
Opera Omaha
Pear Tree Performing Arts
Peter Kiewit
PGA
Lauren Phillips
Planned Parenthood
Rabble Mill
RESPECT
Sophie Smith
SPARK Positivity
The Hope Center for Kids Omaha
The Rose Theater
The Salvation Army
Ashlyn Therkelsen
University of Nebraska Omaha
University of Nebraska Medical Center
University of Nebraska Medical Center - Dermatology
University of Nebraska Medical Center - Doctoral Students
University of Nebraska Medical Center - OBGYN
University of Nebraska Medical Center - Research
United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)
Virtual IT
Whispering Roots
Women's Center for Advancement
YMCA Maple Street
Young Entrepreneurs of the Future

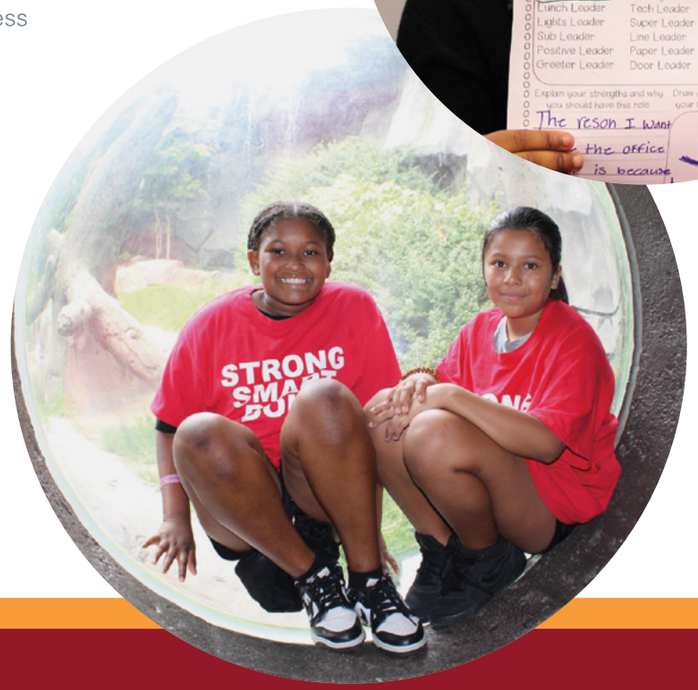
a strong foundation

Programs

Taking a holistic approach to their development, strong, smart, and bold girls grow into strong, smart, and bold women. Our comprehensive program touches all aspects of our girls' lives by offering daily healthy meals and snacks, counseling services, technology access, and safe transportation. This intentional cycle of elevating the power within our girls will continue to impact future generations as they step out into the world.

2023 PROGRAMS

- Advocacy
- Art
- African Dance, Drumming, & Culture
- Ballet
- Beat Boxing
- Book Clubs
- Chickens & Bees
- College Access
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
- Economic Literacy
- Gardening
- Gymnastics
- Healthy Cooking
- Job & Career Prep
- Life Skills
- Literacy
- Media Literacy
- Mentoring
- Poetry
- Recycling Club
- Reproductive Health & Sexuality
- Skateboarding
- Social/Emotional Learning
- Sports & Fitness
- STEM
- Yoga



the power within

Eureka!

Eureka! is a five-year STEM program that enhances the tradition of academic excellence and career advancement by offering girls on-campus opportunities, STEM career exploration, and externship positions with local businesses. Through interactive and practical activities, as well as professional development opportunities, young women can find the path to create a lasting legacy for themselves in the future.

2023 EUREKA! PARTNERS

4-H
Adventureland
AFIELDA
Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture, P.C.
Astute Coffee
Aviation STEMAHA
Aviture Inc.
Big Garden
Black Votes Matter Tour
Blair Freeman
Charles Drew
Children's Nebraska
Clarkson College
Confidently Me Coaching
Creighton University
Creighton University Health Sciences - Multicultural & Community Program
ES Law
Film Streams
Rachel D. Fox
Fun-Plex
Heart Ministry Center
Henry Doorly Zoo
Holland Basham Architects
I Be Black Girl
Luminarium
Makovicka Physical Therapy
McCarthy Building Companies
Metropolitan Community College
National Society of Black Engineers
Nebraska Methodist Community College
NorthStar
Olsson
Omaha Astronomy Society
Omaha Children's Museum
Planned Parenthood
Prairie STEM
Skate City
Stephen Center
The Simple Foundation
Union Pacific Railroad
University of Nebraska Lincoln
University of Nebraska Lincoln Food Science Program
University of Nebraska Lincoln Smart Materials & Robotics Lab
University of Nebraska Medical Center
University of Nebraska Medical Center - Allergy Fellowship
University of Nebraska Omaha
University of Nebraska Omaha College of Education, Health, & Human Sciences
University of Nebraska Omaha Gender & Sexuality Resource Center
University of Nebraska Omaha Health & Kinesiology
WICT
You Go Girl
Young Nebraska Scientists

2023 EUREKA! EXTERNSHIP HOSTS

Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture, P.C.
Astute Coffee
Clarkson College
ES Law
Girls Inc. of Omaha
Heart Ministry Center
Henry Doorly Zoo
Luminarium
Makovicka Physical Therapy
Omaha Children's Museum
Stephen Center
University of Nebraska Medical Center

a lasting legacy

"Eureka! was a completely new experience for me, and I wasn't quite sure what to expect. During my first externship at Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture, not only did I gain valuable experience but also received a job offer which is truly amazing. Considering all these positive experiences so far makes me wonder how many other architecture firms might provide similar prospects going forward. As I prepare myself for another externship this year, excitement builds within me about what lies ahead. – **Alaya Grant**

Protégé/Barker House

In 2023, Girls Inc.'s transitional housing facilities provided a safe haven for young women transitioning into adulthood. These programs went beyond offering life skills and independent living support, empowering young women to pursue higher education, careers, and self-sufficiency while working toward establishing a lasting legacy for future generations.

Since Protege House's launch in 2019, the need for transitional living has grown. Our transitional living accommodations offers a stable, nurturing environment where young women can take steps toward their unique goals. Core services, such as life skills workshops, job readiness training, and ongoing mentorship remained consistent helping current residents' transition successfully to independent living.

Pathfinders Mentoring

Through Girls Inc.'s mentoring programs and all-girl, pro-girl environment, girls develop positive relationships with adults. Not only do the girls and mentors benefit from their connection, but it also inspires them to create a positive impact in their communities.

2023 PATHFINDERS MENTORS

Victoria Anderson
Shamaere Ashby
Ashley Beamon
Jensyn Bell
Lauren Beringer
Laura Bonnett-Murphy
Julie Borer
Erin Borns
Kaitlin Costello
Sara Croll
Madeleine Dangerfield
Anna Dragon
Shelby Duncan
Sarah Eversman
Sonya Flaten
Emily Foje
Ann Grace
Cydney Griffin
Hayley Griffin
Anna Haggart
Lindsey Hardiman
Madeline Helm
Jenna Herrick
Dorthea Houston
Danaya Johnson
Natasha Johnson
Kelly Karls
Deziree Kearney
Amy Keller
Maggie Kempf
Julia King
Andrea Klooz
Keegan Korf
Abbie Kretz
Ashley Kuhn
Rochelle Landreth
Abigail Lingelbach
Emily Lingelbach
Johana Lopez Garcia
Jeanne Lutz
Johanna Lyon
Annaleigh Mar
Janae Marion
Jaime Mason
Haley Matter
Rose McCoy
Kaylen McFadden
Precious McKesson
Michelle Miller
Jerica Mohlman
Susan Mullin
Deborah Neary
Jordan Nustad
Bria Oliver
Aimee Owen
Opeoluwa Oyewole
Tanya Patry
Nickol Payne
Afrah Rasheed
Alexandra Regan
Whittney Richardson
Stephanie Roy
Shelby Schelkopf
Jill Schreck
Jessica Shadduck
Carmen Shannon
Rebecca Slotkowski
Elizabeth Staab
Dorian Stanfield
Tracy Stanko
Ashlyn Therkelsen
Macy Thonen
Elena Torres Small
Barbara True
Taija Vermeulen
Betsy Vrba
Roberta Wilhelm
Sierra Williams
Katie Wilson
Margaret Winton
Claire Yocom

elevating self-sufficiency

The Importance of Legacy to Girls Inc.

Building on a Strong Foundation

Legacy at Girls Inc. is not just about celebrating the past; it's about building a bridge to the future. Our organization has a rich history of empowering young girls to become confident, self-sufficient women. This legacy is reflected in our core values, which prioritize strength, intelligence, and boldness. By continuing to uphold these values, we want every girl who walks through our doors to thrive and succeed in a supportive and nurturing environment.

Inspiring Future Generations

The legacy of Girls Inc. is a powerful source of inspiration. When our girls see the accomplishments of past alumni—women who have become leaders in their communities, achievers in their fields, and advocates for change—they see the possibilities for their own futures. This legacy of success provides tangible proof that with hard work, determination, and the right support, they too can achieve their dreams.

Nurturing Strength and Confidence

The stories of past struggles and triumphs within Girls Inc. provide a roadmap for overcoming challenges. Our girls learn that they are part of a continuum of strong women who have faced obstacles yet persevered. This understanding gives them the confidence to face their own hurdles with courage and determination. Girls Inc. girls grow up knowing that they are capable of achieving anything they set their minds to, just like the women who came before them.

Growing Up with Girls Inc.

Growing up with Girls Inc. means being part of a community that believes in you. It means having access to mentors, role models, and peers who support and encourage you. This sense of belonging is crucial for young girls, providing them with a safe space to express themselves, explore their interests, and develop their identities. It's a community that celebrates their successes, learns from their failures, and continually motivates them to reach for the stars.

Deja'nae Young

What are you doing now?

Currently I am working as a small animal veterinary nurse. I graduated from Iowa Western Community College in May of 2022 and passed my board exam July of 2022.

What was your favorite thing about Girls Inc.?

There are many things I valued as a Girls Inc. member. First and foremost I will forever be grateful for the relationships I created there, as these relationships still exist today. I also enjoyed sports. Girls Inc. introduced me to soccer, basketball, and step team. Learning the basic fundamentals of these sports lead me to continue playing basketball in middle and high school. My absolute favorite memory of going to Girls Inc. would be the sleepovers.

How did Girls Inc. help you?

Girls Inc. has always incorporated S.T.E.M. into our programming. From building rockets, to introducing us to programs like Operation Smart and EUREKA!, I was given the opportunity to explore my career interests and partake in internships that helped my resume stand out. Girls Inc. also supported me through college, as I received the Girls Inc. National and local scholarship.

If you could tell younger ladies one thing what would it be?

Make sure you take advantage of the many opportunities that Girls Inc. has to offer because you never know which opportunity could change your life.

Making a Difference that Matters

Girls Inc. teaches girls that they have the power to make a difference in their communities and the world. Growing up in this environment, they learn the importance of advocacy and the impact of collective action. Girls are encouraged to use their voices to speak up for what they believe in and to work towards creating a more equitable and just society. We are creating a legacy of changemakers.

defining our legacy

Continuing a Cycle of Generational Success

Girls Inc. girls go on to achieve success. They become role models for the next generation. Their accomplishments serve as a testament to the effectiveness of Girls Inc.'s programs and the importance of its legacy. These successful women often return to mentor and inspire younger girls, and this is how the cycle of empowerment and success continues.

Quatisha Valentine

What are you doing now?

Today I am a licensed esthetician, brow tattoo specialist and I am still working in the care field.

What was your favorite thing about Girls Inc.?

My favorite thing about Girls Inc. as a child, I would say that there were many events, daily activities/classes, and field trips we were granted. They kept the girls active!

How did Girls Inc. help you?

Girls Inc. helped me by giving me and many other girls a place to be a child, a girl, a teen, and helped structure me by the things I've learned whilst there throughout the many years of my life. It didn't stop once I aged out either because I was granted a scholarship to be able to complete my esthetician schooling without being alone for the hard part, financially. With Girls Inc. helping me pay my tuition I was able to finish paying off my tuition myself right around the time I graduated and got licensed.

If you could tell younger ladies one thing what would it be?

Be the person you needed growing up. To never lose their dreams. That you're already qualified to become who you are destined to be. With the help of Girls Inc., stay active and stay involved. Learn as you are there and when you're an adult you can come back to help and give advice to those "Girls Inc. girls" yourself.

Dr. Denai Gordon

What are you doing now?

I'm a family medicine physician at the Fontenelle Health Center and Family Medicine Clinic, right here at the Girls Inc. Health Center.

What was your favorite thing about Girls Inc.?

My favorite part was the sense of community. I spent so much time here after school and during summer breaks, and it always felt like a second home.

How did Girls Inc. help you?

Girls Inc. gave me a strong foundation. From the programs to the mentors, they empowered me to believe in myself and pursue my dream of becoming a doctor.

If you could tell younger ladies one thing what would it be?

I'd tell them to never doubt their potential. Girls Inc. is here to support you, and you can truly achieve anything you set your mind to.

Defining Our Legacy

The legacy of Girls Inc. is powerful because, in truth, the girls ARE the legacy. Our programs and teams are simply here to cultivate the power that our girls naturally carry within them. We continue to help shape the lives of young girls by providing them with the foundational resources, skills, support, and inspiration they need to define their paths to success. Our girls are prepared to go into the world confident in themselves, knowing that they hold the power to make an impact. The Girls Inc. legacy centers on honoring the past, enriching the present, and building a brighter future for every girl to become strong, smart, and bold.

defining our legacy

Volunteer Leadership

We deeply appreciate the unwavering support of our Board of Directors and girlFRIENDS Guild along with their immense contributions and commitment to set the girls up as our future leaders.

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Volunteers

Our deepest gratitude goes to the volunteers who continue a tradition of contributing countless hours to support the girls. They help raise chickens, lead sports clinics, explore science fiction, play critical thinking games, serve meals, share healthy lifestyle habits, and much more. Their efforts have a positive impact on the girls' lives.

2023 VOLUNTEERS

Ubah Abdi
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Charles Alwoussn
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Ava Braddock
Barbara Briggs
Jasmine Brosemond
Autumn Brosius
Morgan Brummels
LaRya Bruner
Alyssa Brunsuick
Grace Bryant
Grace Buckland
Addison Burmeister
Michael Butcher
Emma Buys
Liberty C.*
Christi Cabs
Adhit Cahyo Prasetyo
Takeyah Cain
Sarah Cala
Augustin Calini
Lori Camera
KaraAnn Campos
Rachael Casteias
Pitipoom Chaladsakool
Kylle Christiann Saga
Steph Cleary
Dalton Cole Reese
TaShawn Coleman
Julia Connealy
Bart Cox
Kiley Craft
Lynn Curry-Jackson
Courtney Cutler
Chris D.*
Deobra Danilonic
Jacob Davis
Noelani Dawson
Alyssa Delia
Regina Della
Sittishaira Dompol
Laya Dorsey
Vanessa Dosoo
Madie Dragoo
Arlene Duff
Jasmine Eaker
Meg Ekstrum
Leeanna Ellis
Kate Engle
Yatzari Espana
Sarah Fauss
Ryan Felix
R. Ferquson
Amanda Fish-B.*

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Luke G.*
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Andrew Gaspar
Heidi Gass
Catie Geier
Joseph Geiser
Nesan Gerard
Jasmine Glasture
Nakala Goblirch
DaNiya Gordan
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Taelyn Grady
Maggie Grange
Cristen Gutierrez
Maritza Gutierrez
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Niki Hamraei
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Soren Haroldson
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Trishonna Helm
Katie Henry
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Matt Hilgenhay
Sophie Hoheisel
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Steph Huntwork
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Sekar Kinasih
Kyle King
Lucy Kohara
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Wilma Kuhlman
Sarina Kunwar
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Kristin Lappala
Paul Levandoski
Pei Ling Lua
Abby Linglebach
Marxciano Lopes Zemecas
Alaina Lorkovic
Natalie Lovell
Kylie Lyle
Isabell Ma
Samuel Madriaga
Lahiza Maluais
Jamia Mapp
William Mardo Lesimanuaya
Janae Marion
Margaret Martens
Zoe Martin
Alessandra Martinez
Micho Martinez
Dustin Marvel
Sondra McSwain
Corinne Mead
Poe Meh
Litsibeth Mejia
Emily Mersick
Maria Mill
Trang Minh Huynh
Ne'Cauje Mitcgell-Lewis
Waverle Monroe
Callie Moore
Erin Mora
Mariagisse Morales
Marc Moss
Marco Moss
Sam Muirhead
Kogan Murphy
Armanathan Nair
Shasmeethaa Nair
Josie Nelson
Julie Nelson
Mady Nelson
Roton Nero
An Ngoc Nguyen
Cassidy Nipp
Olivia Norris
Marissa Northcutt
Muhammad Nur Slamet
Melisa Oritiveros
Jasmin Ortiz
Rebecca Osei
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Marcy Palatox
Regina Pelleos
Londyn Penny
Reece Peterson
Shannon Peterson
Elise Petsche
Lauren Philips
Maynika Phongsa
Olivia Pools
Annie Potter
Karmyn Powell
Moe Pwint Khin
Jonathan Q.*
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Julia Quigley
Emily Ramirez
Chrisa Ramsey
Konna Respicio
Madalynn Rhodes
Ethan Ritonya
Kennedy Rodgers
Gilber Rodriguez
Michaele Rogers
Brilee Rose
Karla Ruiz-Cortez
Bob S.*
Sydney S.*
Travis S.*
Isabella Sada
Indira Salazar
Samphors Sao
Masa Sardjic
Don Sawer
Kayden Saylors
Aung Si Kyaw
Autumn Simons
Sophie Smith
Ti'Anna Smith
Aldo Soares Fernandito
Sreyneth Soy
Dakota Staggs
Tina Stambolis
Blake Stawarz
Devon Stoffel
Tamara Stojlcovic
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Nicholas Sturgeon
Jannette Sudmon
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Gracie Swayze
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Kenshiro Tanaka
Aniya Tate
Erin Tedrick
Vinh Thanh Tran
Ming Thet Paing
Hien Thi Thu Troung
Brittany Thomas
Cheirney Thompson
Damarionna Tiffin
Dmayah Tiffin
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Anthony Tran
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Monica U.*
Mackenzie Ulness
Patricka Villasenor
Brei Wagner
Jamie Wagner
Olivia Wagner
Ryan Wagner
Eleanor Ward
Tracie Ward
Kamiyah Wardlow
Ryleigh Warren
Sara Weillin
Brooke Wilburn
Hannah Williamson
Katelyn Wilwerding
Britney Winston
Jit Woo Kiat Lee
Brooklyn Wrice
Margo Wrich
Mckenna Wright
Michelle Xin Yi Khoo
Hushai Yarbro
Yet Yoeum
Liza Zaruba
Zach Ziler
Yasmin*

**Full Name Not Available*

Team

Our team has worked with generations of girls over the years. Knowing that former Girls Inc. members return with their most precious gifts – their daughters – tells us that we're doing something right.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

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teamwork

Lunch For The Girls

Many people have created legacies for women to continue. Debra L. Lee is one of those people. She broke through many glass ceilings, and a few patriarchal systems while she was at it, in her tenure as the Chief Executive Officer of BET Networks. Her story of expanding a media empire while amplifying the power of women and people of color inspired many at the 2023 Lunch for the Girls event.

Our very own Arianna was so emboldened that she accomplished her goal – to take the stage and speak in front of more than 600 audience members. With the support of her Pathfinders Mentor, Rose, Arianna bravely shared her own words about her mentoring experience and the importance of having strong, smart, and bold role models who help break down barriers for future generations of women.

92%
There are adults at Girls Inc. that I can depend on for help.

89%
I feel like I have a great future ahead of me.

89%
I can do even the hardest homework if I try.

90%
I feel safe at Girls Inc.

90%
At Girls Inc., I get to learn about people who are different from me.

91%
There are adults at Girls Inc. who believe I will be a success.

91%
I get to try new things at Girls Inc.

91%
At Girls Inc., girls learn to make a difference in the world.

#PutYourMoneyOnTheGirls!
Scan the QR code to give now.

strong, smart, and bold

I am beyond proud of my baby! Thank you, Girls Inc, for all you have done for my baby and pushing her to be the best version of herself! Special shout out to her mentor Rose McCoy for helping her face her biggest fear and always being there for her. – **Kisha Ford, Arianna's Mother**

In Honor & In Memory

Celebrating cherished loved ones and honoring the legacy of those who made a meaningful impact is amplified through the power of generosity.

IN HONOR OF SUSIE BUFFET'S BIRTHDAY
Daphne Davis-Goetz
Mark & Stacey Evans
Diny & Jim Landen
Jodie Mackintosh
Pape Family Foundation
Quinlan Perez Inc.
Amy & Mike Ryan

IN HONOR OF VANESSA DENNEY
Omaha Community Foundation

IN HONOR OF TAYLOR LITZ & SEPH FAUVER
Greg Ebel
Alex Horton

IN HONOR OF SUSAN LYONS
Dylan Lyons

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2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

LOZIER SCHOLARSHIP
Lozier Foundation

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Amarah Riley, a recent graduate of Omaha Northwest High school, has been a member of Girls Inc. for 13 years and a member of the Girls Inc. Omaha Eureka! Program since 7th grade. An entrepreneur since middle school, Amarah completed two externships with Eureka!, including a business externship at ConAgra. She credits the ConAgra internship for helping her understand the different departments and responsibilities involved in running a business. Amarah currently attends the University of Nebraska Lincoln in pursuit of her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Interior Design.

Aaliyah Farmer, a recent graduate from Omaha North High School, has been a member of Girls Inc. since she was in 5th grade and a member of the Girls Inc. Omaha Eureka! Program since 7th grade. During high school she completed two successful externships with Eureka!, participated in a medical career shadowing project at the Munroe Meyer Institute, and was a two-sport athlete. Aaliyah currently attends the University of Nebraska at Omaha as a pre-med student to pursue a degree in Neuroscience.

Serena Zezulak, a recent graduate of Roncalli Catholic High School, has been member of the Girls Inc. Omaha Eureka! Program since 7th grade. Eureka! is where Serena discovered her passion for STEM, particularly coding, which would continue to evolve through her school's robotics team. Serena worked as a Nurse Tech in hospice care and as the Girls in STEAM + Events Coordinator at JuSTEMagine in high school. Serena currently attends the University of Notre Dame and is majoring in Neuroscience and Behavior.

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The legacy of generosity and kindness continues through the various in-kinds donations given to support programs or directly to girls and families. From sporting event tickets, bicycles, and coats to craft supplies, hygiene products, and appliances, every contribution is an act of compassion and kindness that will continue to inspire future generations to make a difference and leave their own positive mark on the world.

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Girls Served

At Girls Inc., we believe that our legacy is not just in the opportunities we provide, but in the girls themselves.

Total Girls Served
878

Served In-Centers: **818**

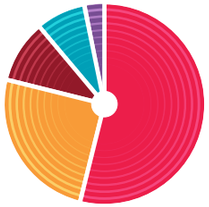
Served Via Outreach: **60**

People Treated in Clinic: **606**

Age Groups

31% 5-8 years
28% 9-11 years
24% 12-14 years
17% 15-18 years

Household Income



25% Under 10k
10% 10-20k
15% 20-30k
29% 30-50k
21% 50k

Family Structure

54% Mother Only
25% Two Parents
10% Foster Parents
8% Joint Custody
3% Father Only

Ethnic Groups

66% Black/African American
16% Multiracial
8% White/European
7% Hispanic/Latina
3% American Indian/ Native American
<1% Asian
<1% Other

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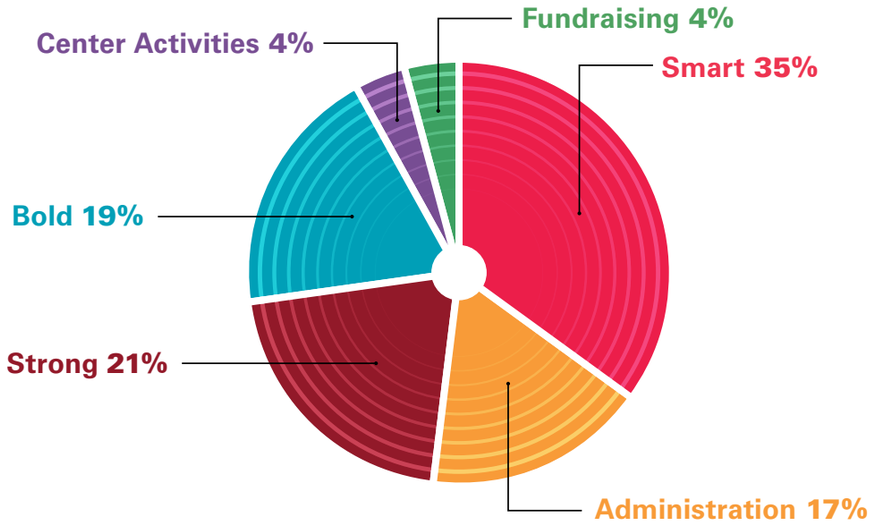

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STRONG	$1,074,271	21%
SMART	$1,823,329	35%
BOLD	$995,156	19%
CENTER ACTIVITIES (FIELD TRIPS, PARTIES, ETC.)	$188,994	4%
FUNDRAISING	$217,339	4%
ADMINISTRATION	$865,644	17%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	**$5,164,733**	

"With our community's support, Girls Inc. of Omaha will continue to advocate for policies and programs that amplify the power of girls and young women. Together, we will inspire the next generation of leaders to carry forward the torch of change that is the legacy of our work."

– Candias Jones, Girls Inc. of Omaha CEO

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