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Fall 2009

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GIRLS INCORPORATED® OF DURHAM

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Girls Inc. strives to give every girl the life skills she needs to achieve her dreams, to reach her full potential, and to believe it when she says, "I can".

2009 is our 25th anniversary and we are celebrating by focusing on an exciting range of new programs and initiatives. We want all girls to have access to important life skills, so we are adding more after-school and in-school programs across Durham .

Summer Camp was a huge success this year and we want to thank our wonderful sponsors General Mills, BMO Charitable Fund, and the Leaf Funds for Kids for their generous support.

It's back-to-school time. Check to see if an in-school Girls Inc. program is being offered at your daughter's school, or see page two for a full catalogue of our Fall/Winter after-school and PA day programs.

Over the coming months the planning process will begin for

our two signature fundraising events, Girls Day Out and the 10th Annual Charity Golf tournament. If you're interested in helping out, or if you have a fundraising idea you'd like to try, please let us know — we'd love to hear from you.

If you'd just like to get to know us better, please join us for one of the Girls Inc. 101 sessions — dates are listed on page four.

Once again this year we look forward to seeing all our friends at Pumpkinville on October 17th and at the Ajax Santa Claus Parade on November 14th.

Hope to see you all soon!
Yvette Nechwatal-Drew

Thank you to our summer camp sponsors:



A gift that keeps giving.....

I was excited to hear about the new partnership between ECHOage and Girls Inc. This is a thoughtful birthday party solution based on the idea of 'One Gift, One Cause' that brings more meaning into birthday party celebrations while reducing the environmental footprint at the same time.

Instead of bringing wrapped and packaged presents, my guests simply RSVP'd online and made secure contributions that are pooled for the purchase of ONE memorable gift and support ONE meaningful cause. This was a great way for us to contribute to the development of healthy girls while eliminating the commercialism of birthday parties. My daughter felt so great about giving back to Girls Inc. An ECHOage birthday party is a unique opportunity for you and your child to do something extraordinary: to improve the world—together. *Renata*



WHERE CHILDREN CELEBRATE **GIVING**

Find out how to ECHOage your child's next birthday party by visiting www.echoage.com



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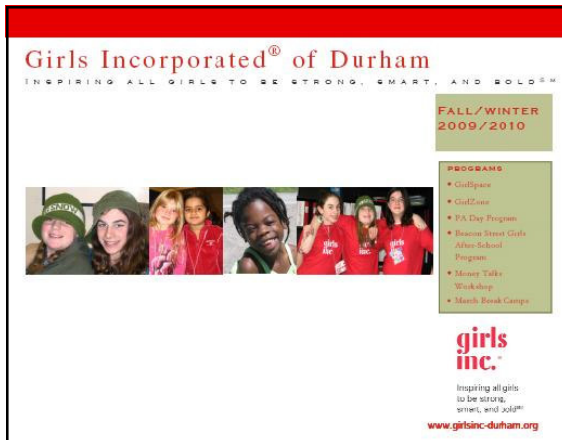
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UPCOMING GIRLS INC. PROGRAMS

FALL/WINTER PROGRAMS



Check out our website at www.girlsinc-durham.org for our 2009/2010 Fall/Winter Program Catalogue

Exciting programs this fall include:

- ◆ GIRLSPACE
- ◆ GIRLZONE
- ◆ PA DAY PROGRAMS
- ◆ BEACON STREET GIRLS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM
- ◆ MONEY TALKS WORKSHOP
- ◆ MARCH BREAK CAMPS

GIRL INC. GIRLS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Reanne is an eleven year old Girls Inc. member and Pickering resident who was staying in Newfoundland this summer with family.

Reanne noticed that Newfoundland had very few places for people to recycle. She decided to take the time to write a letter to the Newfoundland Government asking them about their plan to help the environment. Her letter expressed her concerns:

"I am very concerned that Newfoundland does not have many places you can compost. You have beautiful scenery, but if you have to keep cutting trees to make room for more landfills you won't have much to see. I believe you should begin to compost and recycle."

Her letter made a difference! She received a letter from the Newfoundland Government outlining their provincial plan for recycling. Her letter also was published by the local paper.



We want to hear from you! If you have a story to share how you or someone you know made a difference please forward it to us at info@durham.girls-inc.org



Taylor Curley has been involved with Girls Inc. as a participant since 2000 and as a volunteer since 2005.

2009 LUCILLE MILLER WRIGHT NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

We believe that all girls have the right to be prepared for interesting work and economic independence. Since 2007 Girls Incorporated of Durham members have received \$35,000 from this program to help support their educational goals and achieve their dreams. This year's winner was awarded \$2,500. Congratulations to Taylor Curley!

"Through my involvement with Girls Inc. I have grown as an individual and benefited in countless ways. I have gained more confidence in myself and become more outgoing. Girls Incorporated is an organization that is very special to me and I truly believe it helps improve the lives of many girls, including my own."

Applications will be available in our office after September 16, 2009 and are open to registered Girls Incorporated members. The submission deadline is December 11, 2009. To learn more about the Girls Incorporated® National Scholarship Program contact Linda Curley at 905-428-8111 ext.23 or lcurley@durham.girls-inc.org

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS

Join us in February 2010 for

"The Spirit of Sisterhood Conference"

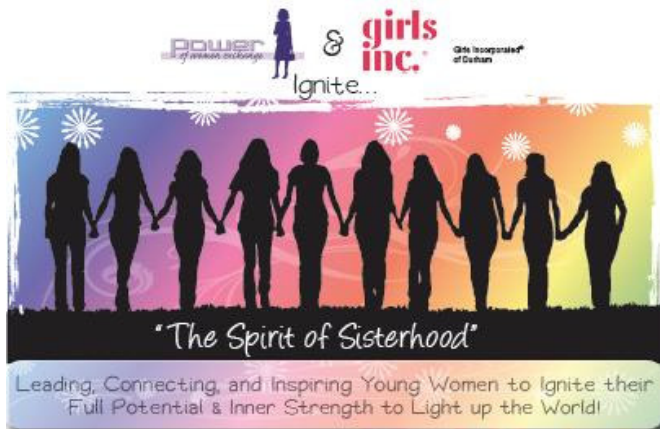
A jam-packed day of fun activity stations, interesting panels, and workshops for students and their accompanying adult (mom, aunt, older sister, or any important female in their life). Meet and mingle with successful business women, authors, and 'up-and-coming' youth.

You must pre-register for this FREE event

For more information, please contact Linda Curley at

lcurley@durham.girls-inc.org

Direct Conference Line 905-233-4963 or www.powe.ca



You have to shop anyway, so why not raise money while you're at it? That way time spent doing your grocery or back-to-school shopping is also time spent donating back to your community!

You can support Girls Incorporated programming by shopping through "Shop and Support". Buy gift cards from over 250 of your favourite retailers and help support the kind of programming that empowers girls to make a difference and achieve their dreams. Up to 15% of your purchase is donated back to Girls Inc. by the retailer! All you have to do is shop and support!

To get started, go to www.shopandsupport.ca and enter:

Group Name: Girls Incorporated of Durham / Group ID #: 0100571002



Thank you again to all of the sponsors and participants at our 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Thanks also to Caroline Ellis from KX96 FM for hosting the dinner and to Whitevale Golf Club — the course was beautiful and the food was excellent. In addition to having a fun day in the sunshine, we were all reminded of why we were there by nine-year old Hannah and her mother Anita Ariaujo. Hannah's poise as she spoke to a full banquet-room about her experiences at camp showed us what every girl can achieve when she's given the skills and tools to believe in herself and say "I can!" with confidence.

Lori Jackson

Board Vice President & Tournament Chair

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9th Annual
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Bronze Sponsors:



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Thank to our Hole Sponsors: East Penn Canada, Mike Shierholtz & Associates, Trafalgar Castle School, O&C Panelling, Whites Road Animal Hospital

Thank you to our Silent Auction Donors: Barb Barnett; Barbados Tourism Authority, Driftwood Duty Free (St. Kitts), Jamaican Tourist Board, & Carolyn James; Burbs Bistro & Bar; Bikini Boot Camp; CAW Canada; Carruther's Creek Golf Centre; Connie Anthony; Durham Regional Police Association; H&O Coffee Company; Heather Glen Golf Course; Kelly Glass; Lakeridge Links Golf Club; LeeAnne Black; Nancy Van Rooy; Norah Carmichael; Pam Little; Parker Pad & Printing; Shairoz Lalani; Sheila Rusk; The School Fine Dining; TI Group; Tracey McCannell; Tom Menard; Whitevale Golf Club; Wooden Sticks; Yvette Nechvatal-Drew

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Vision:

Empowered girls living in an equitable society.

Mission:

Girls Incorporated of Durham empowers girls to believe in themselves and reach their full potential. We inspire all girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold through advocacy, education and programs.

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GIRLS INC. CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

9– GirlZone
12– GirlSpace
13– United Way APU “Bon Appétit”
19– GirlSpace
22– Girls Inc. 101 Session
23– GirlZone
26– GirlSpace

OCTOBER

3– GirlSpace
7– GirlZone
10– GirlSpace
17– Pumpkinville
20– Girls Inc. 101 Session
21– GirlZone
24 and 30th – GirlSpace

NOVEMBER

4– GirlZone
14– Ajax Santa Claus Parade
17– Girls Inc. 101 Session
18– GirlZone
20– PA Day Program
21– Mother/Daughter Money Talks Workshop

DECEMBER

4– PA Day Program
12– GirlSpace
13– Girls Inc. 101 Session

HOW CAN YOU HELP GIRLS INC.?

So much of the work we do is achieved through the kind support of our volunteers and donors. There are the many ways you can get involved!

DONATE

Your financial assistance is critical to our ability to continue to offer programming to girls in Durham. Donations can be made in person, by mail or on-line through www.canadahelps.org — search for Girls Incorporated of Durham. You can also support our programming when you shop (Shop & Support); giving an ECHOage birthday party; or by taking part in the Support-A-Girl campaign.

Please feel free to contact Susan Howells for assistance with Canada Helps or to discuss other giving options.

PARTICIPATE IN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Mark your calendars to attend and support us at our fundraising events such as Girls Day Out!, Maple Syrup Festival or Golf Tournament. Check out our website under “Special Events” at www.girlsinc-durham.org for dates and times. If you have an idea for a new fundraising activity, or if your business would like to participate in an event, please contact Susan Howells at showells@durham.girls-inc.org

VOLUNTEER

Make a difference in the lives of young girls by volunteering with Girls Inc. We’re always looking for board and committee members, program, event, and fundraising volunteers. Contact Linda Curley at lcurley@durham.girls-inc.org to learn how you can help empower girls in Durham.

MEMBERSHIP

Become a member today for an annual fee of \$35 and receive free registration to GirlSpace & GirlZone programs, scholarship opportunities, a subscription to Girls Link, and 20% discount on extra programs (March Break, PA Days and Summer Camps).