

Girls Inc. Celebrates Excellence

Sun Staff Reports

Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Girls Inc. of the Island City will host "Women who Dare," the sixth annual celebration of excellence luncheon. At the luncheon, to be held at the Oakland Airport Hilton, members of the organization will honor women and teenagers from the community who represent excellence in their professional, academic and extracurricular activities. East Bay Bureau Chief, Noel Cisneros, of KRON Channel 4 News, will serve as mistress of ceremonies. The keynote speaker will be Gilda Gonzales, for Oakland's Unity Council. Awardees at the event include Ana-Marie Jones, executive director of Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters and Gretel Gates, Alameda community advocate. Youth finalists and award recipients will also be announced.

This is the single most important fund-raising event of the year for Girls Inc. of the Island City and various sponsorship packages and tickets are available. Tickets are \$50 for guests 12 and older and \$25 for children ages 6 to 11. Tickets must be purchased in advance; call 521-1743 or visit www.girlsincislandcity.org. All proceeds benefit Girls Inc. of the Island City, a non-profit organization providing programs for Alameda girls since 1964.